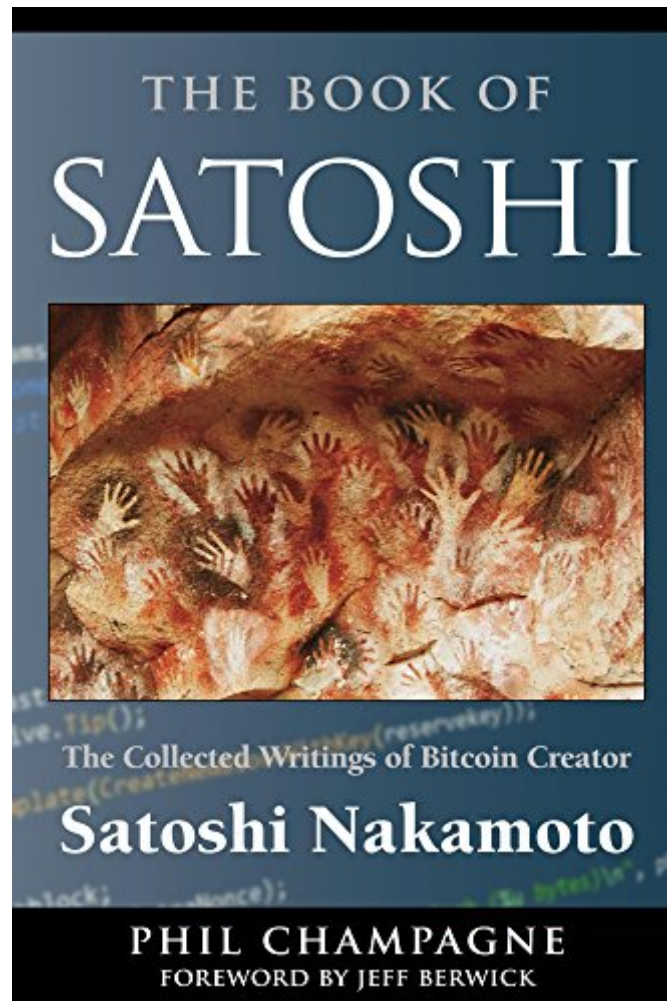


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The Book Of Satoshi: The Collected Writings Of Bitcoin Creator Satoshi Nakamoto



Synopsis

Have you, like the rest of the world, speculated as to the identity of Satoshi Nakamoto, anonymous creator of Bitcoin? The world's first cryptocurrency, Bitcoin went online in 2009 and has since revolutionized our concepts of currency and money. Not supported by any government or central bank, completely electronic, Bitcoin is a virtual currency based on advanced cryptographic systems. Like the currency he created, the identity of Bitcoin's creator Satoshi Nakamoto is virtual, existing only online. The Nakamoto persona, which may represent an individual or a group, exists only in the online publications that introduced and explained Bitcoin during its earliest days. Here, collected and professionally published for the first time are the essential writings that detail Bitcoin's creation. Included are

- Satoshi Nakamoto Emails and Posts on Computer Forums Presented in Chronological Order
- Bitcoin Fundamentals Presented in Layman's Terms
- Bitcoin's Potential and Profound Economic Implications
- The Seminal Paper Which Started It All

The Book of Satoshi provides a convenient way to parse through what Bitcoin's creator wrote over the span of the two years that constituted his "public life" before he disappeared from the Internet . . . at least under the name Satoshi Nakamoto. Beginning on November 1st 2009 with the publication of the seminal paper describing Bitcoin, this public life ends at about the time PC World speculated as to a possible link between Bitcoin and WikiLeaks, the infamous website that publishes leaked classified materials. Was there a connection? You be the judge. Nakamoto's true identity may never be known. Therefore the writings reproduced here are probably all the world will ever hear from him concerning Bitcoin's creation, workings, and theoretical basis. Want to learn more about Bitcoin? Go directly to the source—the writings of the creator himself, Satoshi Nakamoto!

