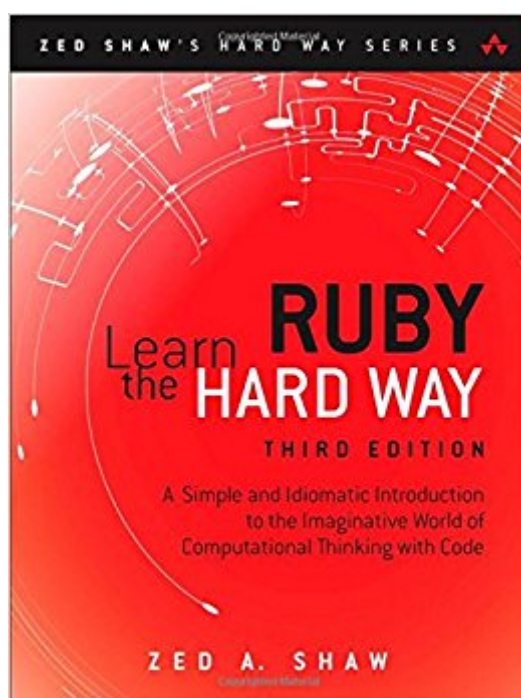


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# Learn Ruby The Hard Way: A Simple And Idiomatic Introduction To The Imaginative World Of Computational Thinking With Code (3rd Edition) (Zed Shaw's Hard Way Series)



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Zed Shaw is an avid guitar player, programmer, and writer whose books teach people all over the world how to write software. His book *Learn Python the Hard Way* has been read by millions of people around the world. His software has been used by many large and small companies. His essays are often quoted and read by members of many geek communities. He is an entertaining and lively writer, who is sure to keep you laughing and make you think.

This book is great. I'm doing everything Zed suggests and it takes the time it takes. I've tried several other books and online resources, including videos at coding schools, and this one is the best I have found. It feels like a thorough foundation in the basics of Ruby, but since I'm a beginner, I can only speak at my level of expertise at the moment. Zed is a great teacher. Learning the basics of any complex pursuit can be inherently tedious, but Zed's humor and empathy help you stick with it. I highly recommend buying this book.

This combined with Codecademy is a very good resource for learning Ruby. I love how I am able to do it on my own computer instead of online. It definitely feels more real that way. I also love how the author pushes you to go further and do more.

Weren't kidding about the hard way haha. But seriously is handy to help me get started learning. If ever stuck just go on youtube and like it up. It has easy fixes.

I've found Zed's LRTHW book to be a great stepping stone into programming and feel that it truly

offered me a better understanding Ruby than some of the online tutorials I'd gone through previously. I came to this book after completing some online courses that were essentially "here's something, copy it, hit submit, wasn't that cool!" and even going through most of the books companion site. I found the videos quite helpful for the later chapters, and I really appreciate the authors honesty in many sections of the book. Overall LRTHW is a really great introduction to the Ruby programming language, and I only wish that the book itself would have delved into some more advanced topics in the later chapters or offered another project on top of the Sinatra web-app (a fun little text adventure game) that you build and refactor over the last few chapters.

Absolutely an amazing book to get into programming and also to learn Ruby, even suitable for absolute beginners. Highly recommend to anyone willing and wanting to learn how to code.

Very good book! Learning basics to more advanced.

I really like Zed Shaw's writing style and the way he teaches programming.

Great book series. :)

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