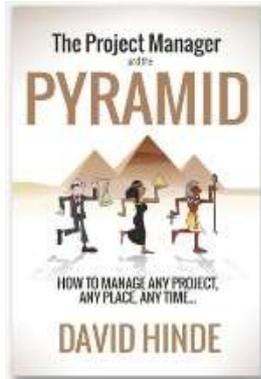


PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***The Project Manager and the Pyramid***
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Introduction

The book The Project Manager and the Pyramid is a very easy to read book. It uses a very complex project, building a pyramid, to illustrate the concepts of project management, but it's told in story form, so it's very entertaining. There is a cast of characters and enough information about each character to make the story interesting.

While it doesn't cover all 47 project management processes in the PMBOK, it does cover several processes in each of the 5 process groups.

Overview of Book's Structure

The book is broken down into 15 chapters, each covering a project related process. Each chapter tells a part of the story of building this pyramid which relates directly to a project management process. The story is interesting and a helpful way to illustrate the processes rather than just describing each one.

At the end of each chapter is a summary of key learning points, including important definitions and additional examples. I found this to be extremely helpful and would be a good reference in the future. The summary often times included a sample of the document being described. These samples could be used as templates, or at least a starting place for important process documents, such as Scope of Work, End Stage Report, Product Specification and Change Reports.

Highlights

I especially enjoyed some of the tips included in each chapter. For example, in Chapter 2: Defining the Project one of the tips was to negotiate individually with the stakeholders to get closer to consensus prior to the meeting. This is a great idea and one I have used several times since reading the book. It is always worthwhile if you can meet with the stakeholders one-on-one prior to a meeting.

Highlights: What I liked!

I really liked how the book was structured; it was very easy to follow, the examples and story were relevant for a project manager. It was easy to see how these situations occur on current day projects and the tips were excellent. I didn't find any big new revelations, but it reinforced the position of project manager as vital to a company.

Who might benefit from the Book?

This book is primarily for a beginning project manager, especially someone who is getting their very first project. The section on planning the project is excellent and breaks down how a Gantt chart is constructed and how to estimate costs. This would be a good book to read prior to starting to work with Microsoft Project.

Conclusion

I would highly recommend this book to any new project manager. It is easy to read and yet very informative. It was nice to see how the processes can be used and how helpful and important they really are to the success of any project. There is a very top level general summary of many management tools, additional books or classes will be needed to fully implement many of these management tools.

For more about this book, go to: <http://www.orgtopia.com/books/>

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