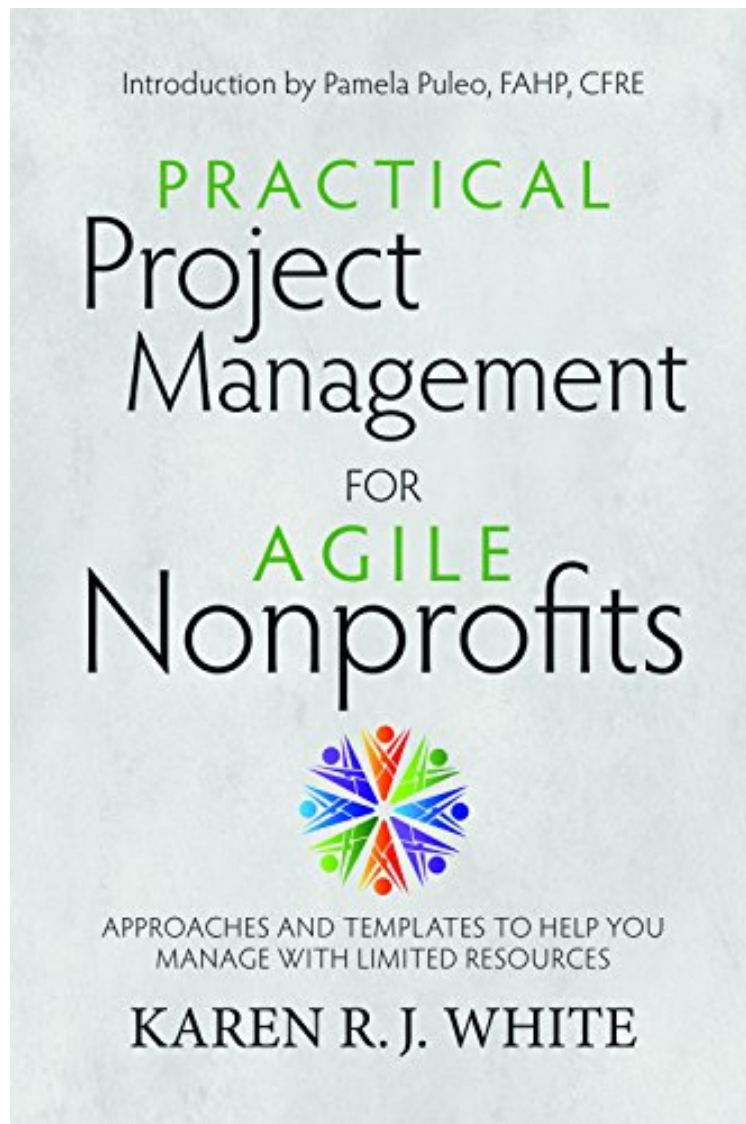


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book!By The IdeatorI'm a certified project manager with the Project Management Institute and I bought the book to help me adapt what I know to a non-profit that has volunteers on a lot of the projects I lead. I also teach courses in project management at the undergraduate level in a university.Terrible book. First, it's simply a rehash of traditional project management principles with no adaptation to the unique circumstances of non-profits. Most of it is not practical on projects that are staffed with volunteers who often lack skills or have varying degrees of commitment.Second, I give about 1/2 page to Agile project management, the latest and hottest thing in adaptive project management techniques -- sorely needed in non-profits where everyone is learning and requirements change as you do research or learn. I think the title of the book is very misleading. The author may be trying to increase sales by making it appear the book is on Agile project management principles, when in actuality, it's traditional project management. And the techniques described (in my experience) work best with smaller projects, with very stable requirements and a team who knows what they are doing.I turned around and sold this book instantly after scanning it. It was not a good use of funds to purchase it.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Project management in the nonprofit sector is different. White understands!By MudlumpsHighly recommended for project managers, sponsors, or other participants trying to understand project management in the nonprofit setting.I've been in project management for 30+ years, am a PMP, and have crossed private, public, and nonprofit sectors. Nonprofit is different, and I've struggled to find a book that speaks to that audience. This one does. It takes the reader through the project management framework, and offers lots of really good templates and examples to help the reader visualize the concepts. The narrative and examples are contexted in the nonprofit setting, where normal challenges like human resources management are so different. It touches on a variety of project management and collaboration technologies that could be quite valuable in the nonprofit setting. White dedicates an entire section of her book to managing volunteers.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very good bookBy Nadiya GladunI can't say this is the most exhaustive book about PM, but it is a very good start for a non-profit which is not accustomed to PM language. It allowed me explain some sophisticated concepts in a non-profit language and simultaneously better understand non-profit challenges. All in all I highly recommend it to anyone who wants to improve PM practices in a non-profit organization.

