
The second edition of this dictionary (1st ed., by R. A. Saigh, CH, Sep'99, 37-0036) has a new author and publisher, and it has been streamlined. The number of pages has been reduced from 409 to 277--largely achieved by the removal of seven appendixes. Covering data communications and related subjects, the dictionary features some 3,500 entries with concise, clear definitions. Definitions are usually two or three sentences long, but some offer more detailed explanations. Basic and advanced terms are included. Freeman (editor, ALA Publishing) has removed outdated entries, updated some entries to reflect current usage, and added entries that cover newer trends. Numerous cross-references are included, but no illustrations. The dictionary is available in paperback format; at the time of this review, no online version was available. This dictionary will be useful for communications technology courses or programs. Summing Up: Recommended. Lower-level undergraduates through researchers/faculty; two-year technical program students. -- M. Knee, University at Albany, SUNY