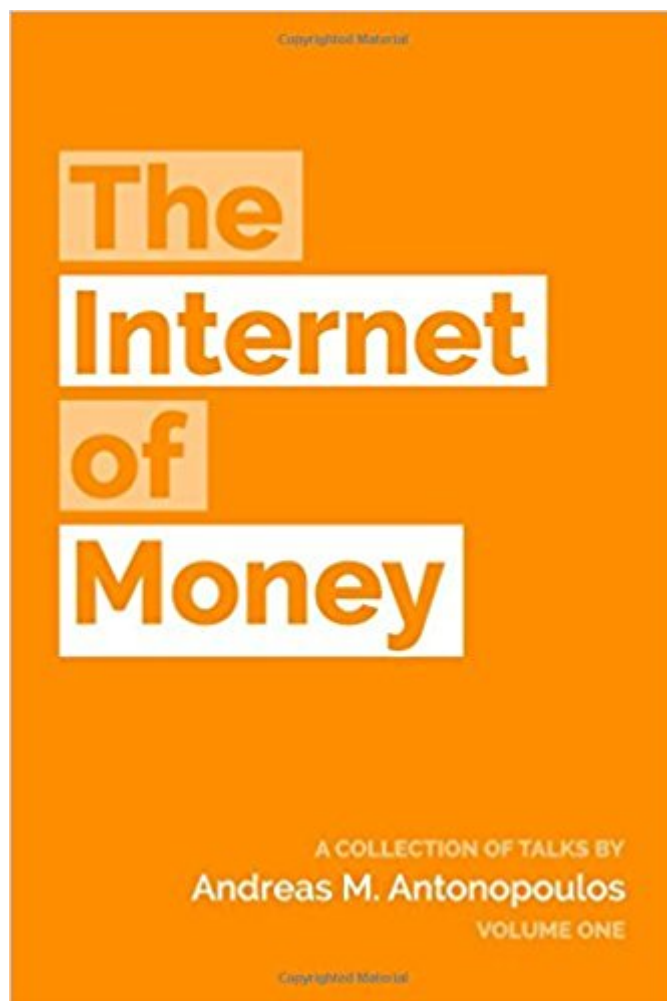


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Synopsis

While many books explain the how of bitcoin, *The Internet of Money* delves into the why of bitcoin. Acclaimed information-security expert and author of *Mastering Bitcoin*, Andreas M. Antonopoulos examines and contextualizes the significance of bitcoin through a series of essays spanning the exhilarating maturation of this technology. Bitcoin, a technological breakthrough quietly introduced to the world in 2008, is transforming much more than finance. Bitcoin is disrupting antiquated industries to bring financial independence to billions worldwide. In this book, Andreas explains why bitcoin is a financial and technological evolution with potential far exceeding the label "digital currency." Andreas goes beyond exploring the technical functioning of the bitcoin network by illuminating bitcoin's philosophical, social, and historical implications. As the internet has essentially transformed how people around the world interact and has permanently impacted our lives in ways we never could have imagined, bitcoin--the internet of money--is fundamentally changing our approach to solving social, political, and economic problems through decentralized technology.

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"Reading this collection of talks, it's amazing to contemplate that Andreas was waxing poetic and profound years before hardly anyone had even heard of Bitcoin. In fact, I bet history will remember that there was no one who played a more important role in the early days of explaining

Bitcoin, what it is and what it means." -- Don Tapscot, co-author, Blockchain Revolution: How the Technology Behind Bitcoin is Changing Money Business and the World "I've always wondered what would have happened if we had built one-click payments into the browser from the very beginning. With bitcoin, we finally get this 'Internet of Money'. But this book isn't just an ode to bitcoin -- it's an ode to open protocols, what happens when you connect people online, and the power of innovation on the internet." -- Marc Andreessen, co-founder Netscape and Andreessen Horowitz "With Mastering Bitcoin, Andreas Antonopoulos wrote one of the best technical books on digital currency. With The Internet of Money, he's matched that feat by compiling his talks into one of the best books on Bitcoin for a broad audience. Highly recommended!" -- Balaji Srinivasan, CEO 21.co "Over the past three years, awareness of the sweeping, transformative potential of bitcoin and its underlying blockchain technology has grown exponentially. That required people to grasp not only how this unorthodox technology worked but also its profound promise for society. No one has done more than Andreas Antonopoulos to get them over that hurdle. Read him. It will make you wiser." -- Michael J. Casey, co-author of The Age of Cryptocurrency: How Bitcoin and Digital Money are Challenging the Global Economic Order

Andreas M. Antonopoulos is a technologist and serial entrepreneur who has become one of the most well-known and well-respected figures in bitcoin. He is the author of *Mastering Bitcoin*, published by O'Reilly Media and considered by many to be the best technical guide to bitcoin. As an engaging public speaker, teacher and writer, Andreas makes complex subjects accessible and easy to understand. As an advisor, he helps startups recognize, evaluate, and navigate security and business risks. Andreas was one of the first to use the phrase *The Internet of Money* to describe bitcoin and its potential impacts on humanity.

