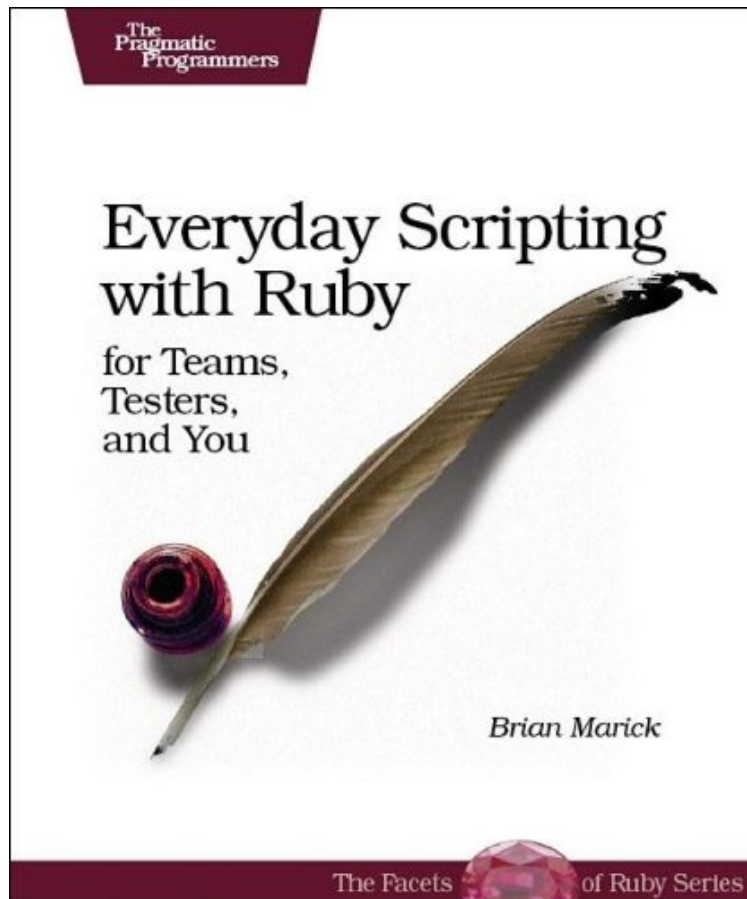


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent scripting and ruby introductionBy Bas VoddeEveryday Scripting in Ruby is an introduction book to Ruby for people who script a lot. I guess I'm not really the target audience as I wasn't new to Ruby and neither to scripting. Yet, I started reading this book out of curiosity and ended up finishing the whole book. It is definitively a book that I would recommend if you want to learn writing scripts in Ruby.The book consists of 4 parts, each gradually increasing in difficulty. The first part is called "Basics" and, as it says, covers the very basics of Ruby starting with objects and message sending and also introducing the irb. The Basics part also covers string manipulation, arrays and conditional logic. The second part is called "Growing a Script" and expands on introducing the ruby language by introducing booleans, regular expressions and booleans. Also, to me the most interesting part of the book, Brian explains how he gradually builds up scripts.The Third part is called "Working in a World Full of People" and covers how to grow a script to take error handling and different input into account. It

introduces Hashes and Modules. After this part, most basic ruby knowledge is covered and, if the reader can put that in practice he ought to be a pretty ok scripter. There is a final part called "The Accomplished Scripter" in which the author explains the watchdog framework he wrote using that to explain how to build frameworks. The book did more than I expected. When I curiously started reading it, I expected it to just explain Ruby (and didn't expect to finish the book). However, I found that following the author writing his scripts made the book, for me, worth reading. That is, following the thoughts of the author and how he gradually build up his scripts. It is a book that I will definitely recommend for people new to Ruby and who want to use it as a scripting language. I wouldn't recommend it for people already familiar to Ruby, unless you want to read about how Brian designs his scripts. Because of that, 4 stars. Good book! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. best ruby intro book/tutorial so far By nubyruby This is my first review, but I have to give this book props. I just started to learn programming 6 months ago, and have now been through a lot of tutorials (why's poignant guide, chris pine's tutorial, the pickaxe book, and others). This book is at the top of my list. It has the best explanation of object oriented programming in ruby, and is an excellent book for beginners. Many of my friends are asking me how to learn programming, and I will tell them to begin with this. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Speed up using Ruby now By Mountainside Just as the title says "Everyday Scripting". The problems helped me the most, although the temptation to just use the downloaded code is almost inescapable.

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"A fantastic type-along-with-me introduction to a powerful scripting language that starts in the shallows and then moves into the depths turning the reader into an accomplished Ruby scripter, almost without them noticing it!"