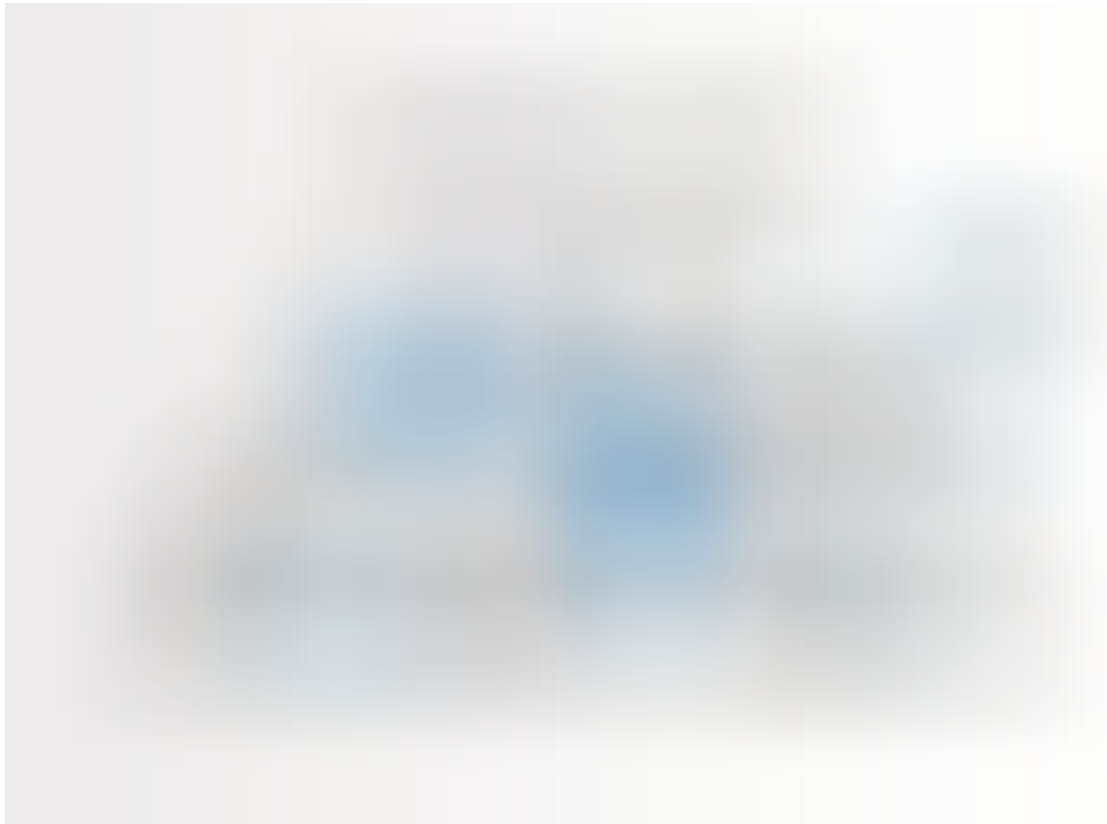


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The Ultimate Blockchain Reading Guide



I've recently had a lot of friends and acquaintances reach out asking to learn more about bitcoin and blockchain technology. Some ask rudimentary questions (more so out of curiosity), while others have become extremely well versed in the subject and are starting to inquire about the financial and regulatory implications of adoption.

I was recently inspired by [Jill Carlson's guide](#) and would like to share with you some of the insightful pieces I have come across. I hope that these reading suggestions are of benefit to you, whether you're just curious about how the technology works, you're thinking about pursuing a job in the space, or are evaluating companies to invest in.

How Did It All Begin?

Beginner:

[A Brief History of Blockchain](#)

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Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System (Satoshi's original white paper)

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Types of Blockchain—Public, Private and Permissioned

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How Digital Signatures Work

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What is a Smart Contract?

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[Making sense of Smart Contracts](#)

[Blockchain for non-techies: Smart Contracts](#)

[How Ethereum Smart Contracts Work](#)

[Three Common Misconceptions About Smart Contracts](#)

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[Smart Contracts: Building Blocks for Digital Markets](#)

What Are The Most Popular Blockchain Platforms?

[Platform Comparison](#)

[Corda](#)

[Ethereum](#)

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What is an ICO?

So what's an ICO? (My piece)

A Gentle Introduction to Initial Coin Offerings

SEC Memo

Finance Use Cases

FinTech Blockchain Report

Applying Blockchain to Clearing and Settlement

Supply Chain Use Cases

Blockchain- The Backbone of Digital Supply Chain

Insurance Use Cases

Blockchain in Insurance

The Legality of Blockchain

Blockchains and Law

How Blockchain Can Help Solve Global Regulatory Challenges

Great Blockchain Blogs

Richard Gendal Brown's blog: <https://gendal.me/>

Antony Lewis's blog: <https://bitsonblocks.net/>

