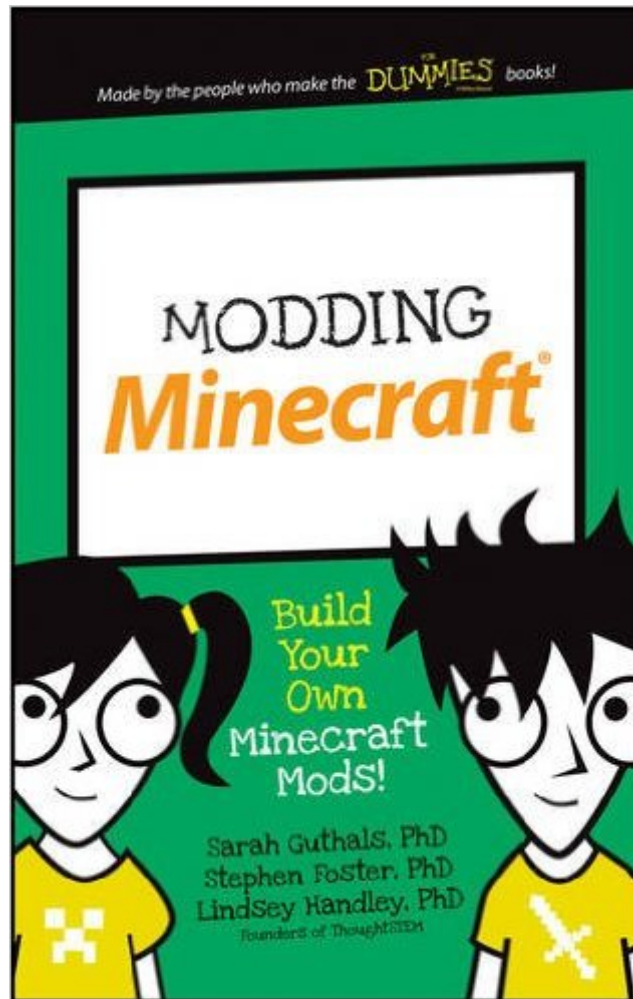


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Modding Minecraft: Build Your Own Minecraft Mods! (Dummies Junior)



Synopsis

My kid can mod Minecraft? Oh my! There's no doubt about it: Minecraft has taken the world by storm. If your resident Minecraft fanatic is ready to take their experience to a new level of play, introduce them to modding! Modding allows Minecraft players to modify the game through code, giving them the ability to add a variety of gameplay changes, ranging from new blocks and items to new mechanisms to craft. It's pretty much a Minecraft enthusiast's dream brought to life! In Modding Minecraft, your child will be introduced to three fun and easy-to-complete projects that teach them the coding skills to make the most of their love of Minecraft. Walking young readers through projects that outline how to create games in Minecraft for single or multiple players, this friendly and accessible guide takes the intimidation out of coding and instills confidence in children as young as seven as they complete cool coding projects to mod their favorite game. Full-color, eye-popping graphics and a short page count hold their attention while the goal-based format keeps them focused on the task at hand. Before you know it, your kid will be writing their own mods and having even more fun with Minecraft. Kids can complete the projects on their own or alongside an adult. Introduces getting started with a single-player, single-level game. Moves readers on to multi-level game playing. Finishes with a multi-level, multi-player game based on the classic "capture the flag" game. With simple and clear instruction that your child can understand, Modding Minecraft is the perfect place for your kid to dig deep and open up a whole new world in their creative play.

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Overview: This is a good basic intro to modding for children, but there are some things you should know before you buy. This book (and related website) use a very simplified teaching method using drag-and-drop code, in which you literally drag blocks of code from one panel into another. For Java, or any object-oriented language, that's as easy as it's going to get. You avoid having to learn syntax right away. You don't first have to learn the principles of "model-view-controller." You simply drag the shell of a function onto the screen, and then drag commands and loops into the function. To actually run the mods requires a Minecraft account, but if you're modding, you probably have that already. The teaching software sends mods to a Minecraft server, and adds that server to your login. The problem with this book is that it doesn't quite match the software, so things are not where you expect to see them. Apparently, the software has been updated since the book was published. For example, very early on, connecting the software to your Minecraft account, you click on "Minecraft Connect," but the button shown in the book isn't there! I finally found it under "Home," in case you end up looking for it. This is the kind of stuff that bores and frustrates kids. I know my 10-year-old son started to lose interest when we ran into obstacles like this, though he perked up again when I figured it out. If your child is doing this alone, it may be more of an issue. Another thing that confused us was the book shows you the panel from which you drag your code blocks, and the blank panel where you drop the code. But on the screen, only the left panel matched. The right panel was a simulated Minecraft world. It turns out that is where you drop your code!

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