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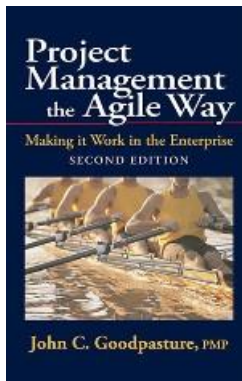Reviewer: Kevin D. Martin

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Book Title: ***Project Management the Agile Way, 2nd Ed.***

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Introduction

Initially, the book title intrigued me, as an experienced leadership professional, trained in a variety of process and delivery disciplines, with the ability to properly deploy a framework in a customized manner, to meet the needs of the problem to be solved. The book did not disappoint as I eagerly consumed each chapter.

It attempts to address the long-standing conflict between agile purists and the traditional project management crowds, that has long caused me great concern and confusion, since I find so much common ground and appreciated the nuances among the practices, to meet unique situations.

Overview of Book's Structure

This second edition is well organized for both learning and coaching other professionals who are engaged in the complexity of delivering solutions in the fast-paced business environment, with high levels of quality, team engagement and rapid change.

Organized into twelve chapters, each standing alone on a specific element/theme, they build logically upon one another, from agile concepts, highlights of the four most common agile methods, through the discreet practices to operationalize and transition into an agile organization, in a very easy to read style, with plenty of charts and diagrams, to reinforce the reader's learning.

Highlights

Great for the agile beginner, the author opens with the history and vision for the agile movement, the Agile Manifesto, principles and focuses on four of the most commonly deployed agile frameworks. Extensive use of tables and charts, help to

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compare the differences among Scrum, Kanban, XP and Crystal, with an anchor in the terms used in traditional project delivery methods.

Highlights: What I liked!

I thoroughly enjoyed this entire book and will continue to use it as a desk reference for helping others who are confused or at the start of their agile journey. The chapters, allow me to assess a root cause and quickly flip to the chapter that explores and explains some possible solutions to their unique problem.

Who might benefit from the Book?

This book is for any seasoned professional who is on a continuous learning journey and wants to understand agile in the context of their own operating models.

Executives, Project Managers, Program Managers, Change Managers and any transformation leader will benefit from this knowledge and maybe even save their organization from a slow death, when the competition adopts more effective and efficient practices that bring value to both customers and employees at the same time.

Conclusion

Stop and read this title today! Your career and your teams are counting on you to lead them well. This knowledge, combined with a passion and persistent bias for trust, transparency and action, will change your trajectory, beginning tomorrow.

For more about this book, go to: http://www.jrosspub.com/business/project-management-the-agile-way-2nd-edition.html

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