What is the class <code>Object</code>? What is the class <code>Class</code>? Why the class <code>Object</code> is an instance of the class <code>Class</code>? If you ever ask yourself such questions, this book is for you.

After explaining the impact of representing classes as objects, you will develop step by step a minimal reflective kernel.

In this book you will learn:

- object instantiation, allocation, and initialization,
- classes as objects,
- description of classes,
- creation of classes,
- method lookup and error handling,
- examples of metaclasses,
- bootstrap of a reflective system.

The content of this book has been used to teach reflective architectures for more than 15 years.

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