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#### About the Author

DON TAPSCOTT is the CEO of the Tapscott Group and one of the most influential living theorists about business and society. In November 2013, Thinkers50 named Don as the 4th most important business thinker in the world. A June 2013 Forbes.com analysis of social media identified Don as the most influential management thinker in the world. He is the author or co-author of 15 widely read books about new

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An interesting read, but for the most part a harried chronicling of people and trends (mostly people) in a hyper dynamic space. A lot of Nobel laureate name dropping (to which, to their credit, they admit!). Has the feel of someone trying to get a book out there to take advantage of the thirst for new insight. Some good brain candy.

Would have expected a better "primer" on how block chain actually works. Given the audience this tome appears aimed at, a few paragraphs ("How this worldwide ledger works") seems a bit underserving - particularly for such an avowedly history-changing paradigm. Readers must understand this thing before trusting it, which for the most part is mysterious and geeky. Demystification would help move blockchain out of the comfort zone of PhD's into the realm of the mere unwashed (in which this reviewer sits). And nothing on the mystery surrounding Satoshi himself - what's up with that? Given that we're dealing with a new trust paradigm, doesn't the fact of his anonymity (existence?) not at least merit some comment?

Only part I would recommend is found at Chapter 10 "Showstopper issues"... Ironic, of course but best analysis is here!

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#### Want to know the future of the internet? Read this.

By Windsor on May 23, 2016

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It's not very technical, so don't expect a dissertation on how to scale using scala, or alternative deep coding problems. This is a foray into the world for people who want to learn about it.

I don't agree with the negative reviews of this book. If you want a book steeped in the code, go for a coding book, or a youtube tutorial or join a slack for the code base you're into.

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#### Read it if you want to understand and be part of this Disruption!!!

By Jose Papo on May 29, 2016

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This book is a must read to understand and have ideas on all the promises of the Blockchain Technology and what is already being done today with it. Part 1 focus on explaining the tech behind BlockChain and its design principles, specially related to the new Dapps(Decentralized applications). Part 2 is focused on core industries and ares where the blockchain will create disruptions. I liked a lot chapter 5 on new business models and chapter 6 on the synergies of Blockchain and the Internet of Things. Overall, if blockchain is successful it will change many institutions and industries we take as granted today. Read it if you want to understand and be part of this disruption.

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#### Misguided pile of utopian trash

By Andrey Zubkov on May 30, 2016

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The book is a heap of ideas about how bitcoin will change the world, seen through rose colored glasses. What it lacks in implementation details, protocol descriptions and thorough inspection, it more than makes up for with short-sighted generalizations and overly optimistic dreamt up conceptualizations. There is a failure to consider the environmental impact of bitcoin implementation. There are constant omissions of critical details when describing a current technology to allow the author the convenience of making an argument about how the blockchain will disrupt any given field.

This is NOT that blockchain book that I was looking for. That book would involve critical analysis, detailed examples with visual cues, a narrower scope and a more modest approach to the subject.

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By Brian Connelly on May 13, 2016 Format: Hardcover Verified Purchase

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Thank you Don and Alex I also read Wikinomics Keep up the terrific work.



#### This book will help you find the future's missing link; the ingredient that changes

#### everything.

By S. Guzman on May 20, 2016

#### Format: Hardcover

Ive got 2 hours and 10 minutes remaining on my Audible copy of Blockchain Revolution and here's what I think so far: This book should be required reading / listening for anyone with a future that includes internet based technologies; from infrastructure to implementation, especially for young adults with a lifetime of tech ahead of them. Why? Because what you learn in this book will help you navigate the inevitable future of technology and how the Blockchain will likely impact the world's societies for the better. Also, by understanding the Blockchain, you will give your CV a significant edge as the "Blockchain" buzzword starts ramping up.

On the practical side, Blockchain Revolution will help you with geeky, casual conversation. You'll gain a general understanding of Bitcoin and what it means to "mine Bitcoin". It will fill you in on WHO is investigating and actually using Blockchain technology today (companies like AirBNB, Deloitte, USAA, IBM). The book will boost your comfort level with terminology like cryptocurrencies, permissionless distributed databases, hashing, blockchain transaction methodologies, smart contracts, and much more. You'll also be able to build a solid list of today's big players in the Blockchain world, so you'll know who to follow on Twitter as you're watching this technology unfold.

On the dreamy world of dreams side, after reading Blockchain Revolution, I imagine that IF the potential for global prosperity were being delivered by a magic train, then Blockchain would be the rails. We are about to see, in the next 25 years, the elimination of barriers to entry for any and all business. I can see the Blockchain as the catalyst for an experimental, open source government... not Anarchy but an Open Source Democracy... An Openocracy? Read more >

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