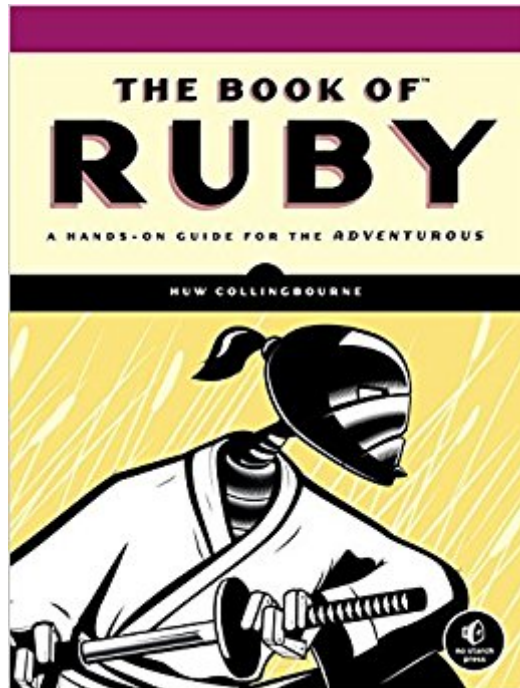The book was found

The Book Of Ruby: A Hands-On Guide For The Adventurous

Synopsis

Ruby is famous for being easy to learn, but most users only scratch the surface of what it can do. While other books focus on Ruby's trendier features, The Book of Ruby reveals the secret inner workings of one of the world's most popular programming languages, teaching you to write clear, maintainable code.You'll start with the basicsÃ¢â ¬â •types, data structures, and control flowsÃ¢â ¬â •and progress to advanced features like blocks, mixins, metaclasses, and beyond. Rather than bog you down with a lot of theory, The Book of Ruby takes a hands-on approach and focuses on making you productive from day one.As you follow along, youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll learn to:Ã¢â ¬â œLeverage Ruby's succinct and flexible syntax to maximize your productivityÃ¢â ¬â œBalance Ruby's functional, imperative, and object-oriented featuresÃ¢â ¬â œWrite self-modifying programs using dynamic programming techniquesÃ¢â ¬â œCreate new fibers and threads to manage independent processes concurrentlyÃ¢â ¬â œCatch and recover from execution errors with robust exception handlingÃ¢â ¬â œDevelop powerful web applications with the Ruby on Rails frameworkEach chapter includes a "Digging Deeper" section that shows you how Ruby works under the hood, so you'll never be caught off guard by its deceptively simple scoping, multithreading features, or precedence rules.Whether you're new to programming or just new Ruby, The Book of Ruby is your guide to rapid, real-world software development with this unique and elegant language.

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"Conventional wisdom has suggested that the so-called 'Pick-Axe Book' (Programming Ruby by Dave Thomas) is so good that there is no room for other options. I prefer Collingbourne's book. The Book of Ruby is a clear, easy read ... with the end result of having good working knowledge of Ruby." (Andrew Binstock, Dr Dobb's Journal)

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Fast and good

very informative, however a bit outdated as it only covers ruby 1.8 & 1.9

more than meet my expectations

Too many simple things missing, just look through the index. Nice try but it could have used input from a few reviewers before hitting the presses.

Disclaimer: No Starch Press provided me a free copy for review.Ruby is a programming language that I always liked. When "No Starch Press" offered me the opportunity to review "The Book of Ruby" I was curious because the two previous books I've read from them were simply excellent. I already have four books on Ruby so I was wondering how this one could compare to those but most important, if it would follow the same "fun style" as Land of Lisp and Learn You a Haskell. After reading the book, unfortunately, my feelings are mixed.The book is well-written, with a good structure, covering beginner topics to advanced ones. It contains 20 chapters (without the introduction) and 4 appendixes. The initial chapters focus on the basics of the Ruby language. The later ones focus on more advanced parts of Ruby and more specific topics, for example, debugging and Ruby on Rails. This is a positive aspect of the book since for someone starting with Ruby can have in a single source access to several important topics. The chapters also have a "Digging Deeper" section at the end, presenting interesting discussions of the topic at hand. Also a nice read was the last chapter since it deals with the dynamic aspects of the language (use of eval,

etc).However, the book has some issues. The most important one is about the coding style, or the lack of it. The book is not consistent, does not follow Ruby conventions and it shows quite easily. I believe this is bad for a novice programmer in the language since it makes examples harder to understand, not to mention other things. Second, the book does not have the same "fun style" as the other No Starch Press books. This is a not problem per se but since the book subtitle is "A hands-on guide for the adventurous", the reader is more or less mislead to think it follows the other books "fun style". Third, the examples are too contrived and a few project ideas are missing. Ruby is a very nice language and with it you can do lots of things without writing lots of lines. So, it is a little disappointing that a book that aims itself for someone that wants to learn the language (but not programming from scratch) is not offered with some pointers in how to expand what is learning.To conclude, the book is nice but probably is not the best book for a complete novice and not the best ruby book.

Overall, I'm giving this book a 4 star review hoping that programmers who are beginning to try out Ruby will give this book a go. I think as a beginning programmer the initial chapters are clear and well written and will give a beginner a good foundation on Ruby itself. Personally, I didn't really go for the writing style: it's a bit too friendly. For example, chapter 6 begins "Computer programs, like life itself, are full of difficult decisions waiting to be made" followed by an "if, then, else" example about daily life. This is very much a personal preference but I find that sort of introduction annoying as I don't feel it adds much to the book.I was not so happy with the later portions of the book which cover more in depth Ruby topics (such as blocks, closures, regexps, etc.). These chapters are where the 'mixed bag' comes in. For example, I thought the chapter on debugging and testing was way too short or should have been omitted altogether. The subject of unit testing is very important and deserved its own, completer chapter. And I don't agree with the characterization of unit testing as "a postdebugging testing technique". Part of the joy of unit testing is all the bugs that are shaken out along the way.Chapter 10 covers blocks, lambdas and closures with lots of examples. This is good, but I was surprised that the initial section on closures consisted of one example (and not a very exciting one at that) and two paragraphs. It's left to a sort of sidebar to actually get into the use of closures.Also, in the section on exceptions I found the first example of raise to be odd. It contains the following:rescue Exception => e [...] begin raise rescue handleError(e) endendI'm not sure why you'd have that begin/raise/rescue combination and not simply call handleError(e). A simpler, more relevant example would be trapping an exception, doing some clean up (e.g. closing files) and then reraising the exception for a higher handler to deal with.

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