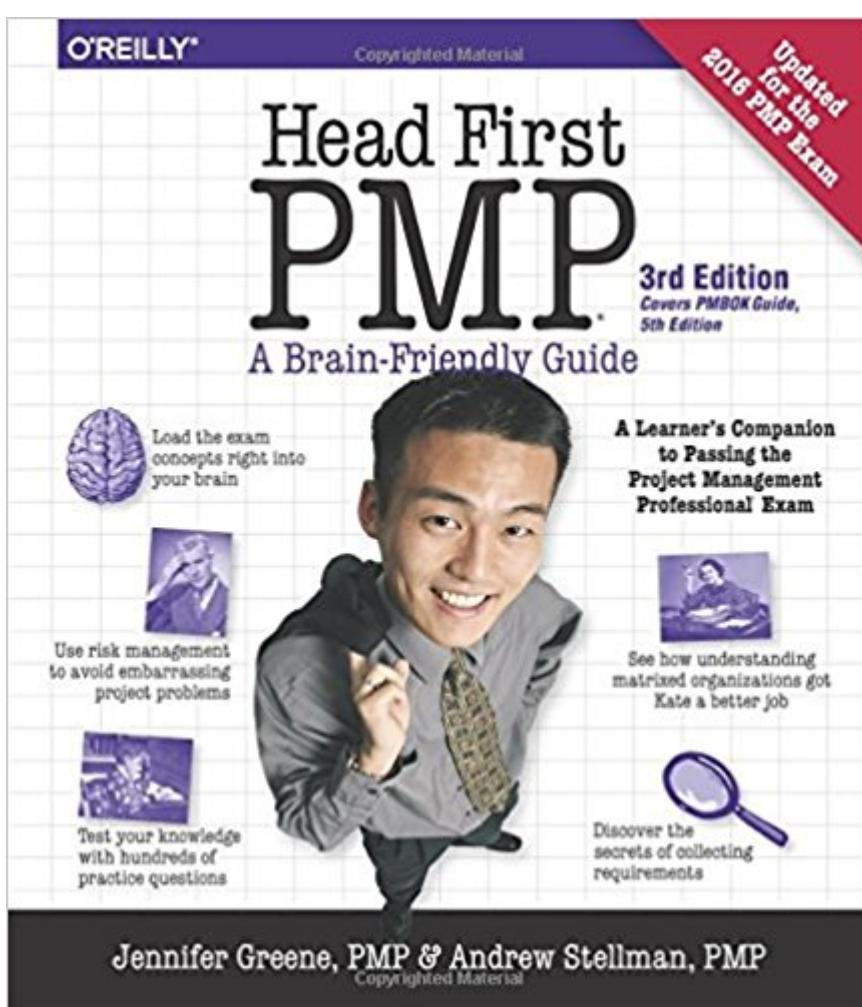


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Head First PMP: A Learner's Companion To Passing The Project Management Professional Exam



Synopsis

Now updated for the 2016 PMP exam Learn the latest principles and certification objectives in The PMBOK® Guide, (Fifth Version), in a unique and inspiring way with Head First PMP. This book helps you prepare for the PMP certification exam using a visually rich format designed for the way your brain works. You'll find a full-length sample exam included inside the book. More than just proof of passing a test, a PMP certification means that you have the knowledge to solve most common project problems. But studying for a difficult four-hour exam on project management isn't easy, even for experienced project managers. Drawing on the latest research in neurobiology, cognitive science, and learning theory, Head First PMP offers you a multi-sensory experience that helps the material stick, not a text-heavy approach that puts you to sleep. This book will help you: Learn PMP's underlying concepts to help you understand the PMBOK principles and pass the certification exam with flying colors Get 100% coverage of the latest principles and certification objectives in The PMBOK Guide, Fifth Edition Make use of a thorough and effective preparation guide with hundreds of practice questions and exam strategies Explore the material through puzzles, games, problems, and exercises that make learning easy and entertaining Head First PMP puts project management principles into context to help you understand, remember, and apply them—•not just on the exam, but also on the job.

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Metacognition: thinking about thinking If you really want to learn, and you want to learn more quickly and more deeply, pay attention to how you pay attention. Think about how you think. The trick is to get your brain to see the new material you're learning as Really Important. Crucial to your well-being. Otherwise, you're in for a constant battle, with your brain doing its best to keep the new content from sticking.

Here's what we do: We use pictures, because your brain is tuned for visuals, not text. As far as your brain's concerned, a picture really is worth a thousand words. And when text and pictures work together, we embed the text in the pictures because your brain works more effectively when the text is within the thing the text refers to, as opposed to in a caption or buried in the text somewhere. We use redundancy, saying the same thing in different ways and with different media types, and multiple senses, to increase the chance that the content gets coded into more than one area of your brain. We use concepts and pictures in unexpected ways because your brain is tuned for novelty, and we use pictures and ideas with at least some emotional content, because your brain is more likely to remember when you feel something. We use a personalized, conversational style, because your brain is tuned to pay more attention when it believes you're in a conversation than if it thinks you're passively listening to a presentation. We include many activities, because your brain is tuned to learn and remember more when you do things than when you read about things. And we make the exercises challenging-yet-do-able,

because that's what most people prefer. We use multiple learning styles, because you might prefer step-by-step procedures, while someone else wants to understand the big picture first, and someone else just wants to see an example. But regardless of your own learning preference, everyone benefits from seeing the same content represented in multiple ways. We include content for both sides of your brain, because the more of your brain you engage, the more likely you are to learn and remember, and the longer you can stay focused. Since working one side of the brain often means giving the other side a chance to rest, you can be more productive at learning for a longer period of time. We include challenges by asking questions that don't always have a straight answer, because your brain is tuned to learn and remember when it has to work at something. Finally, we use people in our stories, examples, and pictures, because, well, you're a person. Your brain pays more attention to people than to things.

