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History

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Notable books

- Addison–Wesley Secondary Math: An Integrated Approach: Focus on Algebra*
- The Art of Computer Programming* by Donald Knuth
- The Feynman Lectures on Physics* by Richard Feynman, Robert B. Leighton, and Matthew Sands
- Alonso, M.; Finn, E.J. (1968). *Fundamental University Physics Volume*. Addison–Wesley. ISBN 978-0-201-00262-1.
- Concrete Mathematics: A Foundation For Computer Science* by Ronald Graham, Donald Knuth, and Oren Patashnik
- Evolutionary Biology* by Eli C. Minkoff
- Programming Pearls* by Jon Bentley
- Design Patterns: Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software* by Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson, and John Vlissides
- The C++ Programming Language* by Bjarne Stroustrup
- Hacker's Delight* by Henry S. Warren, Jr.
- Exploratory Data Analysis* (see) by John W. Tukey, based on a course taught at Princeton.
- The Mythical Man-Month* by Fred P. Brooks, Jr.
- Advanced Programming in the UNIX Environment* and *TCP/IP Illustrated* by W. Richard Stevens
- Iron John: A Book About Men* by Robert Bly
- Theory Z* by William G. Ouchi
- The Nature of Prejudice* by Gordon W. Allport

Former imprints

- Merloyd Lawrence Books^[4]

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Founder	Lew Addison Cummings, Melbourne Wesley Cummings
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Headquarters location	<u>Boston</u>
Publication types	<u>Textbooks</u>
Nonfiction topics	Computer Science, Economics, Finance, Mathematics, and Statistics
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