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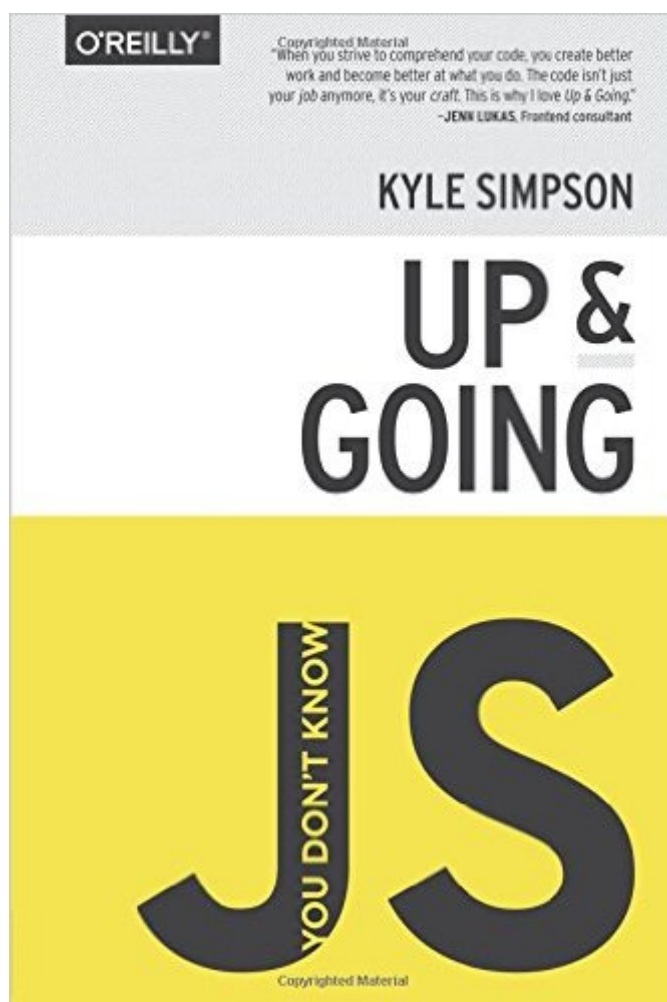
You Don't Know JS: Up & Going

Synopsis

Itâ ™s easy to learn parts of JavaScript, but much harder to learn it completelyâ ”or even sufficientlyâ ”whether youâ ™re new to the language or have used it for years. With the "You Donâ ™t Know JS" book series, youâ ™ll get a more complete understanding of JavaScript, including trickier parts of the language that many experienced JavaScript programmers simply avoid.The seriesâ ™ first book, Up & Going, provides the necessary background for those of you with limited programming experience. By learning the basic building blocks of programming, as well as JavaScriptâ ™s core mechanisms, youâ ™ll be prepared to dive into the other, more in-depth books in the seriesâ ”and be well on your way toward true JavaScript.With this book you will:Learn the essential programming building blocks, including operators, types, variables, conditionals, loops, and functionsBecome familiar with JavaScript's core mechanisms such as values, function closures, this, and prototypesGet an overview of other books in the seriesâ ”and learn why itâ ™s important to understand all parts of JavaScript

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Customer Reviews

This is a great book for anyone that wants to start getting serious about javascript. If you're just going to copy and paste a couple jquery plugins, this might not be for you, but if you want to be a true Javascript artist, this is the entry point. This is the first book in the "You don't know Javascript" series. I would recommend not skipping this intro into the series, it lays the framework for your entire

future as a Javascript artist. From variables to closures. Even if you have some experience, this edition will probably teach you a thing or two and get you ready to deep dive into serious scripting.

Great introduction to the JavaScript language, with bits of the new standard, ES6 or ES2015 included. Browser support for ES2015 is limited so I don't know how much use you're going to get out of those examples without a transpiler, but for what you get in this book, despite its thinness and the fact it is available online for free, it's totally worth the buy. This is one you need on your bookshelf for future reference.

What I have read so far is excellent instruction. This opinion from an engineer with limited but reasonable code background, enough to follow good technical information that is meant to teach a technical subject for true understanding. True understand? Many books in technical subjects are written to virtually insure only the best can stay with it or require a class (textbook) to move through the material (and get class time for questions). We called it weeding it out, in college. This series is not that, but written like the rare technical teacher who really wants people to stay interested and learn.

Definitely a beginner or intro book. I read through the whole thing in a little over an hour, a testament of being easy to follow but also being extremely short. One thing I didn't like (as others have mentioned) was the continual shout-outs to the other books in the series. If the author's goal was to whet the taste buds of the reader and tempt them into buying the rest of the series, he's certainly committed. Granted, even from the title of this book it is clear it was made to be entry-level reading material. The author did make me chuckle in the Preface with a clear call-out to another well known JavaScript book implying that even the title was degrading to the power and perception of the language.For beginners or people new to JavaScript, I would recommend it. It covers all the necessities to get someone "Up & Going" for lack of better words. For those with knowledge in other languages, the author does highlight a couple key aspects of JavaScript such as closures that might help lay the basis for further reading. If you have any measurable experience with the language, most of this book will just be a review.Overall, I bought this book for $4.99. For less than the cost of a fast food meal, there's plenty of knowledge written in an inviting manner that should be easy for a beginner to follow along and learn with.

Great resource. Get's to the point, with great short code examples. Doesn't bog you down with

cryptic definitions or verbose explanations. But it does demonstrate Javascript the language and some of it's quirkiness (ceorcion, hoisting, and scope). Towards the end, he briefly introduces some more advance concepts, but in-depth coverage of these advance concepts are reserved for other books.The book does cover ES6 features.FYI, there is very little discussion of DOM API or HTML. The focus is on Javascript the language.

This is the first book in a series by Kyle Simpson about JavaScript. As an avid reader of technical books and programming language enthusiast, I can say without a doubt that this series is an instant classic for JavaScript. Mr. Simpson's writing is extremely accessible and quite humorous. I have been dabbling with JavaScript as a language that was necessary to make a web UI work for a great many years. However, it is obvious to the well-connected programmer that JavaScript has grown well past it's status as "glue" between the DOM and more reliable backend languages.This book in-particular lays the ground-work for understanding JS syntax, a clear necessity for anyone wishing to master the language. But the real value in this book is Mr. Simpson's enthusiasm for the language itself--not as a quirky language that we should be ashamed of, but instead a beautiful and powerful language that will continue to grow and thrive.I highly recommend this book, and indeed the entire series, if you wish to deeply understand and eventually master JavaScript.

Was recommended this book series before but decided to go the route of Eloquent JavaScript. While EJ is a great book, filled with humor and detailed explanations, reading it was pretty challenging as someone who is new to programming.Enter YDKJSThe book is laid out succinctly and, maybe more importantly, for the layman. It assumes no prior knowledge, which was EJ'S sold weakness. The author's passion for the language and ALL of its features seems to burst from every word in this very terse book. I wish I would have started this series sooner, to be honest.

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