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Ubiquitous computing--almost imperceptible, but everywhere around us--is rapidly becoming a reality. How will it change us? how can we shape its emergence? Smart buildings, smart furniture, smart clothing... even smart bathtubs. networked street signs and self-describing soda cans. Gestural interfaces like those seen in *Minority Report*. The RFID tags now embedded in everything from credit cards to the family pet. All of these are facets of the ubiquitous computing author Adam Greenfield calls "everyware." In a series of brief, thoughtful meditations, Greenfield explains how everyware is already reshaping our lives, transforming our understanding of the cities we live in, the communities we belong to--and the way we see ourselves. What are people saying about the book? *"Adam Greenfield is intense, engaged, intelligent and caring. I pay attention to him. I counsel you to do the same."* --**HOWARD RHEINGOLD**, AUTHOR, *SMART MOBS: THE NEXT SOCIAL REVOLUTION* *"A gracefully written, fascinating, and deeply wise book on one of the most powerful ideas of the digital age--and the obstacles we must overcome before we can make ubiquitous computing a reality."* --**STEVE SILBERMAN**, EDITOR, *WIRED MAGAZINE* *"Adam is a visionary. he has true compassion and respect for ordinary users like me who are struggling to use and understand the new technology being thrust on us at overwhelming speed."* --**REBECCA MACKINNON**, BERKMAN CENTER FOR INTERNET AND SOCIETY, HARVARD UNIVERSITY *Everyware* is an AIGA Design Press book, published under Peachpit's New Riders imprint in partnership with AIGA.

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**Joshua Palay says**

loved it.

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**Sbisker says**

Checked out from CMU library, in progress...

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**Bashar Kabbani says**

Nice idea, new thoughts!

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**Doug says**

via:cs0

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**Manuel Antão says**

If you're into stuff like this, you can read the full review.

“Everything that can be digital, will be”.

In "Everyware: The Dawning Age of Ubiquitous Computing" by Adam Greenfield

A long time ago, I found myself sitting on my bed, breathing in a cloud of card fumes, using a stiletto to pick at the corner of a London electronic travel card (acquired in a school field trip to the UK). After arriving in Lisbon I became utterly fascinated by it. Thus I decided to dissect one of them. After letting the card sit in a nail cosmetic lacquer remover for a time, and after the plastic had softened enough I was able to peel apart the layers within and voilà: inside was a tiny microchip attached to a fine copper wire: the radio frequency identification (RFID) chip.

You can read the rest of this review elsewhere.

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## **Steven says**

Excellent discussion of the origins of ubiquitous computing, current state of the art (as of 2005), where it might be headed and potential issues and design principles. A must-read, not only in terms of ubiquitous computing, but as an exemplar of writings on the social use of technology and as a source of potential design principles for Web 2.0 app developers.

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## **John says**

nonfiction,transhumanism,ubiquitous computing

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## **Steven Deobald says**

It's hard to imagine a time when this book needs to be read by more technologists in more countries and in more industries than 2018. The dangers presented and the solutions suggested are all laid bare before us.

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## **Harald Felgner says**

Excellent.

Although Adam Greenfield's theses are almost 9 years old, they look at least 5 years into the future!

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## **Jacinta says**

Seems a curious mix of too-far-ahead and not-caught-up with today. Some good points overall but a little frustrating to read in the 'thesis' presentation.

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## **Dave Emmett says**

This book has a strong focus on the human side of new-fangled technology, which makes it refreshingly different than most books about the subject.

The only thing I didn't like about this book is that the extremely short chapters made the book feel very long. It was almost like reading a series of blog posts about ubiquitous computing, though a series of very well written and carefully ordered blog posts.

As a designer, the last section was the most relevant and interesting, about the ways everywhere should be designed to preserve our humanity in the face of technological change. Short answer: it shouldn't make our lives worse.

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**Ty says**

The 'thesis' presentation got on my nerves. It felt jarring, as if I were watching a movie with quick cuts between scenes. Yet that is the only complaint I have. The information and arguments in the book are flawless.

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**Sonya says**

I ordered a few "web design" books to inspire my fading interest in web design. This was one of them. I recently started participating in my web design hobby again and will more than likely read it. :)

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**Charles McCrimmon says**

Enjoyed the concepts put forward.. some of them are a bit dated now but that was to be expected with the subject matter anyway.

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**Troy says**

Published in 2006, but I read this in 2013. The most interesting part of this book was to see how far technology has advanced in those 7 years. A very tech-heavy book, but a fascinating read, albeit a bit dated at this point.

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