

## Feedback about Abhay's CS Work and Books

### Year 2023:

Email from TEALS teacher at Peninsula High School



Hirai, Sarah <hirais@psd401.net>  
To: abhaybindujoshi@gmail.com



Sat, Apr 8 at 2:31 AM ☆

Abhay,

As I take some time to reflect before Spring Break, I wanted to take the time to thank you for all your hard work this year. I am so appreciative of you taking control of much of the teaching this & last semester. I appreciated the thought you put into your lessons & examples as well as how willing you were to collaborate to make changes that were better for students. Your insight into how the students would best process the information was invaluable & I will take your suggestions with me the next time I teach this course. I had a really positive experience in my first year of teaching computer science & your knowledge, hard work, & kindness were a huge part of that! I wish you the best in whatever classroom you volunteer with next & hope that you enjoyed your time helping the students at PHS!

Sarah Hirai  
NBCT Math & Computer Science Teacher  
Peninsula HS  
[hirais@psd401.net](mailto:hirais@psd401.net)

The screenshot shows the Scratch interface with a blue header bar. The header contains the Scratch logo, navigation links for 'Create', 'Explore', 'Ideas', and 'About', a search bar, and user profile information for 'abhayjoshi'. Below the header, there are two comment entries from a user named 'knucklezgames' on the project 'Recursion-final', both dated '21 hours ago'. The first comment says 'Your book is just outstanding beyond compare' and the second says 'I have your book too, JUST FANTASTIC'.

Year 2022:

Messages 2

 [Lena\\_the\\_\\_Ballerina](#) commented on [your profile](#)



I Just Wanted to say this like proper, I'm a huge fan of your Scratch books! I Love to read them and I Wanted to say You Amazing! I agree with all of your followers :)



**-LegendGaming-**

Your books really helped me code, I got it as a christmas present. Thanks for sharing your knowledge and helping me + others =)

about a year ago [Reply](#)



**caketoets234**

I read your book! The projects are really cool

about a year ago [Reply](#)



**abhayjoshi**

@caketoets234 Thanks! :)

about a year ago [Reply](#)



**discodave19**

Hey! That amazing book 'Advanced Scratch Programming' is really good!

about a year ago [Reply](#)

## Year 2021:

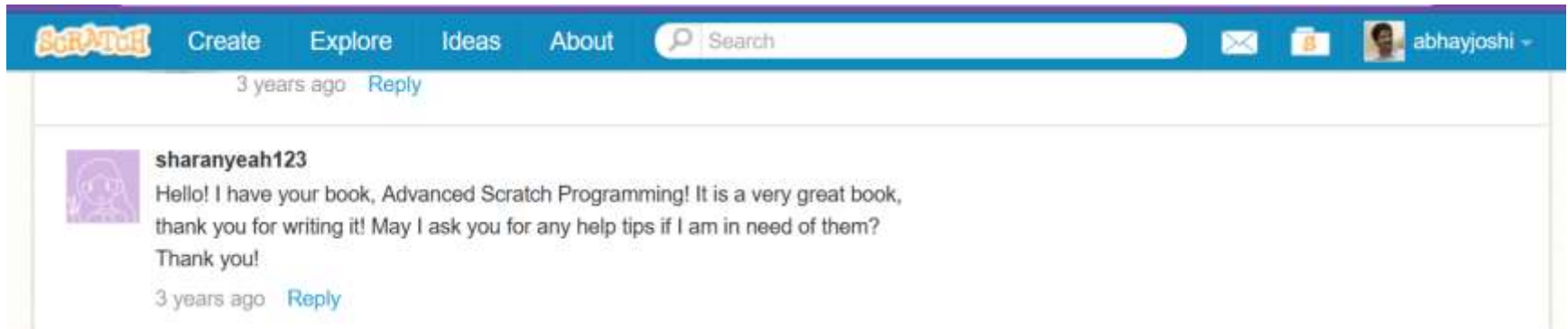
The screenshot shows the Scratch website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Scratch logo, links for 'Create', 'Explore', 'Ideas', and 'About', a search bar, and a user profile for 'abhayjoshi'. Below the navigation bar, a comment from user 'Q000000' is displayed. The comment text reads: 'Hey, I'm here from your book, I learned and had a lot of great experience from it. I did all the projects and what interested me most was the designs. I am currently working on a space-battle game. I released the first version of it just now, and it's not very good, it's really simple. But I'll be trying to add more updates to it. Check it out! <https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/447795542/> Thanks :D'



