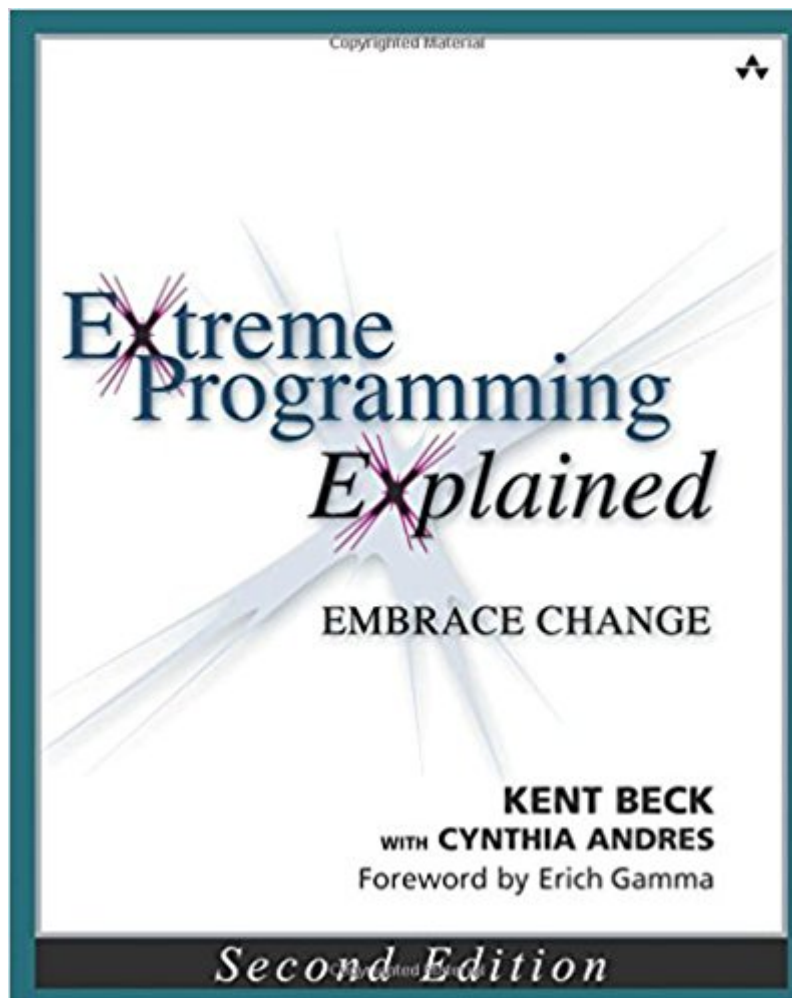




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Kent Beck consistently challenges software engineering dogma, promoting ideas like patterns, test-driven development, and Extreme Programming. Currently affiliated with Three Rivers Institute and Agitar Software, he is the author of many Addison-Wesley titles. Cynthia Andres holds a B.S. in psychology with advanced work in organizational behavior, decision analysis, and women's studies. She has worked with Kent on the social aspects of Extreme Programming since its inception. She is also affiliated with Three Rivers Institute. 0

I have been a programming hack for many years. This book along with a couple of others that I have read in the last six months or so have opened my eyes. I knew that basics were not my strong suit. I am entirely self-taught with desktop programming. I just knew there were things that didn't seem right. I always had close contact with my customers, knew from early VB experience that you could make a mess of code, that defects could bury a project. XP explained by one of the founders, maybe The Founder just lays it all out. Now still I am a single man shop, so really I am now starting

practice on PXP, Personal Extreme Programming, but it will be the only way I practice from here on!

i bought this book more as a reference. it's the programming "lifestyle" that i most easily identified with and enjoyed - pair programming, refactoring, unit testing, planning game and all that good stuff. i get that it's not everyone's style. i have never met Kent Beck but everything that he (and other XP'ers) blog or tweet about tells me that he's one of the nicest men in the business - humble, always learning, and still practicing his craft.

Required for an XP (Extreme Programming) class. The book was only used for the first three weeks of classes, so I didn't read it in too much depth. This book isn't too bad, it has a lot of obvious information (ie, treat coworkers with respect) and it doesn't offer too much in terms of insight. But despite those issues it's not a bad read, it does have some good information, just nothing ground breaking. Do not get this book if you're looking for anything ground breaking or anything enlightening, if you're interested in agile development, this book may be worth it to read through however.

I bought this book to help with my study for the PMI-ACP certification exam. Part of the recommendations suggests that you understand Extreme Programming inside and out and how it relates to SCRUM and LEAN. This is an excellent book written by Kent Beck, the person who brought Extreme Programming to the forefront of software development. It is easy to read and understand and covers the subject matter very well. Whether you are studying for this exam or whether your team is adopting Extreme Programming, this book is for you.

This is a fantastic book for development teams. I'm a product manager at a large consulting firm, and if more companies would adhere to the advice in this book, my job wouldn't need to exist. This is a manual on how to create great software, and should be read by anybody interested in creating web apps, mobile apps, or desktop software.

Not only is this presented well, but it gives a valuable alternate perspective. It is sufficiently different from typical scrum to help a person understand the why behind the concepts. I loved this book. Thanks Kent!

A great book that lays out the fundamentals of XP. Great updated thoughts on use (and non-use!) of

Story Points and much more.

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