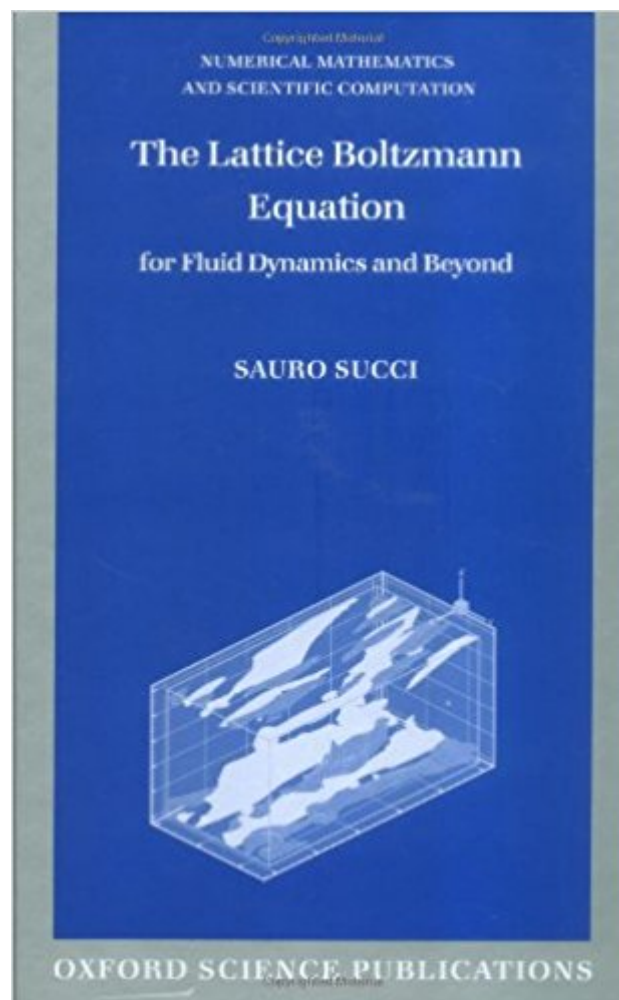




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This is essentially the first book fully dedicated to the lattice Boltzmann method (LB). The author did a great job in providing the necessary history of lattice Boltzmann, from Lattice Gas Cellular Automaton, its subsequent development, and deployments to multiphase, supersonic, microfluidics, etc flows. The unexperienced reader will find the first chapters very useful, as they lay the grounds for the rest of the book. The "derivation" of LB is especially relevant and full of insight. Very novice readers will certainly have to read the first chapters a few times to really grasp what LB is about (just because the concepts are seemingly simple but not straight forward in reality). The author, to this aim, provides all the tools necessary for a basic understanding of the underlying process (mostly the fields of statistical physics and cellular automaton). The experienced reader will find this book to be a good reference to LB. The latest reference to date (Aug 20008) is the book by Sukop and Thorne (Lattice Boltzmann Modeling: An Introduction for Geoscientists and Engineers) that provides more recent developments in the LB field.

The LBM methods are widely reviewed in all their relevant aspects. The only lacking of this book is the poor description of the mathematical/physical background needed by non-specialists for a complete understanding of the book's topics (e.g. the link between statistical mechanics and fluid dynamics).

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