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Thread: [What is a GREAT and easy java book so I can learn java?](#)

- **Dynamic** - - February 17, 2014, 2:43 pm

I wanna learn java. What are some GREAT books you guys have read before to learn java or whatever? Don't care about the price.

AnnuitCoeptis - February 17, 2014, 3:55 pm

If you want to learn Java, there is no easy way! You have to study ,and practice if you want to get good :) but i would suggest going to your local library and seeing if there are any good books you could pick up. Start with the basics!

Stev - February 17, 2014, 4:01 pm

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(Feb 17, 2014 05:25 PM)- Dynamic - Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) What is the latest edition, and where do I get it in pdf form?

Here's the 2nd edition:

<http://filepi.com/i/bGioL5c>

SIM-2015410 - February 17, 2014, 11:25 pm

Head first java has gained a lot of good feedback from other members learning java, but any book you read will teach you enough java to get you started. then it just depends on where you want to go from there - anything more specific will require your own research into the topic of your choice. Google.

emre_wolf - February 23, 2014, 4:00 pm

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SIM-2015410 - February 23, 2014, 9:36 pm

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Don't re ask the same question... read the thread. Head first java is a good one though, but it sounds like you don't even know english.

ilovetosmoke - February 28, 2014, 12:42 pm

Do I need to have knowledge for any other programming to learn Java?

Barinade - February 28, 2014, 3:26 pm

Google "how to x in java"

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Spoiler ([Click to View](#))

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level70dwarfhunter

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\$Rudy - February 28, 2014, 5:18 pm

Just like you learn anything else, learn yourself.

vitafortis - March 2, 2014, 7:44 am

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Barinade - March 3, 2014, 2:55 am

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I suggested them as starting points. You can't learn anything without an idea. They are simply ideas for the learner to gain experience with. That's why I emphasized "how to x in java" Google searches over and over.

Thanks for the hate, though, much appreciated

Enwoo - March 4, 2014, 6:11 pm

My school uses starting out with >>> java - from control structures through objects 5th edition by Tony Gaddis

Not saying it is the best book, but it may be worth checking out?

biyussbf - March 4, 2014, 7:44 pm

You need to read a lot of books to learn Java because every book always miss something or explains a subject in away that is difficult to understand. The best book in my experience has been http://www.amazon.com/Java-Program-early-objects-Deitel/dp/0132575663/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1393991001&sr=1-1&keywords=java+how+to+program

PM me if you want a copy

Europe - March 11, 2014, 6:05 am

One does not simply learn java.

Java learns you.

-Europe