**Yeet\_Devs**

I am here from the book, found it very informative and really inspired me to make better projects. Definitely one of the best purchases I have made. :D

## Year 2020:



## Email from Ankan B. Kolkata, India

From: Ankan Tilak <ankan.tilak@outlook.com>  
To: Abhay Joshi (Y)  
Cc:  
Subject: RE: Request to purchase Advanced Scratch Programming book

**From:** Ankan Tilak [mailto:ankan.tilak@outlook.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2020 5:18 AM  
**To:** Abhay Joshi (Y)  
**Subject:** RE: Request to purchase Advanced Scratch Programming book

Dear Mr. Joshi,

Understood. And thank you very much for your kind guidance. The document is very insightful.

If you write more books in future, please do let me know. Connecting with you has been an absolute pleasure and great learning experience.

Regards,  
Ankan Bhattacharya

## Email from Emilie Barnard, Regional Manager, TEALS.org

**From:** Emilie Barnard [mailto:[emilie@tealsk12.org](mailto:emilie@tealsk12.org)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2020 3:01 PM  
**To:** [abjoshi@yahoo.com](mailto:abjoshi@yahoo.com)  
**Cc:** Rachel Huang  
**Subject:** TEALS Summer Training Panelist Opportunity

Hi Abhay,

I hope this email finds you well!

Our final TEALS summer training sessions are just around the corner! As you are likely aware, one integral segment of this session is a panel of TEALS volunteers and teachers who answer questions, offer advice, and cool nerves for our new volunteers and classroom teachers before the start of classes.

We think you would bring a great perspective to the session and **would like to invite you to be on our panel for the Thursday, August 20th training session** taking place virtually (on Newrow) from 6:00-8:30pm. I personally nominated you, knowing how awesome your support has been for Marchel at Easton and her students. I know you've also helped with Chelan High School, and I think it would be great to have someone on the panel who can speak from many perspectives.

Please let me know if you're available and interested in participating as a panelist for this training by August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,

**Emilie Barnard** (she/her)

[Emilie@tealsk12.org](mailto:Emilie@tealsk12.org)

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## Email from Emilie Barnard, Regional Manager, TEALS.org

From: Emilie Barnard <emilie@tealsk12.org>  
To: allenbaughm@easton.wednet.edu; abjoshi@yahoo.com; jon.kerlinger@gmail.com; rlingineni@live.com  
Cc: bechtholdtd@easton.wednet.edu; dehuffp@easton.wednet.edu  
Subject: Easton TEALS Class Observation

Sent: Tue 3/17/2020 12:51

Hello Easton TEALS Team,

I hope this email finds you well, especially with respect to current events.

I really enjoyed visiting your class remotely! Thanks so much for welcoming and hosting me recently.

A few highlights and callouts from the visit:

- At the start of the class, Abhay shared how he would tackle the project. I loved this approach as it gives the students an idea of how you'd approach it with distinct, understandable steps. It also shows that the volunteers take time outside of class to prepare. Thank you for your dedication!
- I realize bandwidth may be an issue, but I recommend volunteers and students have their webcams on if possible to ensure even better engagement and connections. A suggestion: If you're not sure about something when helping a student, a good "trick" is to

## Year 2019:

### Email from Emilie Barnard, Regional Manager, TEALS.org

#### Easton TEALS Class Observation



Emilie Barnard <emilie@tealsk12.org>

To bechholdtd@easton.wednet.edu; dehuffp@easton.wednet.edu; Allenbaughm@easton.wednet.edu;  
abjosshi@yahoo.com; jon.kerlinger@gmail.com; rehabs@microsoft.com; rlingineni@live.com



Thu 11/14/2019 10:21 AM

Hello Easton TEALS Team,

I enjoyed visiting your class remotely yesterday. Thank you for welcoming and hosting me!

