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This is my 4th book on Apache Cordova and by far the biggest book on the topic. I wrote this book while working as a project manager for SAP's Apache Cordova-based products and as a contributor to the Apache Cordova project. When you take this book along with my Apache Cordova API Cookbook, you have 800 pages of solid, easy to read (but technical) content on the topic. Anyone trying to get up to speed with Apache Cordova or Adobe PhoneGap development will find everything they need here.

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