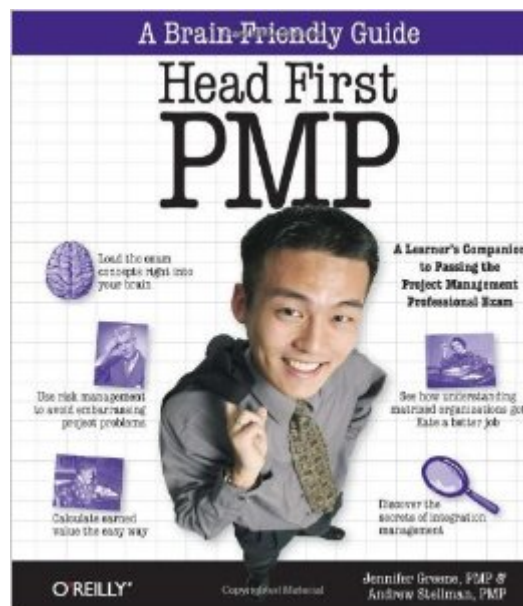


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I wrote the below comment for Rita's book "PMP Exam Pre, eighth edition), but I will also post it here for Head First!!! Let me say that Head First is an outstanding book, some mistakes but if you know the concepts you can work through them. If you have time to 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 can 3) 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 Channel 4) 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 your referencing the PMBOK 5 (Most Important)During the exam (make sure your doing good on time before you follow these directions)1) If you believe in prayer (PRAY) - ummmm you also do not need to tell anyone your 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 steering 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!!!!

Infuriating on a number of levels...I am one of those poor souls who bought this for a Kindle, and it is an absolute disaster. Nearly all of the graphics have text which is far too small to read, and by small I mean: often less than half the size of a comma. Ability to zoom? They didn't bother.Of course, they don't mention this glaring oversight right away...users must search around after fruitlessly trying and failing various workarounds.While the authors do insert lots of attention-getting graphics, these are often poor matches for the illustrations and serve more as distractions that do not inform, clarify, or enlighten.Most tables (there are LOTS) are coded into Kindle format in such a way that EVERY time the user turns the page on the end of the table, the "Before you leave, please rate this book" screen pops up - since the end of table is coded such as to make the reader believe the book has ended again, after hundreds of previous times it had ended.It's impossible to believe anyone from the publisher bothered to inspect the Kindle version before releasing it for sale, and for that, as well as the grief its causing to get through it, I'm awarding it 1 star.

The content of the book is presented in a very interesting manner however it is not adapted too well for Kindle. The pictures and diagrams don't scale too well and it's difficult to read because you have to navigate back and forth between the picture and the related description across pages. I bought the Kindle version of this book to prepare for my PMP exam, but ended up studying from a hard copy that I borrowed from the local library! As a book however it's brilliant...makes studying for PMP fun! Needs to be coupled with Pmbok to completely cover the syllabus of the exam.

This really does a great job of explaining how to take the PMP exam. My only complaint is that the sample exam questions are numeric; 1,2,3,4. The answers are A,B,C,D. For example:Your project

has a BAC of \$5,000. You are halfway through your project. What is your PV? 1. \$2000 2. \$2500 3. \$3000 4. \$4500 The correct answer is B.

I skipped reading the original PMBOK guide and went straight to Head First PMP. First, I think these authors do an excellent job of explaining PMP concepts in a more digestible and understandable way. Here is how I passed my PMP exam on the first try (1.5 months of studying): (1) Read through Head First PMP (2) Took notes on each of the chapters and definitions in Head First PMP, did all the crossword puzzles, games, etc. These were fun! (3) Skimmed and Read through Rita Mulcahy's book for concepts not in Head First PMP. (4) Took practice exam in Head First PMP. I didn't think the questions were difficult enough. (5) Took the exams in Rita's book. Questions were far more difficult than PMP exam. I didn't take a boot camp and I didn't read the PMBOK guide. In my experience, this book in conjunction with Rita's were enough to help me pass the exam on the first try. I think Head First PMP does a good job of introducing concepts and ITTOs. Rita's book has a better process map, which I suggest you memorize, and better test questions.

I recommend reading Head First PMP in conjunction with the PMBOK guide. It's very relatable book with simple descriptions for PMP concepts and variety of self-tests - from crossword puzzle, question & answers, fill-in-blank and other friendly ways of helping to reinforce the material. And for math-anxious people like me, the step-by-step math exercises help me overcome my anxiety. Oh, by the way, I passed my exam on the first try!

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