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Customer Reviews

Satoshi's great innovations: bitcoin and the blockchain. They are changing the way we exchange value, and they are also about to change how we share information, launch startups, contract with one another, and much more. Bitcoin is not a revolution, it is an evolution. If you are even remotely interested in understanding bitcoin and its origins, YOU NEED TO READ THIS BOOK. The Book of Satoshi provides a clear and accessible understanding of bitcoin. After reading through the first two chapters, you will know more about bitcoin than 99% of the population. But chapters 3 to 71 is where this book really shines. Once you understand the basics, you might wonder what Satoshi thought about cryptographic vulnerabilities (chapter 40), alternative blockchains (chapter 56), bitcoin anonymity (chapter 28), and more. The Book of Satoshi gives you a structured access to the vision, thoughts, and correspondences of Satoshi, one of the most influential pseudonymous personalities of the 21st century.

Before reading this I thought it was either: a) a hagiography of Satoshi, b) a load of public domain content slapped in a hastily self-published book with the idea of making a quick buck, c) both. Of course it does mainly contain public domain writings about bitcoin but the author has added significant value by sorting through them and adding his own editorial comment and introductory paragraphs. I had a few minor quibbles with the intro but anyone reading this book wouldn't use it as an intro to bitcoin. It gives a fascinating and surprisingly readable background to the genesis of bitcoin, spread over 70 or so short chapters. For me the fact that things are discussed in a to and fro correspondence between Satoshi and others really helped to form a picture of the development of the system and gave enough time for things to sink in as I read. Buying this book was a highly price-sensitive decision for me, knowing that this is mostly free content, but I think the author priced the paperback at exactly the right level (~15 bucks in Dec '14), hence it's well worth five stars.

Quality of print and layout is very good for a self-published book (I assume that's what it is anyway). What else would I have wanted? Larger glossary and more links to insightful papers about particular aspects raised in the book - there were some but I think the author might have gone a little further. Minor points though - great book that spans technology/culture/contemporary history.

I enjoyed reading through the writings of Satoshi Nakamoto in this comprehensive chronicle of the beginnings of Bitcoin. In "The Book of Satoshi", Satoshi's writings do a great job of making the case for Bitcoin and explain many of technical decisions in detail. Phil additionally provides a concise introduction to Bitcoin and summary of Satoshi quotes. I recommend this book to anyone who wants to understand Satoshi's motivation behind creating Bitcoin or why he made certain decisions in the design and implementation of Bitcoin. You are going to save yourself days by not search through hundreds of internet posts.

Great collection of writings. Sure, they are available for free on the Internet, but I actually read them this time because they were easily accessible in this book. I have been a moderate-to-advanced Bitcoin enthusiast since 2013 and I found I was still learning new things in this book. Very good read if Bitcoin is your interest.

The first chapter covers the rudiments of Bitcoin design, and the last part of the book reprints Satoshi's seminal white paper on a proposed electronic money system with no need for a centralized authority and source of trust. But as a retired system architect, cryptographer, and certified crypto developer, I'm comfortable stating that this is not your book if a technical "deep dive" is what you want. I also recommend reading more generally about cryptocurrencies before reading this title. Knowing something about other currencies like Dogecoin, Feathercoin, and Litecoin is helpful. So is knowing more about not-so-wonderful things like the bankruptcy of Mt. Gox and the disappearance of some \$4M worth of Bitcoin (estimated - exact amount still a mystery). This is to my mind a very interesting and valuable inside peek into what happens in the early phases of any revolutionary idea that needs to be embodied in/as technology. Satoshi as a mix of evangelist with some dangerous naivete about human nature, with some formidable coding skills to boot. The open source project and the questions, doubts, and ideas that the lead developers brought up while building the early code releases. The unending demand for new features, more use cases, and more customizability as the dark forces of code size and code complexity arise... all the most relevant emails selected and arranged in chronological order. Fascinating.

This is the place to start to understand everything about the block chain generally, and bitcoin specifically. The first three chapters are indispensable as a start up guide "quick start". Thereafter each chapter deals with distinct and very interesting FAQ type issues. They can be dipped into for insight in each subject's turn, as and when required. I read the greater part of the book on Kindle, then bought it on Audible, and listened to the rest in the car while travelling between cities. The Audible version is a bit repetitive, as the concept of summarising quoted (in-bedded) forum entries is beyond the intellect of the Audible producer. But that aside, the content of the work is superb. Get it now. Highly recommended.

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