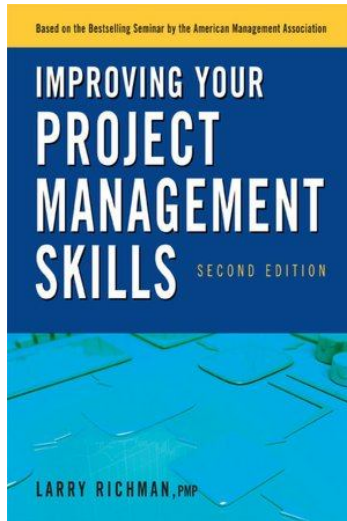


PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



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Introduction to the Book

This book is a tutorial of project management principles. It is well aligned with the Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK Guide) published by the Project Management Institute (PMI®). It provides a budget and schedule friendly alternative to the full course.

Overview of Book's Structure

The book is divided into 5 sections:

1. Project Management Foundations (core concepts)
2. Initiating
3. Planning
4. Executing, Monitoring, and Controlling
5. Closing

Highlights: What's New in this Book

The material covered in this book is very consistent with PMBOK guide. It provides a high level review of project management topics.

Highlights: What I liked!

This book is a very good introduction to project management topics. It provides a cost and time effective solution for those who are interested in learning more about project management.

Shortfalls: What was Missing!

This book is intended to be a high level review and doesn't include some of the additional details helpful for those preparing for PMP certification.

Who might benefit from the Book

Anyone who is interested in learning more about project management and wants to get a quick introduction to the activities under each project phase and knowledge area would benefit from reading this book.

Conclusion

The book is a very good introduction to project management. It highlights high level review of tools and principles project managers use and is aligned with the PMBOK guide.

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