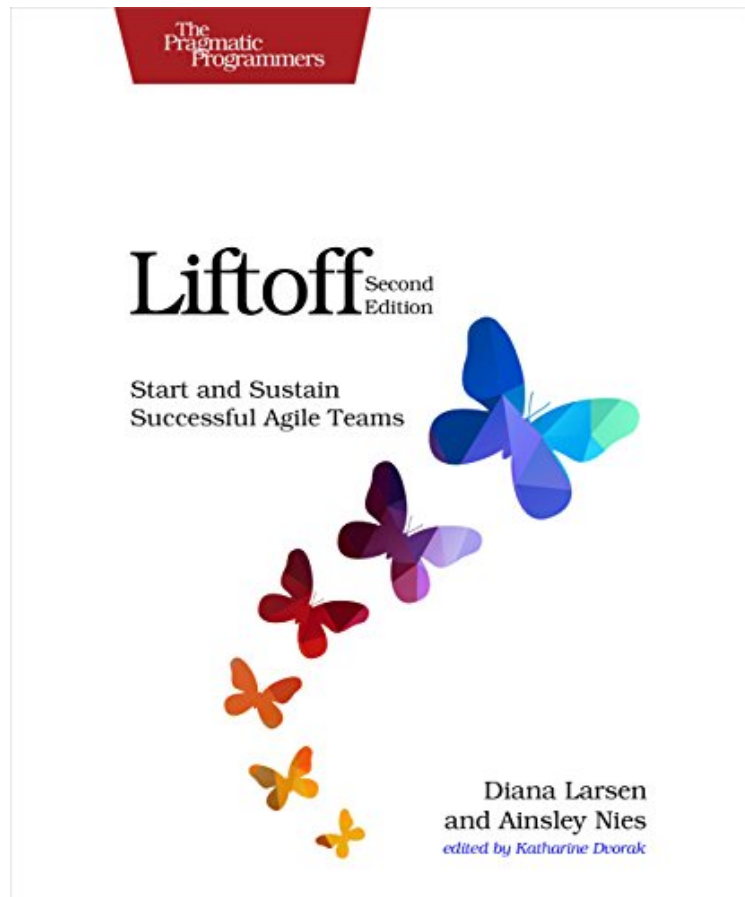


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provides a great roadmap for conducting Liftoffs in a manner that will provide results and measure value-added to any project. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Bit General, But Good Solid Advice By frankp93 Liftoff, otherwise known as Kickoff, Project Launch, etc. is more than just an excuse to book a conference room and a buffet spread. It's a critical timeline milestone towards delivering what's expected. The key point I took away from authors Larsen and Nies is that Liftoffs aren't reserved for the chronological start of a project - they can and should be used at any point to restart, refocus, and course-change struggling teams. I have to say in my experience with Agile as well as traditional waterfall SDLC it's extremely rare for management to concede the need for a reset (even when disaster is imminent) - but this book goes a long way towards making the case. Liftoffs puts real meat on the Agile bones of team dynamics that much of the technical literature often glosses over or minimizes as "management stuff". There's value here for even techies who take the methodology for granted in 2016 but may shy away from the more people-oriented principles in the manifesto (4 and 6).

Ready, set, liftoff! Align your team to one purpose: successful delivery. Learn new insights and techniques for starting projects and teams the right way, with expanded concepts for planning, organizing, and conducting liftoff meetings. Real-life stories illustrate how others have effectively started (or restarted) their teams and projects. Master coaches Diana Larsen and Ainsley Nies have successfully "lifted off" numerous agile projects worldwide. Are you ready for success? Every team needs a great start. If you're a business or product leader, team coach or agile practice lead, project or program manager, you'll gain strategic and tactical benefits from liftoffs. Discover new step-by-step instructions and techniques for boosting team performance in this second edition of Liftoff. Concrete examples from our practices show you how to get everyone on the same page from the start as you form the team. You'll find pointers for refocusing an effort that's gone off in the weeds, and practices for working with teams as complex systems. See how to scale liftoffs for multiple teams across the enterprise, address the three key elements for collaborative team chartering, establish the optimal conditions for learning and improvement, and apply the GEFN (Good Enough for Now) rule for efficient liftoffs. Throughout the book are stories from real-life teams lifting off, as seasoned coaches describe their experiences with liftoffs and agile team chartering. Focused conversations help the team align, form, and build enough trust for collaborating. You'll build a common understanding of the teams' context within business goals. Every liftoff is unique, but success is common!

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