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Halliday-Resnick Plus 50

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Last year marked the 50th anniversary of the publication of Halliday and Resnick's classic introductory textbook "Physics." I used the first edition of the textbook as an undergraduate students, the second editions as a graduate teaching assistant, the the third edition as a newly hired assistant professor, and I became a co-author for the fourth and fifth editions. In this talk I will offer some views of how this book came to re-define the introductory physics course and how this textbook and other introductory physics texts have changed over 50 years.