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# Scrum: A Breathtakingly Brief And Agile 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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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.

As soon as I picked up the package this book was delivered in I was disappointed. I will admit it is my own fault for not conducting the proper research to realize exactly how "brief" the book actually is, but I would expect to learn more for ten dollars. Save your money and read a couple web articles on the subject and you will be as well informed on the subject and \$10 richer.

Our primarily waterfall-based organization is looking to introduce and implement Scrum Agile to cross-functional teams. Our CIO was looking for a "primer" to at least get everyone using the same terms and understanding the basic concepts. Needless to say - the search is over! All the important stuff is covered and in a way that non-IT team members can understand.

The book is very short, it should take about 30 minutes to get through it. Only worthwhile if you've never heard of Scrum/Agile and know very little about Systems Engineering in general. It will only inform you about the process with some general guidelines.

Crisp and clear, this overview of Scrum delivers exactly what it promises. This little book is a great refresher after training.

1. The book offers a quick overview of the Scrum/Agile Process which I found very helpful and easy to read.
2. It work fine on the Kindle Fire so i guess the complaints were for the original kindle.
3. Buy this for .99 and become a bit smarter!

This short read is outstanding. Definitive roles and definitions easily guide the novice and remind the scrum team where they are going. This is very helpful to the product owner since they will understand how and why the team operates.

I already know about scrum, I use it at work: daily stand-ups, a scrum master that is supposed to unblock us developers but doesn't, a product and sprint backlog... This book is a clear, concise introduction to it, it presents all roles and artifacts nicely. I would have liked a comparison to other

processes such as kanban or lean. Recommended read for project leaders, and not just those in the field of development.

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