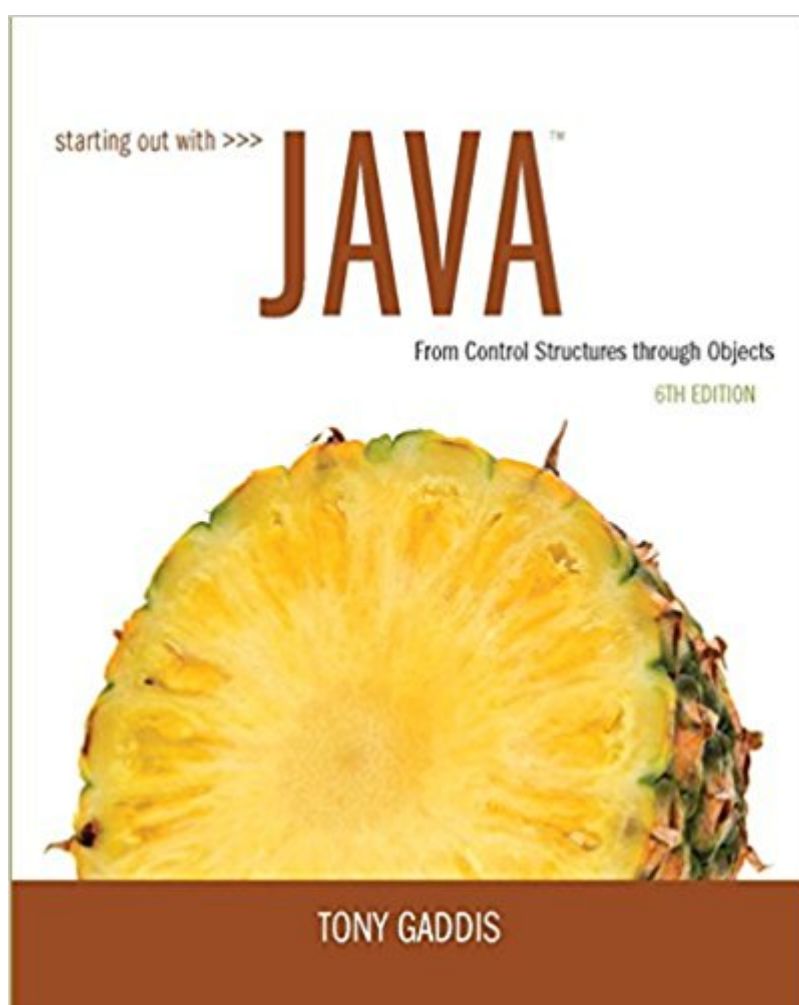


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Java was the first programming language I learned in college. This was the textbook that we used and it does an excellent job of teaching someone who has no experience with programming and teaching the concept of object oriented design. The author is able to explain details in layman term and you aren't left lost in translation. The programming challenges and questions are a great source to help reinforce the teachings of the book and I would highly recommend you do them. It's easy enough to go back through the chapters to figure out issues you encounter during the programming challenges or the questions. Although this textbook is covering java 5 and is pretty outdated now considering there is java 8; it can still serve as a solid foundation for someone getting into java.

I had absolutely no programming experience prior to reading this book, and this is the best book to learn Java with no prior experience. The author explains everything concisely in laymen terms so you really get a good and thorough knowledge of what is being learned. The questions and programming projects at the end of the chapters are all excellent ways to test your knowledge and a way to give you coding experience to further put your knowledge to use. The best part is, that if you are stuck on a question or project it isn't difficult going back in the chapter and finding out why you got it wrong. Whereas some books you need to flip through every page and reread the chapter to find an answer your looking for. This book covers all the basics and more of Java and really gives you strong foundation on object oriented programming and is a definite must have for anyone starting out in Java. I still use this book as a reference book!

Starting out with Java is an exceptional learning tool, whether you are taking a Java class in college or trying to learn it on your own. Tony Gaddis has a knack for making things easy to understand, which is a pretty critical skill when talking about entry level-mid level programming books(or any book for that matter). This, along with the fantastic examples provided in the book, makes Starting Out with Java the best introductory Java book I have ever read. When I first decided I wanted to be a programmer, I bought several books of varying languages to see what I liked the most. All the books I bought claimed to be introductory level books, yet many of them did not read like one. They

incorporated a ton of computer science jargon that, quite frankly, someone who is just starting out generally doesn't understand. Examples could also be misleading, using coding style that is perhaps a bit advanced for a learning tutorial. I'm happy to report that this is not the case with *Starting Out with Java* by Tony Gaddis. This book is able to put things in layman's terms, while also teaching you the vocabulary you will need to move on in the programming world. As experienced programmers understand, programming is universal in many ways. This means that once you learn one language, learning any subsequent languages becomes easier and easier. This textbook is probably the best place to start for anyone aspiring to write code, and will teach you the fundamentals you will need to learn the Java language. Java is one of the most popular languages in the world today, making it a fantastic place to start. If I enjoyed this book so much, then why did I take a star away? Quite simply, it isn't as comprehensive as some of the other entry-mid level Java books. Some of the more advanced features of Java are not touched on with great detail in this book, and while this is understandable considering it is meant as an entry level book, there are other entry level books that cover topics on a broader scale. If you want more detail, perhaps check out a Deitel book. In my opinion, however, this is the best Java book for beginners regardless of the content the book holds. Learning anything is always easier with a good resource, and *Starting Out with Java* is no exception.

This was how I learned java; still have the book with me even to this day and bought tony's c++ books as well; author tries his best to simplify concepts

I rented the book but ended up buying it because my dog ate a couple of pages.

EDIT: Kindle edition released on February 6th. Sadly most students were forced to buy the physical book at the start of the spring semester. The sample covers the first chapter. The print replica looks great on the retina iPad with support for annotations, notes, etc. Looks like a decent investment, however, remember the appendices are not included. A \$26 6 month subscription must be purchased from the companion site. This book is required for my Java 1 and 2 classes. I am about a month into the semester and this text is absolutely amazing! Each chapter of the book is laid out in such a way that makes learning Java a breeze. I also used Gaddis's *Starting Out with C++* title which compared with this text has really helped me become a better programmer and critical thinker. Each chapter lays out the next set of content to learn and introduces it at a good pace ensuring there is no room for confusion. At the end of each chapter, there are about 20 program problems to

work on that incorporate everything up to that point. These programs are amazing practice. My only complaint with the text is that the appendices are available online at a separate cost for 6 months of time access. If a new book was purchased, an access code is provided for this 6 months of access. The content can be saved locally so this isn't too much of an issue unless buying used.--Great coding book! I am hoping for Starting Out with Objective-C book in the future!

This is a very good book. All of the subject matter in the book is explained thoroughly and in a simple enough way that those new to Java should be able to understand the material. I am amazed by the vast amount of material this book goes over, but it is over 1,000 pages long so that is to be expected. I think the full cost of this book is high so I rented it from . The book I received had tire marks on the first few pages and someone left marks on every single chapter's review questions, Find the Error and Algorithm workbench.

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