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CW Geek's Guide To Having Fun With Morse Code

Synopsis

Have fun with Morse Code! Knowing Morse Code is no longer required to get an amateur radio license, but many hams are learning the code anyway. There are many reasons for this: It's a part of amateur radio history. There's a mystique about operating Morse Code. It's FUN! This book is all about having fun with Morse Code. It will: Help you learn the code Choose the type of key that's right for you Show you how to get on the air and make contacts Teach you the proper way to use abbreviations, Q-signals, and prosigns But, most of all, it will help you have fun with Morse Code.

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Customer Reviews

A "must have" for any CW ham's reference shelf. A "must have" for non-code hams who want a clear insight and argument to seriously considering CW. Non-hams may want to learn about the "special magic" that happens with this time proven communications method. The author is one of the most, if not the most, knowledgeable on the subject and the writing is clear and to the point. The author, with such an extensive background approaching half a century, should add more text to better justify the $10.60 (I had to pay tax) price tag for 32 pages of discussion and 13 pages of reference. Some pages were blank or partially filled. Perhaps the second edition can include personal experiences / situations and how to handle them. Discussion of "instant recognition" and "the zone" which the late Nancy Kott (with a "K", not "Cott" as spelled on page 46) eloquently addressed would have added more value. Perhaps more about learning methods and mental development. As for me, I was hoping for more coaching on the many "mental blocks" one can

experience. Still it a "must have" for all hams.

The author successfully conveys his enthusiasm for this older, but still very fun and challenging mode of operating. As a CW operator of 40-plus years, I especially like the fact that he correctly documents the proper use of procedural signs and prosigns. These are misused by many operators today, in part due to their incorrect adoption by the PSK community. He very carefully discusses some of the decisions that must be made by a new operator (i.e. key vs. bug vs. paddles) without bias, and provides many important setup tips. Thank you, Dan, for writing this book. de Mark, KE6BB

Dan did a great job with this book. It was a fun read with some beneficial info for the new CW operator. He probably should have had a proof reader before publishing, but all in all it was worth the read.

Barely okay as a "first" book on CW. Not much depth or breadth. You will find a wealth of more useful in-depth material in an hour of reading material available on the FISTS, SKCC, and CWops websites. Definitely track down a copy of "Zen and the Art of Radiotelegraphy" (also on the web). I am glad I bought the Kindle edition because I would have been really disappointed with the price/performance with it as a book.

Dan, KB6NU keeps up his string of great books. I used his No Nonsense Study guides to obtain my Technician license in Nov. 2015, General in Feb. 2016, and Amateur Extra in May 2016. When I decided to pursue CW where else would I go but right to Dan's book. This book does not teach you morse code but teaches you about it, how to use it, and the proper operating etiquette. He also suggests two programs to use to learn CW. Never overlook the value of any KB6NU offering. 73. W9BRI

If you are wanting to learn Morse Code you won't find the code in this book which is what I bought it for. It does give very general information on how to learn it. I was looking for chart of the code so I could physically see the code. Somewhat disappointed that I spent the money on the book.

Readable, light, and encouraging for one mounting the learning curve of CW

Good book on code. Got me interested again. Nice insights.

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