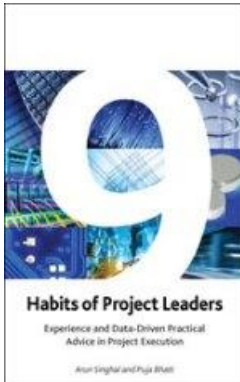


## PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW



Book Title: ***9 Habits of Project Leaders: Experience and Data Driven Practical Advice in Project Execution***

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### Introduction

Most business professionals at some point in their studies or careers have been introduced to Stephen Covey's *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* as the habits to embrace to be successful. This book introduces habits that should be considered the standard for project management professionals to incorporate into their everyday work. These habits pave the way for a project win through enabling the team, organizational success and customer satisfaction.

### Overview of Book's Structure

The book is a transportable paper copy bound with binding spine. It allows for quick reference of the key points while not taking up too much space on a desk or in a handbag. The spine allows for ease of flipping through the pages or holding your place while studying the key points offered throughout the text.

As with the physical characteristics of the book, the text is also well organized to line up with each habit being a separate chapter allowing for quick reference. The book opens with an introduction, guiding the reader through the intended purpose, who the intended target audience is and what the authors hope the readers' gain from the book. The book concludes with how each habit directly lines up with the Knowledge Areas contained within the *PMBOK® Guide*.

### Highlights

The book outlines nine habits, identified through research and practical experience, project management professionals can introduce into their practice as well as their organization to lead towards what the authors identify as "win-win-win." The nine habits guide the project manager to shift towards a project leader while also enabling the team members and other key stakeholders to fully engage in project success. Within the text, each habit is identified and explained and then followed up with an

example of a project when the habit was not fully adopted. Further elaboration of the habit is then explained and then followed with an example of a project that was successful with the habit being embraced.

### **Highlights: What I liked!**

After only recently obtaining my Project Management Professional certification within the last year, with direct supervision of projects in the last five years, this book allows me to implement these habits early within my career to allow me to practice effectively for my role. All nine habits are realistic to adopt within my current setting and can have proven results within my organization while giving our customers the satisfaction they deserve.

### **Who might benefit from the Book?**

Any individual involved within the process of project management would benefit from this book, from those who are just getting started to those who have been practicing for years. The authors' present nine habits, while seemingly simple, offer insight into becoming better project leaders within their organization. An individual just beginning their career or even a seasoned veteran will gain greater understanding into forming these habits into their practice to set themselves up for a triple win, where team members, organizations and customers can all celebrate the project success.

### **Conclusion**

Planning is one of the key domains of successfully managing a project. Great planning, takes great habits to achieve the desired outcomes. The book will give project management professionals the tools to develop lasting habits that will not only benefit themselves, but their organization whether it is upper management or team members. This will lead to a successful project and a satisfied customer.

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