**Which book** should you buy?

CS2530 is unique because it is an intermediate class without a corresponding intro course and students come with different backgrounds. Because of that I don't follow any particular book but I let students choose which book works best for them. I strongly recommend though that you get a C# 2010 (4.0) book and not an older version.

The Website lists the Deitel C# book - but there are other good C# books available - each with it's own advantages. Here are a few examples:

·         **Visual C# 2012 – How to Program** by *Paul and Harvey Deitel*  
It has numerous examples followed by detailed explanations.   
Some students perceive the text as verbose, others appreciate the thorough coverage.

·         **Microsoft Visual C#** **2012 - Step by Step** by *John Sharp*  
This is a Microsoft Press book. It is filled with walk-throughs  
Rather than showing you an example this book provides step by step instructions, so you program along as you read the book - a ‘hands-on’ approach for those who learn best by doing.

·         **Essential C#** (Addison Wesley)   
I saw this book listed for a programming course at the University of Utah