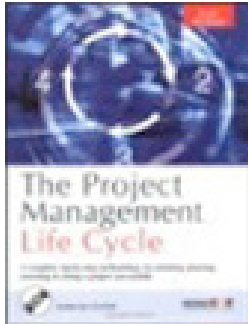


## PMF Book Review



**Book Title:** The Project management Life Cycle  
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### Introduction to the Book:

The search for project management solutions and tools during the project phases can easily skip both the new and experienced project managers. The author provides a chunk of these solutions which are readily available in this book and makes them available to the reader.

Less than an hour of reading would readily provide such solutions/tools and provide a clear understanding of how to untie these knots in the project environment.

### Overview of Book's Structure

The structure of the book follows exactly how a typically new project would be implemented.

It outlines the phases of initiation, planning, executing and closing a project when it has been successfully completed.

### Highlights: What I liked!

The most remarkable thing about the book is the incorporation of templates, tables and forms after each subject under consideration. It makes the search for such templates readily available and also further explains how these templates are applied in each situation.

It also reminds the Project Manager of the need to perform a phase review after each successful phase of the project life cycle, and not only continue with the technicalities of getting the project rolling.

Chapter 2 was quite outstanding by including sample job descriptions for acquiring the project team members, and a detailed checklist for setting up a project management office.

### **Shortfalls: What was missing!**

The book covers all aspects of the project life cycle and it is quite in-depth enough. It would have been very beneficial if the book had covered the subject Professional Responsibility. Most Project Managers would need at one time or the other during their career to refresh their memory about their professional **responsibility**.

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

Those who would benefit from this book include:

- New and practicing Project Managers
- Students studying Project Management as a career
- Engineers and Architects
- Environmentalists
- Project Management Offices
- Organizational leaders and Business Executives
- Sponsors

### **Conclusion**

This book is a valuable resource and serves as a complete handbook for the project management profession. It is a step-by-step book to understanding and performing project management and would be of immense benefit to both the experienced and inexperienced project manager. This book would be recommended to all readers related to the Project Management profession.

## About the Reviewer:



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Charles Rockson is a Civil Engineer by profession and has been engaged in heavy duty construction projects which are multicultural in dimension. He has practiced on projects for the past 12 years and, within the last 3 years, took up a leadership position to form project teams for the execution of a national telecommunication network. He is currently enrolled in the graduate project management program at the University of Texas at Dallas.