Books

Just about everybody's solution worked perfectly—all but two solutions passed every test.

One of the things stated in the Miscellaneous section of the assignment was that printf et al. were forbidden and that iostreams were to be used instead. Using printf resulted in a five-point deduction.

Miscellaneous

There were 15 extra.txt submissions that had a clear estimate of hours spent on the whole assignment and that didn't cite factors that could add significant noise to the data. The average was 6.1 hours; the median was 5 hours. Here are the data points: 3, 4, 4, 4.5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8.5, 10