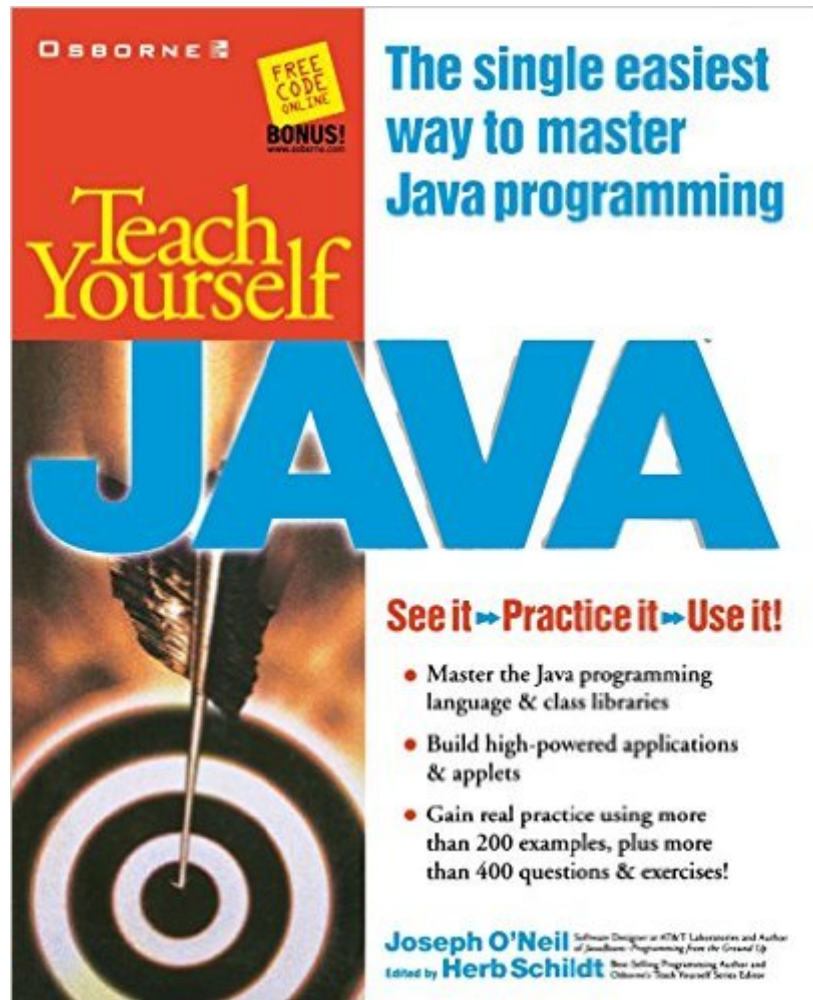


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This book deserves a much higher profile. People usually associate the Teach Yourself series with SAMS, but this is from OSBORNE so be careful and get this one. I browsed through about a dozen titles before finding this one, and can honestly say that it gives the clearest, most lucid and understandable instruction in the Java language of any tutorial out there. I also liked the fact that it covers the java.net package which is one of the primary reasons for using java in the first place. This isn't a huge book, it's just big enough with a complete index and you get more for \$23.99 than books costing more. Full of thoughtful examples and useful quizzes with well-explained answers. I was pleased to see the other very positive reviews on this and hope that Mr. O'Neil is working hard on the second edition, and possibly even an intermediate book on Java. This needs to be your choice if you are looking for a solid intro to Java.

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If you are a beginner, this is the book you need to have to in order to learn java. It's very simple to follow, excellent examples, and most important one line of thought. I really enjoyed reading and applying this book. I will definitely buy the updated version of Mr. O'neil or other of his books... great job!!! job well done....

This is an excellent book for beginner. All chapters are explained in systematic, simple, clear and easy to understand manner. A must have book for beginner. This may not be suitable for veteran.

I was having a hard time understanding Java Exceptions/throw/throws. I read the chapter on Exceptions in this book. The chapter was full of short code examples that makes it easy to understand. I also loved the pre/post quiz and exercises. The writing appears to be very good. The best Java book for beginners has to be Kathy Sierra's Head First Java. Although, Some think that that should be used as a supplement book. The second best beginner's book is Herb Schildt's beginning java. I would place this book 3rd. I would not purchase Ivor Horton's book or the Java in 24hours. However, Murach's Java 2 is an excellent combination of reference & learning material.

Mister O'Neil has chosen very effective strategy. Every chapter composed of a short theoretical introduction and working examples demonstrating the theory in practice. Definitely my level of Java programming has been considerably improved after reading this book. I would recommend this book for those readers who want to step up from beginning to intermediate level of Java programming.

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