* Winner of the 2015 Axiom Business Book Awards Bronze Medal for Philanthropy/Nonprofits.Practical Project Management for Agile Nonprofits introduces nonprofit managers to the basic concepts of project management and provides dozens of templates to help you quickly implement practices to effectively manage your limited resources, financial and volunteer. The book emphasizes using appropriate project management practices, those that are not burdensome but rather agile in their approach. In keeping with this theme, the book explores how you can use social media to assist in the management of time-sensitive projects.You will learn how to apply just enough project management to: Be an active leader and a superior project manager; Respond with agility to change and the unexpected; Focus efforts on what truly matters; Recruit and engage a new generation of volunteers; Build a framework that ensures project success; Keep all stakeholders involved with the project satisfied.The book also addresses nonprofit governance and shows you how project portfolio management can be used to assist in communicating with boards of directors and other governing entities when crucial resource decisions need to be made.Finally, real-world case studies on project planning, portfolio management, and volunteer-managed projects will show you how others have achieved project success.

[Karen White] provides a useful overview of project-management practices, volunteer management, and nonprofit governance, and proposes best practices for navigating through the life of a project . . . She covers a lot of ground, but breaks the book up into digestible pieces and delivers complex information in clear and concise language that is easily accessible to a novice . . . White also does an excellent job of describing the importance of volunteers and how to manage and recognize them effectively, information that many organizations will find beneficial.- THE FOUNDATION REVIEW (Meghan Murphy)Karen White knows the world of nonprofits. That knowledge combined with her expertise in project management comes together in this book, where she provides practical advice that anyone in a nonprofit will find valuable. Whether you're an executive, a development officer, or a volunteer, this book is a must read to ensure the successful planning of your next project.- BETHANY V. SULLIVAN, former Community Executive, American Cancer Society, Florida and New England DivisionsIn reading this wonderful resource I thought about all the time, energy, and headaches this book could have saved us over the years. The author applies project management basics to nonprofits in a practical and useful manner. This is a must read for anyone managing volunteers, events, or other projects, be they board members, internal staff, or key volunteers.- KERSTIN L. KLEBBE, Grants Administrator Public Engagement Manager, regional nonprofit organizationThis book gave me as a board member the ability to bring new and practical insights to our development activities. It helped put clarity and direction around our fundraising activities. I would recommend this highly to any nonprofit board member.- LORI GIPP, Board Member, Next Step Service DogsA poignant guide for nonprofits in this ever changing global economy. The author provides many useful and unique tips to best maximize limited resources and achieve maximum results.-

KATELYND MAHONEY, Assistant Development Director, national nonprofit organization[The book is] well laid out, it makes logical sense and doesn't jump around and it is very, very practical. There is no pretense at living in a perfect world where all volunteers immediately answer their phone and dedicate their time to the most mundane of project tasks. The heavy dose of realism ensures that this will be a very useful desk reference for people who've been asked to get things done with no money and practically no permanent staff. Even if you don't work in a nonprofit, if that description fits you, you'll probably find something in here that you can use yourself.- ELIZABETH HARRIN, A Girl's Guide to Project Management