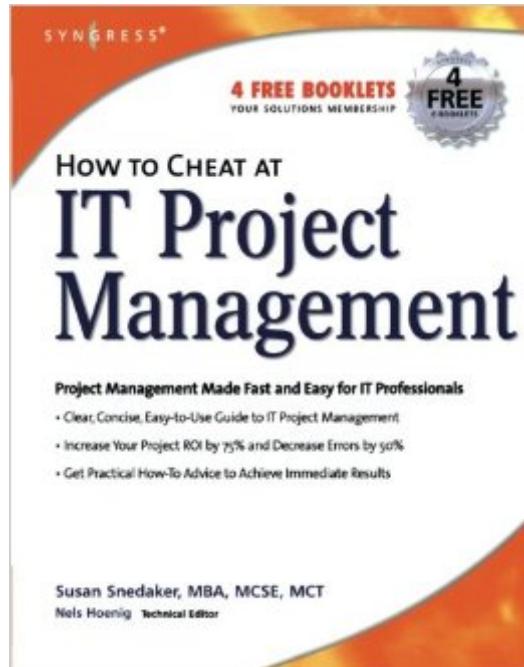


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I manage a lot of different kinds of projects, though none of them are strictly "IT" projects. I was looking for a resource to help me better manage projects and this book fills the bill. What I like about this particular resource is that it covers the basics and beyond but I don't have to wade through complex, DRY, boring PM processes. I'm not a real fan of hardcore, boot camp style PM, so I wanted something that was accurate, reliable AND user-friendly. This book is all of that. Another

bonus in this book is the inclusion of the material in the first four chapters - aligning IT projects with corporate strategy, managing IT projects in a political environment (and all environments are political...if you don't agree, read Chapter 3 again!), and the real ace-in-the-hole Chapter 4 on managing teams effectively. I've been managing people, teams and projects for 15 years and I picked up some great tips from these first four chapters. They are great resources for anyone in business today regardless of whether you manage projects or not (but more and more of us do these days). Snedaker's business background really comes through in these chapters and if you never get past the first four chapters, you'll have a resource you'll find yourself referring to time and again. When you get to Chapter 5, the PM material begins in earnest. These chapters are well-written and user-friendly. I like the various sidebars, they provide interesting and useful information related to the material - from how to use the material just presented to pitfalls to avoid and best practices to adopt. It breaks up what could easily become boring material and it's not just filler - it's material that adds value to this book and makes it stand out as not "just another PM book.

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