Modeling Our World: The ESRI Guide to Geodatabase Concepts from Esri Press is a comprehensive work that explains the fundamental geographic information concepts underlying the geodatabase model and its use. The fully revised second edition reflects the new features and functionality available in ArcGIS 10.

The book details the use of geodatabase structural elements to ensure spatial and attribute integrity in data modelling and geographic analyses. In addition, it explains how to manage an organisation's workflow and provides strategies to scale geodatabases from small projects up to multiple departments across a large organisation.

"Professional GIS [geographic information system] users have the role of creating and managing authoritative geographic information. This second edition of Modeling Our World is about enabling those GIS practitioners to implement efficient, effective, and elegant systems," says Clint Brown, Esri's director of software products.

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