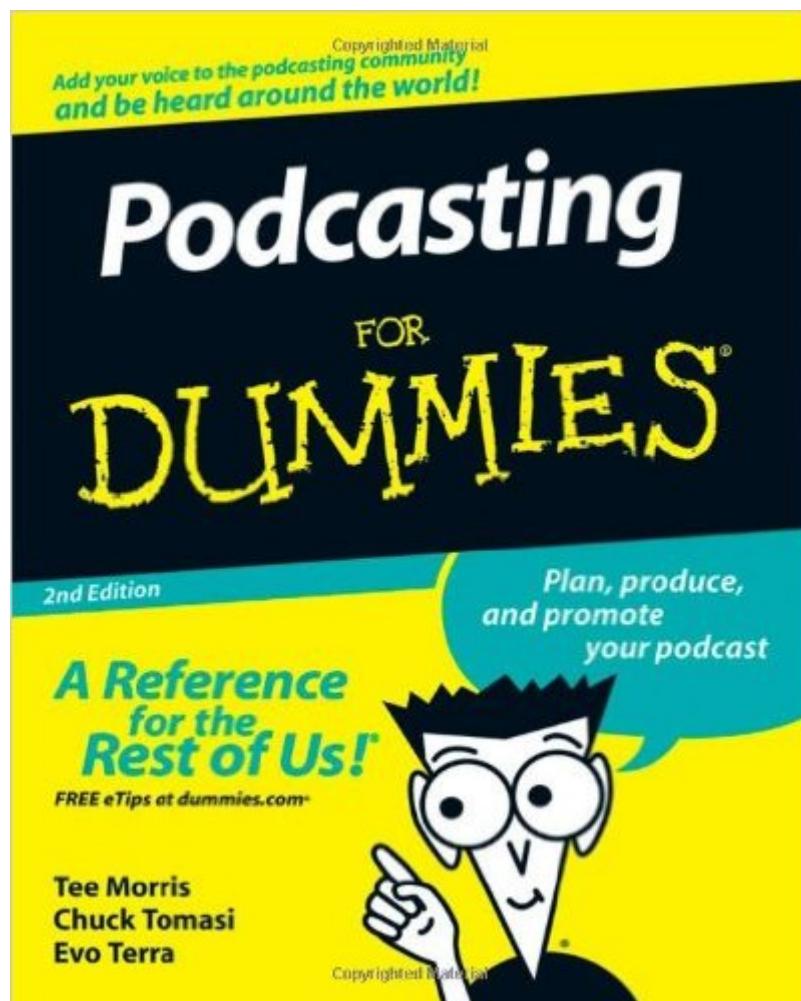


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Many years ago I looked into Podcasting around the time it was exploding on the web. I remember not only finding it complicated but expensive as far as the hardware you needed to buy. Fast forward a few years and I was curious to give it another shot, not only is it simpler, it's incredibly more affordable. Armed with a Samson Meteor USB studio microphone Samson Meteor Mic USB Studio Microphone (Cardioid) a pair of Samson CH700 headphones Samson CH700 Closed-Back Studio Headphones and a copy of "Podcasting For Dummies" I dove in. The book is the effortless crash course I needed to avoid the pitfalls and actually begin creating Podcasts virtually immediately. The book is packed with easy to read and quite often amusing to down right funny material that answerers your questions and get's you "live" faster than you may have ever imagined. The authors have made a concerted effort to take any mystery out of Podcasting by doing away with the technical jargon and it reads in a light, conversational, easy to follow way. The book is filled with tips and resources and even includes cheat sheet pages in the beginning for those who want to get right to it. I find I rely on these pages quite a bit for sources and recommendations. One small tip that may help other readers is to make sure you brief yourself on the little icons used throughout this marvelous book.

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