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Thread: [S & R 2nd Edition \(C Programming \) Book to get into reverse engineering.](#)

fortunefocused - March 6, 2026, 7:41 am

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I think FF in modern times the best way to start since we have already bypassed the hardcore age is that you study assembly and read how to read a debugger. A good disassembler back then was OllyDbg, sometimes it is still used others have already been migrating to Ghidra and x64dbg. Another best tool is IDA Pro you should try that as well.

Before diving into this, I suggest you find the book called Practical Malware Analysis then find the samples from the book. I think you can access the book via the author's website.

Also do not hesitate to watch YouTube videos and courses. There are tons and everywhere, you just have to let go of the anxiety and doubt that it won't work and be effective. Doing what you simply want just takes time and patience. Reverse engineering is not really easy for a beginner unless they have in-depth background or basically they are gifted.