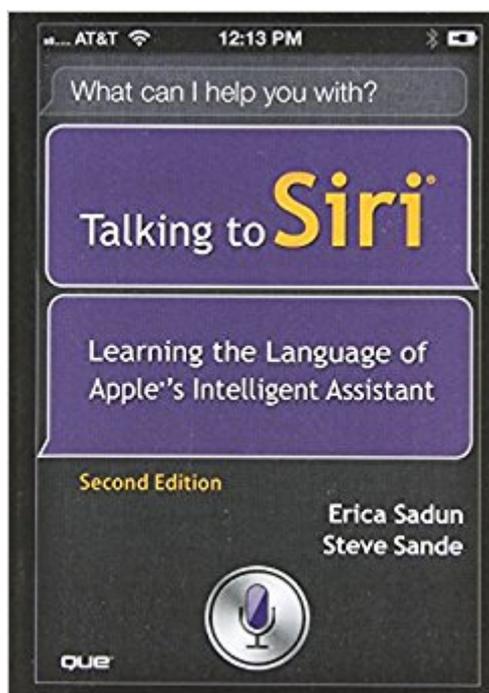


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Sweet-talk Siri® for iOS 6 into doing practically anything! In iOS 6 and OS X Mountain Lion, Siri is more amazing than ever—and it's even better when you really know how to talk to it. Now, two top Apple® tech experts show how to talk the newest version of Siri into doing more than you ever thought possible! Look up what you want to do, and you'll find tested step-by-step instructions for getting perfect results—including new ways to do everything from checking football scores to posting on Facebook! Teach Siri to recognize requests and take dictation more accurately Check Yelp reviews and place OpenTable restaurant reservations Launch apps hands-free Find out where your friends are right now Choose a great movie with Rotten Tomatoes reviews Get up-to-the-minute player stats for baseball, football, or soccer Blog with Siri using email or text messaging Tweet updates, complete with location or appointment info Create location-based reminders that trigger at destinations like the drugstore Help Siri recognize and connect with your family and friends Transform Siri into your personal media DJ Find the nearest store that's selling whatever you want Answer math and science problems with Wolfram Alpha Make sure Siri responds only to you, not to an impostor Discover the silliness Apple engineered into Siri

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Siri is much more than speech to text. Siri can send messages, email, and help you make phone calls. Siri can make appointments, remind you to do something, set an alarm to wake you up, and set a timer when cooking. Siri can answer questions about the time, the weather, movies, and many

many other things. Once you get the hang of it, you can even just chat with Siri when you are board. I have worked with computers for 34 years, and there has always been the idea that someday we will just ask a computer for information instead of writing a program, or constructing a query. However, computers (and smart phones) must have very precise instructions to perform correctly. Good news, Siri is surprisingly flexible in understanding our requests. This book does three important things for us. It is an excellent review of all of the things Siri can do. It explains what is required from us to get Siri's cooperation. It gives multiple examples for each function. This is the most immediately useful how-to book I have ever read.

Like many iPhone users, Siri was cool at the beginning but I quickly got bored with her and couldn't really figure out how best to utilize this tool--until I read this book. Siri is all about asking the right questions and phrasing your requests properly and this book shows you how. This isn't about silly games such as "Open the pod bay doors" but powerful syntax to utilize all the functions available to you. Each chapter examines a different area in which Siri can help you ending up with a quick reference card of the commands. Until I read this book I barely used Siri, now I can't live without her! Some of the tips included in the book is to be sure to use nicknames and create relationships so you can say advanced phrases like "Remind me when I get to the grocery store to buy milk" or "Tell me a gas station on my current route"--complex commands that would take much longer if you had to do them by hand. If you've got Siri on your phone or iPad, get this book!

Everything this book told me, I already knew. There are still many things I want to learn, even if it is to learn that it can't be done yet. But none of those things were covered. I don't need to learn how to ask Siri stupid questions and get silly answers. I don't need Siri to help me social network. I do need Siri to write accurate notes, and do quick math. I need tips on how to say things to get the most accurate results. Most of all I need to be able to spell out words that Siri doesn't understand, and have her send links to on-line info back to my email. The book was not helpful with any of this. I need my own personal Siri trainer or an interactive internet class.

I have used this book a little bit to get started using Siri. However, after some of the basics, like how to get to Siri and how to talk to Siri, it seems one doesn't need it that much.

Covers the basics, and shows you the range of what Siri is intended for. I am definitely using Siri more often now, and in more ways.

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