Andreas Antonopoulos is well-known in the blockchain community for *Mastering Bitcoin: Unlocking Digital Cryptocurrencies*, released in January 2014, the first serious textbook describing the inner workings of Bitcoin. As a self-proclaimed (and confirmed) computer geek, who came of age during the early days of the Internet, Andreas is intimately familiar with the technical underpinnings of Bitcoin as well as the ongoing developments in this burgeoning field. His first book is an excellent reference for the technically-minded who desire to fully comprehend the transformative computer science breakthrough the Bitcoin protocol so ingeniously instantiates. But even more than a ground-breaking author, Andreas is truly a Bitcoin ambassador of the highest-order. He is a brilliant educator, always communicating with clear vision and passion, traveling across the globe these

past three years, inspiring and enlightening growing numbers of people who are eager to learn about the revolutionary innovation of cryptocurrencies. Andreas'™s profound technical expertise is complemented by his uncanny gift for making complex topics readily accessible to lay audiences. He is utterly convincing in his arguments for why Bitcoin REALLY matters"how this radically new technology of money in the age of the Internet will, slowly but surely, turn our old paradigms inside out. His recently released second book, The Internet of Money, an edited compilation of some of his best presentations, is an absolute must read for anyone and everyone who wants a sneak-peak at the future of finance and banking. Read this book (and watch the source videos) to gain deep insights into HOW and WHY Bitcoin will change the world for the better in the coming decades!

As always, Andreas knocked it out of the park. Bitcoin is a difficult concept for most people to grasp, especially at this stage. Like many other great ideas, the spark innovation starts with single person, spreads to a small group of people who are capable of understanding and appreciating its significance, and finally (usually over the course of many years) the rest of the world is dragged kicking and screaming to the conclusion that the idea is brilliant; a conclusion they later regard as "obvious, natural, and inevitable." Andreas' first book, "Mastering Bitcoin" helped many developers see the potential of Bitcoin. "The Internet of Money" is more accessible for less technical readers. There are links to videos for each section of material in the book. If you have recently considered any of the following questions, this book is for you: What is Bitcoin? Why should I care? WTF is block chain? Is it secure? What can Bitcoin do that the dollar can't? Who benefits? Is Bitcoin doomed to fail? All of these questions and more are answered in this easy-reading book. You can read about it for yourself, or have a ten-year-old break it down for you ten years from now. Either way, Bitcoin is coming.

I've been studying Bitcoin and cryptocurrencies for a few months now. I think it's never enough to go back to the beginning every now and then. There is always something more to learn. Speaking from my experience, I live in a third world country. Fortunately, I can say I live better than 90% of the population here - I have access to banking, I can afford to spend money on investments, have access to clean water and electricity 24/7. However, this book is very important in the sense that it is life-changing, and can give power back to the people. Banks will have to make a choice: adapt to the blockchain or die. And since people realized they can have more for less, banks will have a hard time to stand on their own feet. People in countries like mine will jump from being unbaked to being

their own banks, and I can't wait to see that happening. There are so many implications to this: they will finally be able to develop themselves as human beings born with rights, the line between classes will blur and they will have the chance to dream and fight for more. Blockchain technology is here to stay, and this is only the beginning. There was, however, one question I had left for Andreas, and which I will seek an answer to via e-mail or social media, maybe Twitter: he mentions a couple times in the book, how someone who lives in the middle of nowhere can have access to bitcoin using only a solar panel and a Nokia 1000. Considering that this person - probably - has no access to banking, how will he or she get their fiat money across exchanges to buy bitcoin? Or is there a way to fix this issue in the future? For what we see now, we need to have a bank account to wire the money to an exchange and then buy bitcoin. How can we fix this problem for those who are unbanked? That still seems like a very big obstacle - the biggest that when it's tackled will take bitcoin into the path of worldwide adoption.

Andreas is a bitcoin evangelist. When I first began being interested in Bitcoin and other digital currencies, his videos online really resonated with me as he is an engaging speaker, and uses analogies and examples that are easy to understand. And because he "grew up" during the dawn of the Internet, he uses his experience of witnessing the development of the Internet from being used only by the "lunatic fringe" to worldwide adoption (to which we all can relate and understand) as an analogy to Bitcoin, digital currencies, and all the other unknown technologies and uses of Bitcoin and blockchain that are still to come. Bitcoin is an exciting new disruptive technology and Andreas Antonopoulos takes us with him in this book and in his videos. It was very helpful to have the links to the videos in the book, as I would often watch the video after reading the speech -- it really added to the experience. Thank you, Andreas, for all that you do for this community. We really enjoy listening and hope to continue along the ride with you!

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