

A NOVEL THAT TEACHES

Twenty-One Million

The Inner Workings of Blockchain and Bitcoin

A novel you can finish on a long flight — and step off the plane finally understanding how Bitcoin actually works.

Four colleagues. One whiteboard. Ten Thursdays. Margaret has a single page to fill — a recommendation on whether her company should touch Bitcoin — and she fully intends to write *no*. To do it honestly, she has to understand the thing first. So, one Thursday at a time, in the worst conference room in the building, four sharp, skeptical adults take Bitcoin apart on a whiteboard and try to break every piece.

No hype. No jargon. No get-rich pitch. Just a story you can read at night, on a train, on a beach — that quietly teaches you the **whole machine**: what a “coin” really is, why no one can cheat it, and — the part most books skip — **how to actually buy it, hold it in a wallet, and not get robbed.**

- ✓ What Bitcoin & blockchain really are
- ✓ Mining, and the 21-million limit
- ✓ Wallets & the twelve words that hold it
- ✓ Keys, signatures & why it can't be forged
- ✓ Buying your first bitcoin on an exchange
- ✓ Spotting the scams built to take it

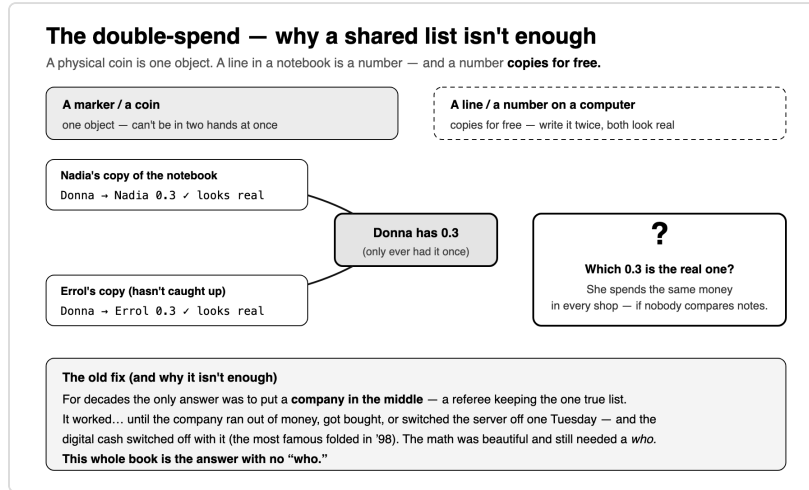
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A look inside

real pages, real diagrams — the way the book teaches

CHAPTER 1 · THERE IS NO COIN

It starts where everyone's confusion starts — “what *is* a coin?”

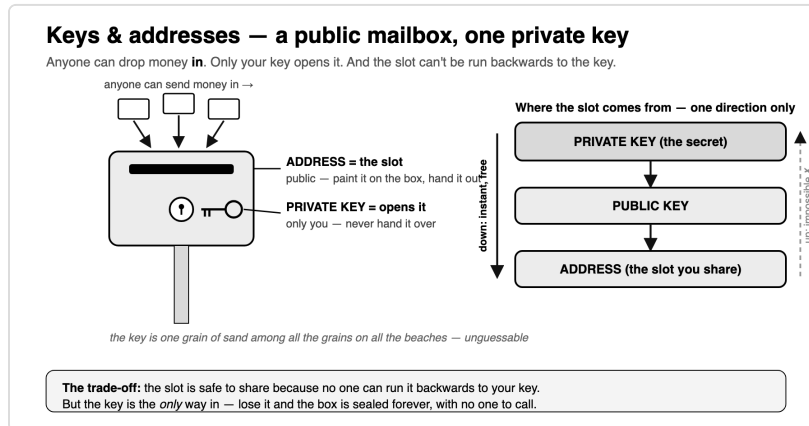


“There’s no object. No file with a gold B. A bitcoin is an entry. A line in a list... Your balance is just what the list says you’ve got left. Everything else — mining, cryptography, all of it — exists to do one job. **Protect the list.**”

You’ll walk away knowing: why there is literally no coin — and what you actually own instead.

CHAPTER 3 · THE MAILBOX AND THE ONLY KEY

Your money lives behind a number too big for the universe to guess.

