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

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Introduction

9 Habits of Project Leaders is a quick guide for practitioners of project management at all levels seeking to transform from project managers to project leaders. The book defines habits and how adopting them can help the reader achieve professional goals. The authors, Arun Singhal and Puja Bhatt, have a combined total of 34 years' experience in project execution. They wrote this book because they saw the need for books with knowledge about the habits or traits needed to be a project leader.

Overview of Book's Structure

The book is divided into 11 chapters that progressively guide the reader through steps on becoming effective and strong project leaders. Each habit directly relates to multiple knowledge areas found in the fifth edition of the PMBOK guide.

Starting with the first habit that focuses on taking ownership of the project to the final habit that encourages setting up a system to recognize and reward individual and group contributions, the book provides habits that are easily adoptable. The book ends with a summary of all 9 habits and how the authors compiled data for publication.

Highlights

9 Habits of Project Leaders reminds practitioners that one of the main functions of project leaders is to communicate effectively with stakeholders, sponsors and management. Another reminder for project leaders is to focus on each project's contribution to the company's business value or strategic plan. Ultimately, all habits featured in this book assist in the development of strong project leaders.

The book focuses on habits ranging from taking ownership of a project, to enabling team decision making, suggestions for recognizing contributions, and how to communicate by documenting and sharing key data.

Highlights: What I liked!

I liked how the book provided real-world examples which made the material more relatable. I also liked how the authors added charts, statistics and references to knowledge areas from the PMBOK guide. I read **9 Habits of Project Leaders** while working on my current project and it gave me courage to put several habits into action.

Who might benefit from the Book?

9 Habits of Project Leaders is a great resource for practitioners of project management at all levels looking for ways to improve their skill set. Newly certified practitioners can use this book as a quick reference guide to implement principles and practices learned while studying for their certifications. Experienced practitioners can use this book as a quick reference guide for application of updated information.

Conclusion

In conclusion, **9 Habits of Project Leaders** is a great tool for project managers wanting to improve their skills. As the project management profession changes, this guide can be used to help project managers progress to outstanding project leaders.

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