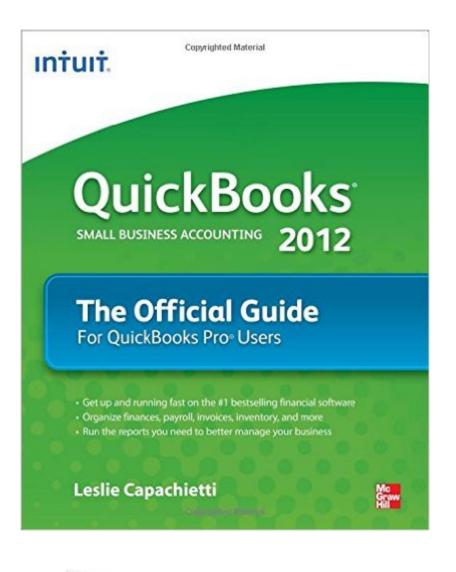
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# QuickBooks 2012 The Official Guide (QuickBooks: The Official Guide)





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This is a wonderful resource for QuickBooks users of all levels. It is well organized and offers clear instruction and valuable time-saving tips and tricks in each chapter. As a QuickBooks ProAdvisor, I recommend this book to my clients to use for both training and as a reference.

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I have looked at other books on Quickbooks and there is a reason that this is "The Official Guide".

This book is complete answering every question you can imagine on Quickbooks 2012 and will educate you on how to use QB 2012.

I am Certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor with over a decade of experience who has written QB training guides and taught many end users - this publication is well written, concise and comprehensive. As an accredited professional accountant for over 30 years, the appeal of the guide is the breadth of coverage - it covers the essentials for the novice user AND provides useful guidance & insight for the user who wants to take the "deep dive" into the QuickBooks pool. Realistically, the guide is all a QuickBooks user requires in terms of a manual.

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