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"I highly suggest you get this book. Software moves fast, especially the Rails API, but I feel this book has many core API and development concepts that will be useful for a while to come."

—Matt Polito, software engineer and member of Chicago Ruby User Group

"This book should live on your desktop if you're a Rails developer. It's nearly perfect in my opinion."

—Luca Pette, developer

"*The Rails™ 3 Way* is likely to take you from being a haphazard poke-a-stick-at-it programmer to a deliberate, skillful, productive, and confident RoR developer."

—Katrina Owen, JavaRanch

"I can positively say that it's the single best Rails book ever published to date. By a long shot."

—Antonio Cangiano, software engineer and technical evangelist at IBM

"This book is a great crash course in Ruby on Rails! It doesn't just document the features of Rails, it filters everything through the lens of an experienced Rails developer—so you come out a pro on the other side."

—Dirk Elmendorf, cofounder of Rackspace Inc. and Rails developer

"The key to *The Rails Way* is in the title. It literally covers the 'way' to do almost everything with Rails. Writing a truly exhaustive reference to the most popular web application framework used by thousands of developers is no mean feat. A thankful community of developers that has struggled to rely on scant documentation will embrace *The Rails Way* with open arms. A tour de force!"

—Peter Cooper, editor, Ruby Inside: The Ruby Blog

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"Extremely well written; it's a resource that every Rails programmer should have. Yes, it's that good."  
—Reuven Lerner, *Linux Journal* columnist

## About the Author

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**Kevin Faustino**, Founder and Chief Craftsman of Remarkable Labs in Toronto, Canada, has specialized in Ruby since 2008. He founded the Toronto Ruby Brigade, which hosts tech talks, hack nights, book clubs, and other events.

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