A few highlights from the observation:



- Abhay, I like your approach to the terminology - you first introduced the idea of inputs *then* made callouts to arguments and parameters. I think this is good for the students to understand the concept first before having a bunch of terminology thrown at them.
- Students seem pretty responsive and many responded to Abhay's questions over the mic. That

## Email from Mary Gorman, New Zealand


### Advanced Scratch Programming



Mary Gorman <marygorman\_2003@yahoo.com.au>  
To abjosshi@yahoo.com

 Reply  Reply All  Forward 

Fri 11/29

 You replied to this message on 11/29/2019 6:33 PM.

Dear Abhay

I live in New Zealand and I am very interested in getting a copy of:

**Advanced Scratch Programming: Learn to design programs for challenging games, puzzles, and animations**

I've had a look at the sample on Amazon and I absolutely love some of the articles you've written around computational thinking and children. I've been teaching digital technology to 11-12 year olds, but not nearly well enough. I've just been keeping one week ahead of the students. I'd love to get a bit further ahead over our summer break (in New Zealand) by working through your book.

Is it possible to get a print copy (colour) sent to New Zealand. I see it's offered for Kindle, but I find it is much easier to work from a print copy and with colour for Scratch. Alternatively, I could purchase I'd love to hear from you.

Love your writing! Thank you.

Warm best wishes

Mary



**Email from Abhinav Bhardwaj, Bangalore**

Abhinav.Bhardwaj@maersk.com

Hello Sir,

I chanced upon your excellent website while searching for a Scratch text book. You have done a tremendously good work in this space and am overwhelmed to see so much authentic content in one place.

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I devoured all of your papers on “power of programming” section and they are simply the best essays I have read so far. There is so much hype and gimmick on the internet around this whole subject of “coding for kids” that your papers simply cuts through all the BS and provides a very clear path. So much so that I now feel slightly embarrassed to have conducted hour of code with lot of zeal and enthusiasm lately.

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Sorry to have you burdened with my long questions, but unfortunately I didn't find even a single person who could answer these questions of mine. It is said in Indian spiritual tradition, that once the seeking becomes unbearable then a Guru presents himself! So I hope to have finally found a right mentor in you. I would definitely like to meet you in person if you come to India sometime. I am based out of Bangalore, but can travel to Pune if you could spare some time, else if you visit Bangalore by any chance I would be happy to host you.

Year 2018:

Postcards from Students of Chelan High School, WA, USA

CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL  
215 W WEBSTER AVE  
CHELAN, WA 98816

Dear Abhay,  
Thank you very much for  
taking time out of your  
day to teach us. Specifically,  
thank you for working on  
projects with me!  
Sincerely, Ruby



CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL  
215 W WEBSTER AVE  
CHELAN, WA 98816

Dear Abhay,  
Thank you for donating all  
your time and for being  
so eager to help us learn  
& love computer science.  
Your powerpoints & explanations  
were perfect & really helped  
me better understand coding. I  
had so much fun learning from  
you & I'm very sad this class went  
too fast. Thanks for everything!  
Sincerely, Amberly



CHELAN HIGH SCHOOL  
215 W WEBSTER AVE  
CHELAN, WA 98816

Thank you Abhay, for all that  
that was offered and thank  
you for all the time that  
was taken out of your day  
for our benefit. one thing I  
highly appreciate is when  
things had to be explained  
more than once and how  
it was done without any  
hesitation. Sincerely, Nadia