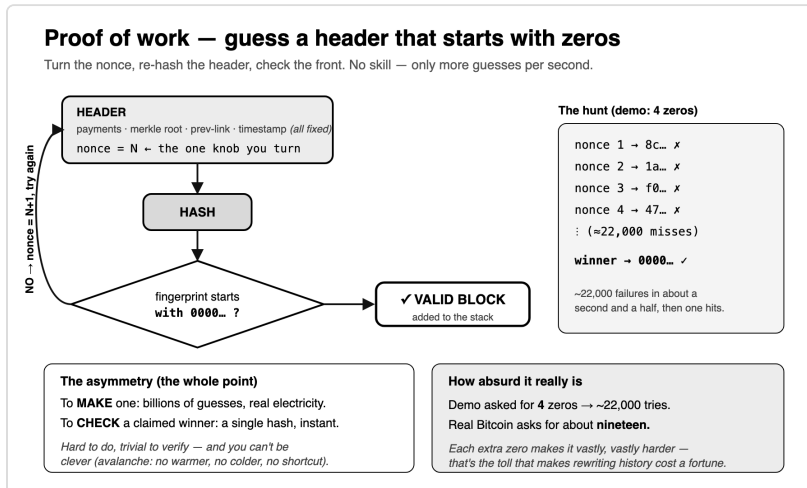


“Picture every grain of sand on every beach on Earth. Your key is one named grain, and to steal your money a thief has to pick it, blindfolded, on the first try. **The universe runs out of time before the thief runs out of beach.**”

You’ll walk away knowing: how a string of characters keeps your money safe from everyone on Earth.

CHAPTER 8 · EXPENSIVE ON PURPOSE

Mining, with the mystery removed: a lottery you win with electricity.

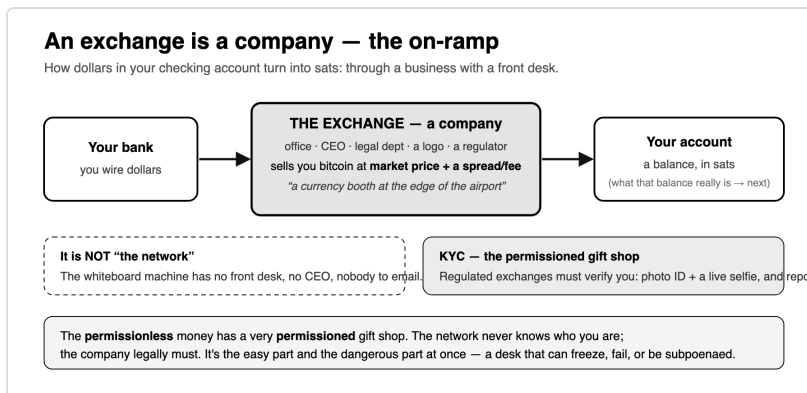


“A lottery you win by buying tickets, and the tickets are electricity... The cleverness is that it’s un-clever on purpose. The only currency that buys you an edge is raw work.”

You’ll walk away knowing: what “mining” actually is, and why no one can ever print more than 21 million.

CHAPTER 12 · GETTING IN

How a normal person buys it — and the four-word warning that saves you.



“An exchange is a company ... a currency booth at the edge of an airport: you give it dollars, it gives you bitcoin, and it takes a cut.” ... “Not your keys, not your coins.”

You’ll walk away knowing: how to buy your first bitcoin — and why the exchange isn’t where you leave it.

CHAPTER 14 · TWELVE WORDS

The twelve ordinary words that *are* your money.

The seed phrase — twelve words that are the money

Not a password to the money. The words **are** it. Write them by hand; never type them into anything.

RECOVERY PHRASE — keep secret · keep safe

1 · anchor 2 · ginger 3 · salmon
4 · voyage 5 · kitchen 6 · marble
7 · lemon 8 · umbrella 9 · frost
10 · puzzle 11 · spider 12 · vintage

just twelve ordinary words, on a sheet of paper

Whoever has these has everything.

Total power over the money and total responsibility for it — in twelve words.

Do

✓ write by hand — paper, or stamped in metal
✓ keep two copies, in two places

Never

X type them into a website, app, or “support”
X photograph them · X store them in the cloud

The machine never fails — that's the problem. It does exactly what it's told, forever, with no appeal, so the only thing left to fail is the human holding the words. Lose them, or let someone read them, and it's gone — **no one to call. Total power and total responsibility, in the same twelve words.**

“Whoever has these words has everything in here, completely, forever, from anywhere on Earth, and needs nothing else... The words are the wallet. The wallet is just the words wearing an app.”

You'll walk away knowing: how a wallet really works — and how twelve words can hold, or lose, a fortune.

**If you've ever nodded at the word
"blockchain" and quietly prayed no one
would ask you what it meant — this is the
book that finally makes it make sense.**

Read it like a novel. Finish it like someone who actually gets it.

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