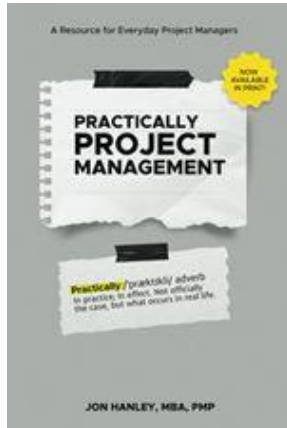


PM WORLD BOOK REVIEW ¹



Book Title: ***Practically Project Management: A Resource for Everyday Project Managers***

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Introduction

"Practically Project Management" by Jon Hanley stands out as a concise yet comprehensive guide tailored for both current and aspiring Project Managers. This short yet informative book seamlessly covers a spectrum of essential topics, ranging from tools and methodologies to strategic insights and career advice. The practicality in this book serves as an invaluable resource for first-time project managers who can readily apply the insights gained from its pages the very next day. Jon Hanley's approach is not just theoretical; it is grounded in real-world experiences. Each chapter is enriched with the author's personal anecdotes, offering readers tangible examples of various project management situations and practical guidance on navigating them. In essence, "Practically Project Management" is a must-read for those seeking actionable wisdom in the dynamic field of project management.

Overview of Book's Structure

Jon Hanley boasts a thoughtfully crafted structure that maximizes its impact within its 128 pages. With an easy-to-read font and succinct, straightforward chapters, the book ensures that readers can effortlessly grasp the essence of each topic under discussion. This brevity, however, doesn't compromise depth; rather, it provides a concentrated dose of valuable insights.

Another aspect to note is its inclusivity in language. Whether you're a seasoned professional in the field of project management or a novice exploring its intricacies,

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Jon Hanley's language is accessible to all. There's a deliberate absence of project management jargon, making the content approachable and engaging for a broader audience. This inclusiveness extends to the careful use of images throughout the book. Unlike many texts that drown readers in visual aids, "Practically Project Management" strikes a perfect balance. The selected images are not only relevant but also serve as powerful tools to convey the author's intended messages, enhancing the overall reading experience. The book's structure is a testament to its thoughtful design, ensuring that each page leaves a lasting impact on the reader.

Highlights

"Practically Project Management" shines brightly with its focus on essential tools for effective project management, making it a refreshing departure from the sometimes overwhelming processes and documentation encountered in formal books like the PMPBOK. For those who have navigated the intricacies of project management in real-world scenarios, the first chapter is a gem, offering a concise and insightful summary of indispensable tools. What makes this book truly exceptional is the author's dedication to ensuring accessibility for all readers, regardless of their familiarity with project management jargon or processes. Each tool is meticulously explained in a manner that caters to both seasoned professionals and those new to the field.

The inclusion of anecdotes is a standout feature, adding a layer of relatability and practicality to the lessons shared. By drawing from personal experiences, Jon Hanley provides readers with valuable perspectives on overcoming challenges and improving their project management skills. These anecdotes not only make the content engaging but also serve as beacons of guidance, illuminating the path to effective project management.

Highlights: What I liked!

The breadth of topics covered in the book is a noteworthy aspect and the one I liked the most. From essential tools for project success to the intricate challenges project managers commonly face, such as Zombie Projects, change management, and the risk of losing sight of the project's vision, the book offers a comprehensive exploration of project management dynamics. It goes beyond the operational aspects, delving into the strategic realm with discussions on creating and maintaining a relevant and impactful Project Management Office (PMO) within an organization. The book's concluding section on career advice for project managers is a cherry on top, providing valuable insights for professional growth and success in the field. This diversity of topics ensures that the book remains relevant and beneficial to project managers at various stages of their careers.

Who might benefit from the Book?

"Practically Project Management" by Jon Hanley extends its valuable insights and practical wisdom to a broad audience, making it an indispensable resource for any

professional involved in project participation. Whether you hold the official title of Project Manager, a Project Leader, or a Project member, this book transcends role distinctions, emphasizing the universal need for understanding the essential requirements that contribute to a project's success and impact. For individuals who have recently passed the CAPM exam, this book serves as a bridge between theoretical knowledge and practical application, offering a roadmap for continual improvement in managing projects and navigating the complexities of a dynamic professional landscape.

Conclusion

In conclusion, "Practically Project Management" by Jon Hanley has left a mark on my approach to project management. The enjoyable reading experience, coupled with the practicality of the lessons, has ignited a sense of excitement to implement and experiment with the newfound knowledge, eager to witness its transformative impact on project outcomes. As I anticipate incorporating these insights into my professional endeavors, I can't help but hope for more from Jon Hanley. His unique blend of personal anecdotes, real-world experiences, and actionable advice creates a compelling narrative that I genuinely wish to see continued. Here's to the prospect of a sequel, where Jon shares even more of his wisdom, further enriching the project management landscape for enthusiasts and professionals alike.

For more about this book, go to: www.practicallyproject.com and <https://www.amazon.com/Practically-Project-Management-Resource-Everyday/dp/B0CDK7FV1G>

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