

PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***AGILE SCRUM – Your Quick Start Guide with Step-By-Step Instructions***

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Introduction

The book titled ***AGILE SCRUM – Your Quick Start Guide with Step-By-Step Instructions*** is a how-to guide that takes the reader through the ten steps of the Agile SCRUM cycle. The book is an easy read that can be completed in an hour or two of concentrated reading. After completing the book, you will find its illustrations and project tracking tool links to be a handy reference in incorporating and communicating SCRUM methodologies to your team and organization.

Overview of Book's Structure

- **Chapter 1** introduces the reader to the SCRUM vision and provides an overview of the terms, methodologies and practices.
- **Chapter 2** provides the user with the terms and details of the **Product Roadmap and Release Plan** that is defined at the beginning of the SCRUM project.
- **Chapter 3** covers the **Team Formation** members and roles.
- **Chapter 4** introduces the **Product Release Backlog** of desired functions and features of the end-product.
- **Chapter 5 and 6** discusses **Sprint Planning** rules and typical time utilizations for these activities.
- **Chapter 7** covers the actual **Sprint Execution**, tracking and reporting.
- **Chapter 8** discusses the **Sprint Review** demonstration of the sprint development.
- **Chapter 9** introduces the **Sprint Retrospective** and SCRUM team review.
- **Chapter 10** discusses **Product Release** and your project closure with a shippable product.

Highlights

AGILE SCRUM – Your Quick Start Guide with Step-By-Step Instructions is a must-have for a project manager wanting to introduce SCRUM to the organization. The book is a convenient desktop reference that can easily be shared with the whole team. Reference links to additional resources and project tracking tools are provided as well as commonly used terms in the Agile SCRUM lifecycle.

Highlights: What I liked!

This book provides a project manager with the tools needed to get a group up and running in an Agile SCRUM environment in as little as a day. The steps are clearly defined and segregated to provide a clear path towards planning and executing in a SCRUM environment.

Who might benefit from the Book?

I would suggest this book to project managers involved with introducing SCRUM to an organization for the first time. Additional resources are available to mature and refine the SCRUM processes as the team comes onboard to a new way of completing projects.

Conclusion

The *AGILE SCRUM – Your Quick Start Guide with Step-By-Step Instructions* is a well written step-by-step guide and a great reference for those involved with introducing Agile SCRUM methodologies. I would highly recommend it to individuals with careers in SCRUM project management as well as those aspiring to pursue positions in these areas.

For more about this book, go to: <https://www.amazon.com/Agile-Scrum-Step-Step-Instructions/dp/1533370249>

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