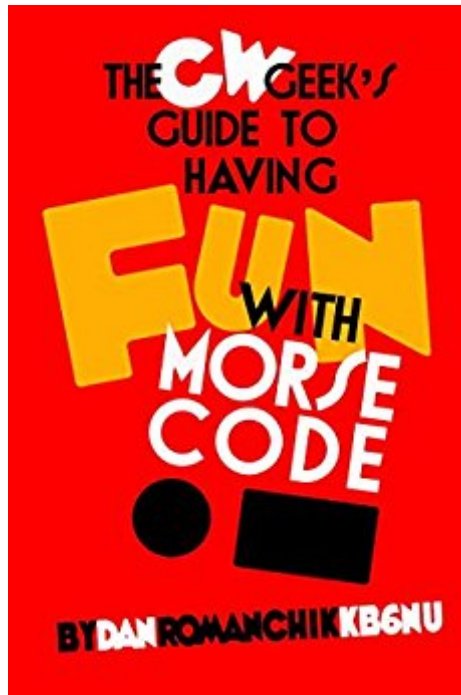


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# The CW Geek's Guide To Having Fun With Morse Code



## Synopsis

Dan, KB6NU has helped thousands get their amateur radio licenses, and now he aims to help them become CW operators as well. The CW Geek's Guide to Having Fun with Morse Code is full of practical information that will help ham radio operators have fun learning and using Morse Code. Chapters include: \* Learning the Code. This chapter gives advice on how to learn the code, including recommendations for programs and websites that you can use for free.\* Getting on the Air. This chapter describes, in my "no nonsense" style how to tune in CW signals, how to make contact, and then what to do once you have made contact.\* Choosing a Key. This chapter describes the different types of keys available and how to choose the one that's right for you.\* Keyers. This chapter describes the different types of keyers and how to connect them to your radio.\* References and Resources. This section includes information on Q-signals, RST signal reporting, abbreviations, CW clubs, and other resources that will be useful for amateur radio operators. The author, Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, has been an amateur radio operator for more than 40 years and is a self-proclaimed "CW geek." He has made thousands of CW (Morse Code) contacts over the years, with other hams all over the world. His other books include the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides and 21 Things to Do After You Get Your Amateur Radio License.

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## Customer Reviews

According to the .com rating system, 3 stars means, "It's okay." This book IS okay. It's not bad. I can't give it 5 stars because it's incomplete. I'm glad to have read it - but there's so much more that could have been included! I would encourage Dan to release an expanded version of the book that more thoroughly addresses the many questions, anxieties, and operating practices of those who are getting into CW. For example, why not include a number of samples of "cookie cutter" QSO's so that newbies can become familiar with several conversation styles? Dan, I am proud to have purchased your book. Flesh this thing out when you have time and I'll buy the new edition! Cliff

Dan did a great job with this book. It was a fun read with some beneficial info for the new CW operator. He probably should have had a proof reader before publishing, but all in all it was worth the read.

A "must have" for any CW ham's reference shelf. A "must have" for non-code hams who want a clear insight and argument to seriously considering CW. Non-hams may want to learn about the "special magic" that happens with this time proven communications method. The author is one of the most, if not the most, knowledgeable on the subject and the writing is clear and to the point. The author, with such an extensive background approaching half a century, should add more text to better justify the \$10.60 (I had to pay tax) price tag for 32 pages of discussion and 13 pages of reference. Some pages were blank or partially filled. Perhaps the second edition can include personal experiences / situations and how to handle them. Discussion of "instant recognition" and "the zone" which the late Nancy Kott (with a "K", not "Cott" as spelled on page 46) eloquently addressed would have added more value. Perhaps more about learning methods and mental development. As for me, I was hoping for more coaching on the many "mental blocks" one can experience. Still it a "must have" for all hams.

It is a great start-up Guide. My only recommendation would be to include a chapter on 'Practical hookups' to radio and computer with an electronic keyer. I would suggest this book to anyone

interested in starting CW.

Dan, KB6NU keeps up his string of great books. I used his No Nonsense Study guides to obtain my Technician license in Nov. 2015, General in Feb. 2016, and Amateur Extra in May 2016. When I decided to pursue CW where else would I go but right to Dan's book. This book does not teach you morse code but teaches you about it, how to use it, and the proper operating etiquette. He also suggests two programs to use to learn CW. Never overlook the value of any KB6NU offering. 73.  
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As an old ham getting back into the hobby I found this to be an excellent addition to my small library regarding CW operation. I am giving it 5 stars because of it's positive message which I think will get many over their reluctance to try this elegant mode of communication. It is admittedly a short book, and lacks the detail of some others I own. But it is more encouraging than the rest and presents a sensible plan for getting on the air and getting over the jitters. Congratulations to the author - I hope to meet you one day on the air.

This is a great book for a beginner. It gave me enough information to get started. Wish it was longer. Worth the price.

This book is geared toward understanding the mechanics of using the code. The author conveys his knowledge in a way that is not technical but practical.

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