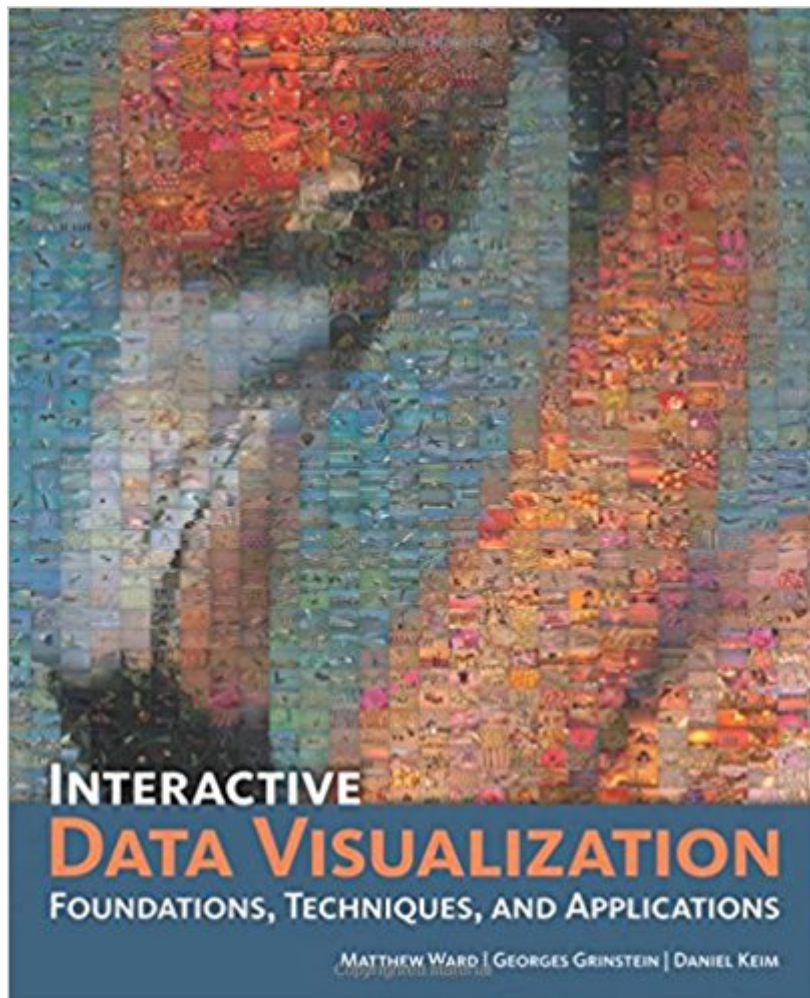




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Comprehensive textbook of visualization, but way too technical to anyone who is not an expert in computer science.

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