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# Scrum: A Breathtakingly Brief And Agile Introduction

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INTRODUCTION



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## Synopsis

A pocket-sized overview of roles, artifacts and the sprint cycle, adapted from the bestseller *The Elements of Scrum* by Chris Sims & Hillary Louise Johnson

Praise for *The Elements of Scrum*:

“If you want to understand the essentials of Agile development and Scrum, *The Elements of Scrum* by Chris Sims and Hillary Louise Johnson is a must read.” -Dave Moran

“Bravo. 6 stars. I wish all computer books were written like this.” -T. McCann

“As a consultant who works in agile, this is the book I’ve been waiting for.” -Liz Lewison

“For those only dancing with the idea of learning scrum and agile, I have three words: •Read this Book.” -Brendan Kane

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## Customer Reviews

Long for a pamphlet but short for a book, this is a helpful introduction to scrum. It is clearly-written, well-organized, and includes a little gentle humor. This item is specifically targeted to individuals

(like me until now) with little or no prior knowledge of scrum/Agile. It is probably true, as some negative reviewers claim, that the same information is available for free on the Web, but I find it helpful to have it in one place. In my view you can't go wrong for 99 cents for Kindle, but \$8.96 for paperback might be a little high. Using the free Kindle reader for PC I found text to be easily-readable, although for one diagram I had to squint a little.

One of the more drastic transitions at my current job was formally adapting Scrum in place of an informal, best-effort approach we used before. This book helped me grasp what Scrum is really about in less than an hour. There is no filler here, no anecdotes nor reiteration. Pure content, well distilled. Just what I needed. We have been trained more thoroughly since but it was this book which got me going. I wish more introductory books were like this one: skipping the waffle, delivering just the gist of the subject. Update: when I originally wrote the review, the book had display problems on Kindle Touch. This issue has been fixed since. The font size is very small but legible. One could argue this is deliberate for an introductory reference material, this way it's very easy to leaf through the book.

This book is a good introduction for people who may be familiar with classical waterfall project management techniques, and want to get some context around the differences when compared to the agile process. The book is brief and easy to understand. It probably would've been more powerful if there were examples of the artifacts that are commonly used in scrum.

I have had this book passed around my work so much! I try to get people to steal it, but they are too nice. I have had people who I haven't spoken too in years email me asking what this book was called... so I bought 3 more to circulate. I LOVE scrum, and this is a GREAT advocate!

The book covers the basic principles and tools of Scrum in a really succinct manner. Starts off by describing the different roles in a Scrum team, continues with the Scrum artifacts like the backlog, and in the last chapter describes the Scrum cycle. The appendix lists the basic principles and values of Agile. A very nice idea since that's the first thing I wanted to check out when I finished the book. Time-wise, I finished the book in about an hour. And I can't say I'm a particularly fast reader. Overall, very happy with my purchase - especially since I got this on discount for \$1.23! I'm looking forward to learning more about Scrum & Agile.

This is an incredibly short book. Yes it does cover the basics of a scrum but when it says basics its the bare bones basics. I would price this value at 2 dollars and not what I purchased it at.

This book was perfect for a quick run down of key scrum principles. I read it in under an hour and have a much better understanding of some of the terminology that I hear from project teams. Highly recommended for a quick read.

Short. Sweet. Succinct. And able to be implemented. This isn't a deep dive so don't go in expecting that. This is what you look for when you either want to get an idea about scrum, or if you're looking to recommend reading to people in your traditional project managed company.

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