

Review of Sebastian Raschka's book *Build a Large Language Model (From Scratch)*

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This book was helpful for refreshing and reinforcing my understanding of transformer models. I like that it doesn't just use a generic transformer architecture, but rather recreates GPT-2 in pytorch so that you can ultimately load pretrained weights from OpenAI. I also appreciated that there was an appendix on LoRAs.

My notes on the book are at <https://brokensandals.net/notes/2025/build-a-large-language-model/>.