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Getting Started With Hobby Quadcopters And Drones



Synopsis

Updated May. 2016 Quadcopters, Personal Drones, Multirotors and UAV's are amazing flying machines which contain advanced technology. They are about to transform our world and our lives in many ways. What's more, you and I and others who are hobbyists, photographers, pilots or just have interest in technology can participate in this revolution at a very low cost. This book will guide the beginner through the first steps in choosing, buying, flying and understanding these flying robots.

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Customer Reviews

What a great book for learning about Quad Copters. Before reading this book I had researched Quad Copters online and had made a decision of which one I would purchase. I decided to order this book to ensure I was making the right decision. After reading the book I discovered that the Quad I decided on would have been difficult for me to start with (I have no prior Quad experience). The book helped me choose the correct Quad for my experience level, for what I plan to use it for, and for the pros and cons of Quads built in countries like China. I purchased my first Quad and am very happy with my choice. This book saved me over \$200 that I would have spent purchasing the wrong Quad Copter. I highly recommend this book for anyone considering their first experience with Quads.

In a very short time, multi-rotor RC aircraft have gone from an exciting and eccentric niche of expensive aircraft to the fastest growing category of RC. The growth has been so fast, that like the "Golden Age" of aviation, the variety of great and terrible aircraft (in this case quadcopters) is substantial. And as for pilot skills and RC clubs that can teach you to fly one....almost non-existent. Most people learn on their own by trial and error. And the result is crashes, fixes, and frustration. Crashes are an inevitable and necessary part of the learning curve, but they need not be expensive or serious if you choose the right learning tools. There are mini and micro quadcopters that can take some pretty serious abuse and keep flying. And while most quadcopters are relatively easy to learn to fly (at least far easier than helicopters), they are not easy to learn to fly well. A good book on the subject just doesn't exist....at least until now. "Getting Started with Hobby Quadcopters and Drones" by Craig Issod is one of the first guides on the subject available. And it is a great start for the neophyte looking to get into the hobby. The price of the book (free the next few days, but less than \$3 typically) is less than the cost of a set of propellers for your new quadcopter. And it is worth that price since it will save you more money than that. Craig frequently haunts RCGroups.com and is involved in running a website called droneflyers.com. More than the leader of an interest group, it is clear that Craig is an enthusiast and evangelist for the hobby. He clearly wants people to engage in the sport and stay there because they had a good experience and enjoyed it. Buy the book; buy a quadcopter (Shameless plug: sells a great quadcopter - the Syma X1 for about \$35) and have a great time. Odds are you'll suck friends and neighbors into the hobby. Since my first quadcopter, seven other neighbors (grown ups and kids) have also purchased one.

This is an ebook and the title says exactly what is in it. However, this is just a pamphlet or newsletter and much shorter in length than I expected. I already picked up most of what was in this book by reading some forums and websites about quadcopters.

I have always been amazed by the fantastic aerial photography that can be done with quadcopters. What used to be the domain of helicopters that could only be rented for hundreds or even thousands of dollars per hour is now accessible to the hobbyist photographer. This book is a fantastic resource for people that are just getting started or considering purchasing their first quadcopter. This book was published in mid-2013, and makes some very relevant, specific gear and purchasing recommendations, but it is just starting to show it's age as I write this review at the end of 2013. This is an extremely fast-moving market and innovations are coming fast and furious

(quickly and furiously for you grammar freaks). There are at least 2 major updated models that aren't mentioned or covered in this book and prices have come down on many of the items that are discussed. My favorite thing about this book is that it gave me a general "state-of-the-quadcopter" address and opened my eyes to what is possible. It motivated me to go out and do my own research gave me specific resources to start with. As a minor complaint, the writing style is not very direct or "professional". Yes, the author manages to convey the information, but a good copy editor could make this book much easier to read. Highly recommended for anyone interested in RC drones and quadcopters!

This book is ok for newbies, but I found it to be lacking and I had already learned much of the contents simply by reading things on the web. The biggest problem I see is the data is outdated. The quadcopter market, much like most electronics, changes so quickly that no book is going to be very useful for very long.

Just read through this ebook if you are new to the hobby of rc quadcopters, drones take the time to read this. It will give you the terminology to actually be able to ask for help in the forums online. Also, as author stated start out with a microquad I have bought 2 in the last few weeks. The RC Logger eye one and the newest Blade Nano qx both good entry level quads but I have to say the nano qx steals the win. Very easy to fly and the prop protectors are well needed for anyone starting out in this hobby. Thanks for the read.

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