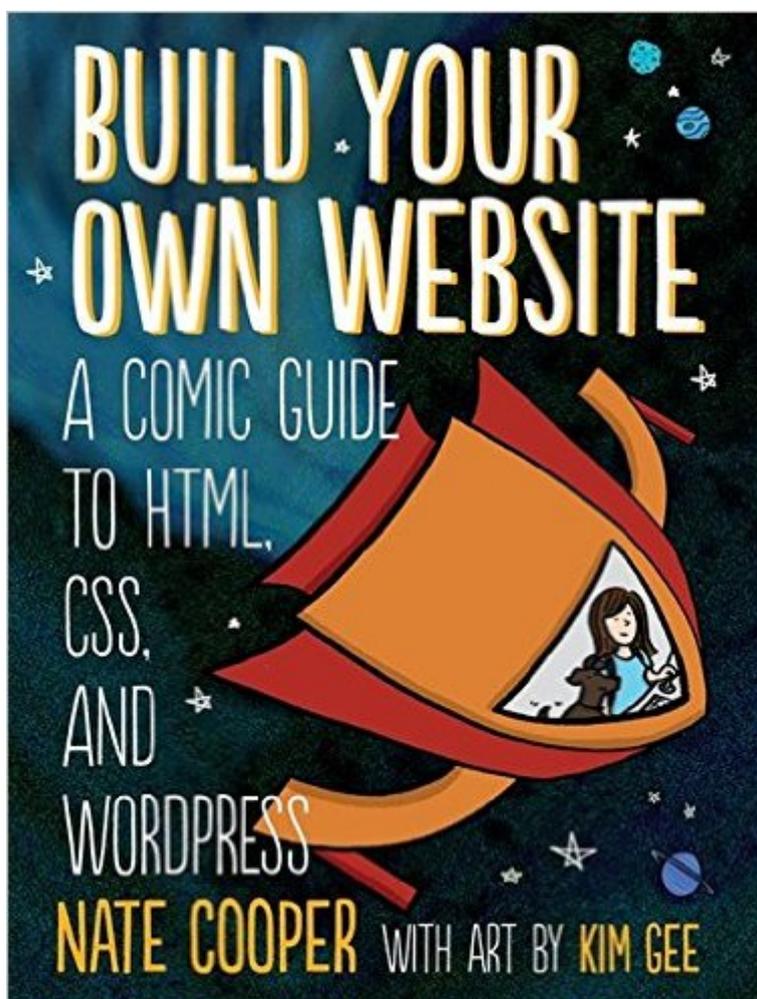


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# Build Your Own Website: A Comic Guide To HTML, CSS, And WordPress



## Synopsis

Build Your Own Website is a fun, illustrated introduction to the basics of creating a website. Join Kim and her little dog Tofu as she learns HTML, the language of web pages, and CSS, the language used to style web pages, from the Web Guru and Glinda, the Good Witch of CSS. Once she figures out the basics, Kim travels to WordPress City to build her first website, with Wendy, the WordPress Maven, at her side. They take control of WordPress themes, install useful plugins, and more. As you follow along, you'll learn how to: Use HTML tags Make your site shine with CSS Customize WordPress to fit your needs Choose a company to host your site and get advice on picking a good domain name The patient, step-by-step advice you'll find in Build Your Own Website will help you get your website up and running in no time. Stop dreaming of your perfect website and start making it!

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My daughter and I are exploring a lot of titles at the moment, and one that caught my eye was "Build Your Own Website", primarily because it promised to be "A Comic Guide to HTML, CSS and WordPress", and that indeed it is. I should probably mention that by "a comic guide", it does not mean in the funny sense (though some of it is), but in the illustrated, graphic novel sense. For those familiar with NoStarch Press and their "The Manga Guide to..." series of books, Nate Cooper's writing and Kim Gee's artwork fits very well in that space. What's more, "Build Your Own Website" follows the same template that "The Manga Guide to..." books do, in that each section starts with an

illustrated graphic novel treatment of topics, and then follows on with a more in depth prose treatment of each area. So what's in store for the reader who wants to start on a mission to make their own site from scratch? Chapter 1 starts with our protagonist Kim looking forward to her first web design class, and shows that inspired and excited first timer's desire to get in and do something. It's followed by an explanation of the tools needed to be downloaded and do the work necessary to complete the examples in the book. All of the exercises and examples can be done for free, all you need is a web browser or two, a text editor, an ftp client (the book recommends FileZilla; it's the one I use as well) and you can get a free WordPress account at <http://www.wordpress.com>.

Build Your Own Website by Nate Cooper makes building your own website unbelievably easy, by giving you the basics needed in the computer languages of HTML, CSS and Wordpress. My friends have spent a small fortune on paying for their websites to be built, because they didn't know where to begin. Most of my friends thought they only needed a book on Wordpress to give them the tools needed to build their blogs or websites. After reading this book, I found out that if you don't learn the languages of HTML and CSS, you are very limited on what you can do with Wordpress. I quickly found out that my browser- Internet Explorer is not new enough to handle the modern up to date conventions of the Web. When I go deeper into my web development, I will need Chrome or Firefox that can handle all my needs. I also found out that using Word- my word processor program is not going to write my text for HTML or CSS. For writing in HTML (Hypertext Markup Language) or CSS (Cascading Style Sheets), I will need a Text Editor or a Code Editor. Getting comfortable using a Code Editor is a good thing, as you can use more advanced scripting languages in the future with PHP, JavaScript or Ruby. This book covers all the basics of the web- such as how to read an address, they tell you that clients and servers are just computers talking with one another, They explain how you need a host to show your web pages to the world and that you'll need an FTP (File Transfer Protocol) program to send your files to the host. It all sounds complicated, but this book gives you exact names of all these things, so you can contact them and set them up in no time at all. The cartoons explain in the simplest language how to successfully use HTML documents.

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