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FOR MERE MORTALS

FOURTH EDITION

A Hands-On Guide to Data Manipulation in SQL

Software-Independent Approach!

If you work with database software such as Access, MS SQL Server, Oracle, DB2, MySQL, Ingres, or any other SQL-based program, this book could save you hours of time and aggravation — before you write a single query!

Praise for SQL Queries for Mere Mortals®

The good books show you how to do something. The great books enable you to think clearly about how you can do it. This book is the latter. To really maximize the potential of your database, thinking about data as a set is required and the authors' accessible writing really brings out the practical applications of SQL and the set-based thinking behind it.

— Ben Clothier, Lead Developer at IT Impact, Inc., co-author of *Professional Access 2013 Programming*, and Microsoft Access MVP

Unless you are working at a very advanced level, this is the only SQL book you will ever need. The author has taken the mystery out of complex queries and explained principles and techniques with such clarity that a "Mere Mortal" will indeed be empowered to perform the superhuman. Do not walk past this book!

— Graham Mandeno, Database Consultant

It's beyond brilliant! I have been working with SQL for a really long time, and the techniques presented in this book exposed some of the bad habits I picked up over the years in my learning process. I wish I had learned these techniques a long time ago and saved myself all the headaches of learning SQL the hard way. Who said you can't teach old dogs new tricks?

— Leo (theDBguy), Utter Access Moderator and Microsoft Access MVP

I learned SQL primarily from the first and second editions of this book…Starting from how to design your tables so that SQL can be effective (a common problem for database beginners), and then continuing through the various aspects of SQL construction and capabilities, the reader can become a moderate expert upon completing the book and its samples. Learning how to convert a question in English into a meaningful SQL statement will greatly facilitate your mastery of the language. Numerous examples from real life will help you visualize how to use SQL to answer the questions about the data in your

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