The Scrum Field Guide: Agile Advice For Your First Year And Beyond (2nd Edition) (Addison-Wesley Signature Series (Cohn))
Extensively revised to reflect improved Scrum practices and tools, this edition adds an all-new section of tips from the field. The 1st Edition has a 5-Star Customer Rating and 135 reviews. Thousands of organizations are adopting Scrum to transform the way they execute complex projects, in software and beyond. This guide will give you the skills and confidence needed to deploy Scrum, resulting in high-performing teams and satisfied customers. Drawing on years of hands-on experience helping companies succeed, Certified Scrum Trainer (CST) Mitch Lacey helps you overcome the major challenges of Scrum adoption and the deeper issues that emerge later. Lacey covers many new topics, including immersive interviewing, collaborative estimation, and deepening business alignment. In 35 engaging chapters, you'll learn how to build support and maximize value across your company. Now part of the renowned Mike Cohn Signature Series on agile development, this pragmatic guide addresses everything from establishing roles and priorities to determining team velocity, setting sprint length, and conducting customer reviews. Coverage includes: Bringing teams and new team members on board Creating a workable definition of “done” Planning for short-term wins, and removing impediments to success Balancing predictability and adaptability in release planning Running productive daily scrums Fixing failing sprints Accurately costing projects, and measuring the value they deliver Managing risks in dynamic Scrum projects Prioritizing and estimating backlogs Working with distributed and offshore teams Institutionalizing improvements, and extending agility throughout the organization. Packed with real-world examples straight from Lacey's experience, this book will be invaluable to anyone transitioning to Scrum, seeking to improve their early results, or trying to get back on track.

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I wrote the following about the first edition: ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

"The Scrum Field Guide" is a nice way to get started with Scrum. It covers the practices through useful stories and advice. Heavier on the advice side. The stories seem realistic and highlight important points. I liked the tables and tips provided. For example how to estimate the first time and how to map pre-Scrum roles. And I loved that there was a whole chapter on "done." I also liked the concept of corporate mandates being a tax on your time. I also liked the practical advice and explanations such as why it is a bad idea for the product owner and Scrum master to be the same person. Along with what compromises in roles are better to make than others. I will definitely be recommending this book to my teammates! ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

And now for the second edition: ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

It’s been four years. In addition to recommending this book to those getting started with Scrum, a good number of people have borrowed my copy to look at it. I read the second edition. I liked the same things as the first edition. I like that the author says he ‘refactored’ the book. He says in most chapters 10-80% has changed and part five is new. I’m willing to believe that. It’s been too long since I read the first one to remember. I liked the new parts. I also liked that I was able to get different things out of the parts I had already read. I have a lot more knowledge and experience with Scrum now than I did four years ago. This time, I was able to get more out of the analogies like velocity being like a speed odometer. I also liked the quiz on how long a good sprint for your team.

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