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8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. A great introduction to the technology By ProfessorFI follow Forbes on Twitter and they often tweet links to Bitcoin stories. I usually ignore these stories, but one day I clicked on one and I immediately became fascinated with Bitcoin. A Google search revealed a ton of articles. The problem is that the

articles on the internet are all over the place in terms of quality, accuracy, and technical depth--especially if you just want an introduction to Bitcoin and a realistic account of what you can do with this digital currency. This book solves that problem. It provides the best non-technical introduction to Bitcoin that I've read. And more importantly it provides an authentic account of what it's like to try to live off of Bitcoin for a week. The author starts off describing what Bitcoin is: a new form of currency that is digital instead of physical, that you can transfer electronically instantaneously to other people just like encrypted e-mail. She then goes into great detail about what it's like to try to buy things with Bitcoin--because despite the hype surrounding it, there just aren't very many merchants that accept it. Those stories were awesome. You really feel sorry for the author and share her anxiety as the value of Bitcoin fluctuates. Thankfully, the Bitcoin community is extremely helpful towards the author in terms of their time and sharing their knowledge. Anyway, I would have given this five stars, but I felt it needed at least one picture sequence showing a transaction (holding up her iPhone to the merchant's QR code, entering the amount to transfer, showing the remaining balance). If you want an excellent big picture, realistic account of Bitcoin, this is *the* book to get. Highly recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining Interesting By Maggie AI had not heard of bitcoin other than the fact that I recently met a guy who's really into it, and has made a lot of money with it to boot. I was mildly interested by this, and I randomly picked this ebook to read up on it. As a diary of the author's attempt to survive on bitcoin for a week, it's surprisingly funny and engaging. She did a great job of explaining what a bitcoin is, detailing the pros and cons, and profiling the various people who are involved in the bitcoin community. I'd certainly recommend giving this one a read. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Relevant insights illuminate Bitcoin By S. Flood Part prime, part experiment, Hill provides context to the opportunities and challenges facing Bitcoin. Filled with interviews from pioneers and players in the BC movement, her insights make Bitcoin relevant to the uneducated, placing it in a grander conversation about the future of currency in a global, interconnected, always-on world. And she does it without venturing too deeply into the complex technologies behind Bitcoin, making it easy to digest for those simply wanting to understand what fueled its rise, who is behind it and where it might fit in our future.

Bitcoin has become known for its use to gamble, buy drugs and arrange hits, but that's not why it was originally set up. The first white paper on the currency, published by the mysterious Satoshi Nakamoto, enthused about the ability to send money around the world easily and without transaction fees, and that's why now, five years after its creation, it's gone from being worth pennies to hundreds of dollars. Forbes Senior Online Editor Kashmir Hill explores the cryptocurrency's rise through the lens of her trying week surviving on the digital coin.