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I wrote the below comment for Rita's book "PMP Exam Pre, eighth edition), but I will also, post it here for Head First!!! Let me say that Head First is an outstanding book, some mistakes but if you know the concepts you can work through them. If you have time yo study both Rita's book and Head First I HIGHLY recommend studying both! You can get through Head First in 2 weeks its a very fun read.I passed my PMP two days ago! I took a. 4 day bootcamp which was a waste of money, but the instructor from the bootcamp told me to buy Rita's book to get a better understanding. I also bought Head First PMP, McGraw-Hill's PMP Certification Mathematics with

CD-ROM , I also signed up for a 20 day pass on PMStudy to take practice test. When I took the exam I felt very confident and was able to breeze through the questions. I was able to pass all the sections!!!! I truly believe all the above resources really helped me. If you cannot get all the above resources or only have a short window to study I recommend the following:1) DO NOT WASTE MONEY ON A BOOTCAMP!!!!!!2) Buy Rita's book and read as much as you can3) Get McGraw-Hill's PMP Certification Mathematics with CD-ROM to help with the math section (take the practice test on the CD-ROM) 1-2 days before the test. Make sure you understand calculating critical path, and all the necessary formulas (KNOW YOUR FORMULA'S IN YOUR SLEEP!!!!, EAT, DRINK, SLEEP, PLAY WHATEVER YOU DO KNOW YOUR FORMULA'S!!!!!) especially AC, PV, EV, CV, CPI, SV, SPI, EAC, BAC, ETC, TCPI, SD, VARIANCE, PV (PRESENT VALUE), Communication Channel4) Sign up for PMStudy 20 days worth of testing!!!! Take the first test to see where you are, study study study the knowledge areas where you are weak take exam 2 if you get less than 80 go back to Rita's book! Take exam 3 get an 80 or better than take exam 4 the morning BEFORE your test so that you're in a testing mind frame.5) I LOVED Head First PMP but if you don't have time to study everything I would say to buy this book as a companion to Rita's book. This book is a fun read and makes the concepts easier to understand6) Make sure you're referencing the PMBOK 5 (Most Important)During the exam (make sure you're doing good on time before you follow these directions)1) If you believe in prayer (PRAY) - ummm you also do not need to tell anyone you're taking the test, just in case.....2) Breathe and relax3) Do the first 50 - 75 questions (Take a break, go to the bathroom, get some water, sit in the waiting room, just get away from the test)4) Go back in do the next 25 - 50 questions (take another break)5) Keep doing this until you finish6) Before you review your questions, take your final break come back review your questions, (I took another break!!!!!), did the survey, packed up my things so I wasn't staring at the screen, and BOOM THERE IT WAS!!!! Birds started singing, confetti fell from the ceiling, and people began to dance!! (well maybe in my head, but you get the point!)Good luck and God Bless!!!!

This book is really a helpful study tool for those who are getting started with their PMP study. It really simplifies the information and uses an attractive approach to get the needed information into your head. I strongly recommend this book for those who get bored from reading traditional text books. Despite of some minor mistakes and typos, this book is still awesome. I just passed my PMP test on 1/20/2014 using this book as my primary study guide and I found that it had 90% of the information I needed to pass the exam.. I also used some other practice questions books to help practice. Special Advice: When you buy this paper book, visit the Author's website mentioned on the

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This book does a good job of making the PMP material readable.If you started with the PMBOK, you probably fell asleep reading it. this book is actually readable and makes studying for the PMP much easier.I will give an update after my test. I have this and Rita's book and I like this one much better so far.

I am currently studying for my PMP and just focusing on learning the material before I begin the PMP certification exam journey. I find that this book really breaks down the concepts for much easier understanding, much better then the PMBOK guide or Rita's PMP exam prep. Although I will use those books when I am ready to start studying for the exam. Head First PMP strongly suggests that you always use the PMBOK as a reference regardless of what book you use to study with.I have done project management in the past, but not with any PMP knowledge so I am basically starting from scratch and the Head First PMP book is the best "text book" to learn the material. When I complete the course I will begin the PMP cert studying which will reinforce the concepts and help me get through the PMBOK much easier. I highly recommend this book!

Great book that allowed me to pass the PMP!! I rented this book on Kindle and found it very helpful. Overall it took me 3 months to study for the PMP exam. The first month was taking a class (the 35 hours of instruction). After that, I was unsure whether I was going to take the PMP or not, so I stopped for a whole year. As time passed by, I figured that I would give myself 2 more months to study and pass the test. It was a very scary experience! I work full time and can study only on nights and weekends. After falling asleep several times reading the PMBOK book, I listened to everyone else and purchased Rita's and found it difficult to understand (and memorize). The Head First PMP was the third and final book I bought. If you are thinking of purchasing this book, I recommend either the paper or e-version. They are both helpful in different ways. The end-of-chapter exercises were helpful, although a small portion is just too difficult to get correct. Overall if you could get 80-85% correct on both Rita's and this book, then you should be able to pass your PMP.

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