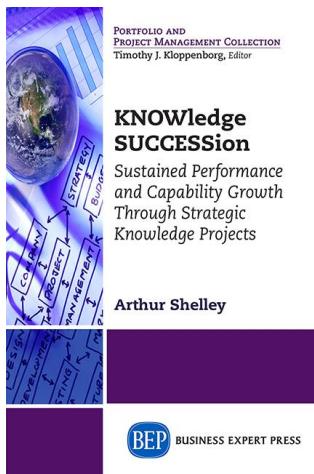


PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***KNOWledge SUCCESSION: Sustained Performance & Capability Growth Through Strategic Knowledge Projects***
Author: **Dr. Arthur Shelley**
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Introduction

This book is an excellent mix of business and academic writing “making sense of project barriers and paths toward multidisciplinary concepts. This approach provides solutions in a portfolio of strategic endeavors and projects.

The author, Arthur Shelley, provides tried practical recommendations on leading teams to sustained strategic success. The subject matter is vital! The Knowledge Succession in our business environment is a subject that should not be minimized or overlooked as “taking care of itself.” This book gives it the priority it deserves.

Overview of Book’s Structure

With twelve chapters and 200 pages, this book begins with practical business acumen for the seasoned professional. The last few chapters hit the subjects of communication and professional relationships – key to every leader!

The chapters begin with an Executive Summary providing a snapshot of the points covered in the body of the chapter subject and then wrap up with a case which is very effective. I enjoyed that the case was pulled from experience with organizations across the globe.

Highlights

The highlights of this book were the business and academic language it uses and has mastered beautifully. On one hand he is giving us the business aspects of an issue or challenge and on the other hand he is teaching us the best practices to provide a solution or solutions. He does this throughout the book. He actually mentions and discusses the methods of writing in his communication chapter (Chapter 9), an excellent chapter.

For me the highlights of this book began with the subject though we as professionals acknowledge don't really give it the attention which the Arthur Shelly gives us in the book. He is an excellent writer! Also as I mentioned before I am a fan of his writing skill. I believe he truly covered the subject in a "short" 200 pages but did not lose the depth of the material he needed to cover.

My last highlight which I enjoyed was the Post Script where Dr. Michael Sutton gives us a status on Knowledge Succession – good reading.

Who might benefit from the Book?

Those who might benefit from this book, I believe, are PMO professionals and leaders in a project driven business model. This subject is one that we live in and must acknowledge. It is a transient business with many of the project managers covered under contract arrangements therefore they are on one project with one organization and then may move to another company handling new and diverse projects. Also beneficiaries are leaders who are familiarizing themselves and would benefit from sustained performance and capability growth. Isn't that all of us!!

Conclusion

This is a short intense book covering a lot of subject matter that cannot be overlooked by business professionals. I believe it challenges our thinking from a passive reflection of the material to an active approach to taking care of business.

For more about this book, go to: <http://www.businessexpertpress.com/books/knowledge-succession-sustained-capability-growth-through-strategic-projects/>

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