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**(Jerome Euzenat**, Senior Research Scientist, National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Control (INRIA), France)

The 'Web of Data' is growing fast but if you really want to understand what's going on then you need to understand what's beneath the gloss. This book strips away the varnish and shows how 'semantic' systems work at scale, and what limits them. It remains the original and best textbook for those engineering knowledge for the web.

**(Dave Robertson**, Head of School of Informatics, University of Edinburgh)

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