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Blogging Experts Share Secrets

Charlie White and John Biggs share insider secrets to successful blogs in *Bloggers Boot Camp* from Focal Press

(Waltham, MA – October 5th, 2011) It seems that everyone has a blog these days. But there is a big difference between having a blog and having a *successful* blog. In [*Bloggers Boot Camp*](#), a new book from Focal Press, blogging experts Charlie White (Mashable) and John Biggs (TechCrunch) show bloggers how to go from run-of-the-mill to exceptional blogging.

[*Bloggers Boot Camp*](#) shows bloggers how to build a great blog from the ground up. This isn't a book about technology -- it's a book about engaging millions of readers. [*Bloggers Boot Camp*](#) shows bloggers how to:

- Uncover a niche for the blog, and realize key factors about each individual blogger that they need to know before they write a single word.
- Gather the ideal tools for blogging, without spending too much or approaching it underequipped.
- Discover the best ways to spread the word about the new blog.
- Find the most compelling stories to write about, and get the information before anyone else does.
- Transform writing by learning the subtle art of constructing a compelling, engaging blog post.
- Stimulate readers to directly participate in the two-way conversation, perhaps the most exciting part of this new way of communicating.

In addition to [*Bloggers Boot Camp*](#), the book, White and Biggs share their secrets as part of an [online companion course](#). In the 12-week, online social learning program, Biggs and White will personally lead the course (in real-time) in a unique social learning environment powered by [Simversity](#). With the book and online course, bloggers will be able to make their blogs world-class.

About the Authors:

Charlie White is Senior Editor of Mashable, one of the top 5 most powerful blogs in the world with more than 10 million readers. He's written for *Wired*, *Maximum PC* and *Popular Science* magazines, was Senior Associate Editor for popular gadget site *Gizmodo* for two years, and for three years was Deputy Editor of NBC Universal tech site *DVICE*.

John Biggs is editor of TechCrunch Gadgets. Biggs has written for the New York Times, InSynch, USA Weekend, Popular Mechanics, Popular Science, Money and a number of other outlets on technology and wristwatches. He is the former editor-in-chief of *Gizmodo.com* and lives in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.



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Bloggers Boot Camp: Learning How to Build, Write, and Run a Successful Blog

By Jason Biggs and Charlie White

Imprint: Focal Press / ISBN:

9780240819174; e-ISBN

9780240819181 / Format:

Paperback; 206 pages

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By Matthew David

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Price: EUR 32.95; USD 44.95; GBP

27.99 / Publication date: February

2011

Coming Soon

HTML5 Mobile Websites: Turbocharging HTML5 with jQuery Mobile, Sencha Touch, and Other Frameworks

By Matthew David

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