

PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***Real Project Management: The skills and capabilities you WILL need for successful project delivery***

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Introduction

Real Project Management explores and very well describes the history and evolution of the Project Management discipline and real world challenges, and provides better vision into future trends. Throughout this work, the author provided good techniques and strategies to conquer the current issues facing industry. The analysis and recommendations presented in this book will unfold the Real Project Management field.

Peter Taylor is author of the popular ***The Lazy Project Manager*** book. With his vast project management experience, he provided interesting ways of looking at project management challenges and problems. There are good takeaways from this book, if project management is your career of choice. A lot of interesting case studies and interesting data are presented throughout this book.

Overview of Book's Structure

The overall structure of the Real Project Management is divided into five parts.

- Part 1 - Legacy
- Part 2 - Challenges
- Part 3 - Multi-generations
- Part 4 - The Future
- Part 5 - Tips for Success

Part One covers,

- History of Project Management
- Adoption of 'project management' as a means to make business success
- Understanding and managing what really matters for a project manager to be successful

Part Two covers,

- Focus on the challenges of project management
- Careful selection of the channels of communication
- How to be good virtual team manager in order to get the best from remote resources
- How to set the tempo of the project and having good control
- What makes for good sponsorship
- Three things to make sure that projects connect to the organization strategy
- How to match project managers to projects according to their experience and capabilities
- Necessary effort into gathering lessons learned
- Offering a 'safe haven' for learning practical project lessons
- How succession planning brings both growth and stability along with good opportunities
- Ongoing dangers that organizations need to be aware of

Part Three covers,

- Understanding more about generational differences of thought and behavior
- Aware of the challenges and opportunities for multi-generational workforce

Part Four & Five covers,

- Active involvement of the PMO in strategy creation and delivery
- Vision of professional project management associations across the globe
- How to accelerate the professional capability and competence of the project management profession
- Achievements of 'intentional' project managers
- No excuse for someone to be an 'accidental' project manager

Highlights and What I liked!

The good part I liked in this book, chapters enriched with the details below.

- Real Project Management Tips
- Chapter Summaries
- Virtual Mentor sections
- Rich Notes, Figures and Graphs
- Very Good Examples
- Surveys and Case Studies
- Stories and great quotations
- Factsheets and Data Tables
- References

Who might benefit from the Book and Conclusion

This book is excellent source for Project Managers and I strongly recommend it. It has a very refreshing viewpoint on the history and evolution of project management.

People who are in the project management field and upcoming leaders will benefit most from it. This book has very interesting sections as mentioned in highlights above and it is a very interesting read.

For more about this book, go to: <http://www.koganpage.com/product/real-project-management-9780749471217>

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