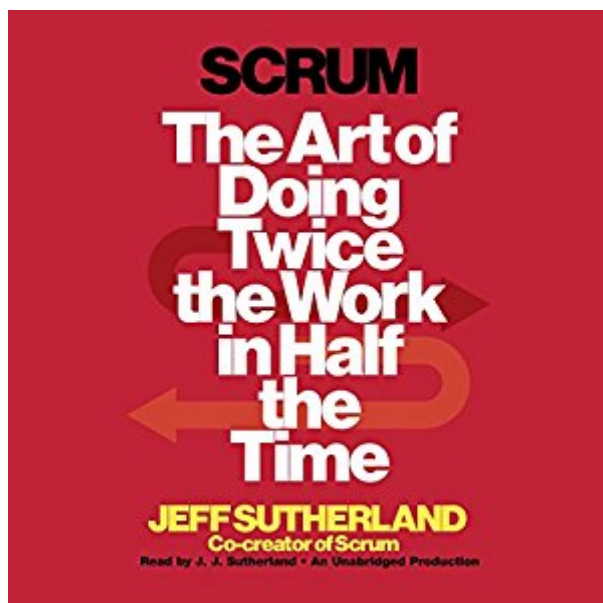


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# Scrum



## Synopsis

By the man who helped invent the red-hot management process known as "Scrum", Scrum unveils what is wrong with the way we currently do work, and how a simple set of principles, applied in exactly the right sequence, can accelerate productivity and quality as much as 1,200 percent. Scrum (which gets its name from the formation in rugby in which the whole team locks its arms to gain control of the ball) is the reason that can launch a new feature on its website every day. It's why the Red River Army Depot in Texas was able to roll out armored Humvees 39 times faster than before. It's how the FBI finally created a massive terrorist-tracking database. The reason for the rapid embrace of Scrum across so many disciplines is simple: organizations that implement Scrum typically double productivity and quality - and sometimes the increase can be as much as 12-fold. But the promise of Scrum as a project management tool extends far beyond business. Much as Atul Gawande did in *The Checklist Manifesto*, Sutherland shows how this unique approach to problem solving and team optimization has nearly universal application. At bottom, Scrum is about coming together with your team, looking at what you're doing, and course correcting. It may be the key to solving some of this era's most intractable problems. Please note: The author has intentionally omitted three consecutive pages of the 256-page print edition from this audiobook.

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## Customer Reviews

The first thing to know is that this isn't a detailed guide to Scrum practices, though there is a summary of the key practices in an appendix. Since there are lots of guides to Scrum at the practices at varying levels of details, having more about what the practices are would not add a lot

of value. This book does inform you about how scrum works by helping you to understand the value of Scrum through stories of Scrum in use in various domains, and not just software.. The book is full of war stories (both literally and figuratively), and Sutherland is clearly proud of how he, his family, and organizations he has worked with, have applied scrum. Reading this book will help energize you to use Scrum to help your team succeed. This is not the only book on Scum you need. But if you want motivation to explore more about Scrum, or if you have been practicing Scrum for a while and are looking for renewed inspiration, give this book a read.

Why did I choose this book? Its the premier book in scrum created by one of its founders. And it had fantastic reviews.Do NOT listen to people who say "it doesn't teach you how to implement scrum." yes it does. There is an appendix implantation guide at the end and the "why" and "how" all throughout the book.What was my experience reading the book? It was a very easy read. The voice of the book was pleasant and flowed well.It told of the history of scrum and how each role, each event, and each artifact developed and now what the best practices are.This book will get anyone up to speed on scrum.Would I recommend it to others? Of course, if they want to learn scrum, this is the bet place to start without a doubt.

This is a great overview of Scrum and its power and simplicity when applied in the real world; not just in software teams but in charity work, government and education contexts. I've been a Scrum Master, developer, trainer, and coach for 10 years and I found it compelling. After reading some of the other reviews, I'd like to set some expectations for anyone thinking of reading it. What it isn't:\* A detailed Scrum manual for software teams. There's a short overview in the appendix, but this material is covered in plenty of other places, such as the Scrum Guide at (...), or the excellent Essential Scrum by Ken Rubin and the series of related Addison-Wesley books.\* A guide to troubleshooting Scrum or resolving common pitfalls in Scrum software teams. There's nothing here about handling unruly Product Owners, or whether SAFe is an appropriate extension for your company.What it is:\* A fantastic, story-driven overview of how Scrum came to be, real-world situations where it has turned projects around, and why you should consider adopting it. If you are a C-level executive or other leader who wants to be "sold" on all this Scrum/agile/lean stuff you've heard about, read this. Note the endorsement by Eric Ries, author of The Lean Startup. The two books are good companions and written for a similar audience.\* For current Scrum practitioners, a fun read and refresher on why we're doing this thing called Scrum. It's easy to get lost in the day-to-day of backlog refinement, shipping increments and handling team impediments and forget

about the spirit of the whole thing. Scrum is about getting out of the way of teams and letting them deliver above and beyond what's possible in command-and-control organizations. Bottom line: This is a great companion book to others that explain Scrum in more detail, but it's more about the ideas behind it and the exciting possibilities it offers for people working on projects anywhere.

This book is great. There's plenty of books and videos out there on how to use Scrum, but hardly any go into why you should use Scrum and why each step is necessary. This book isn't meant to teach you Scrum. Instead, it's meant to justify the art of Scrum itself, and convince you to use it. I've never implemented all of Scrum at my workplaces, but the parts we do incorporate have dramatically improved productivity. Overall, even if you don't plan on using Scrum, I recommend reading this book. You'll take away some great ways to be more productive and enjoy some entertaining stories along the way.

I saw this book recommended in a comment thread on Hacker News and decided to give it a look. It's been about a year and half since I was part of a team that used Scrum, and this book made me realize how much I miss it. It also really clarified for me what's wrong with my current work context (for example, my responsibilities are split between too many projects, keeping me from doing one thing at a time), and it is helping me figure out how to correct it. Overall, this book surprised me, I expected a dry book about the Scrum framework and instead found a quite compelling story about its origin. A worthwhile read.

There are good books, and great books. Make no mistake this is a great book. The style is matter of fact, the prose excellent and the citations wonderful. Above all this a book of the people, and for the people. It captures the "why" as opposed to the "How" of SCRUM, which is why I have added it to my personal list of recommended books. An easy recommendation, you'll learn a lot from reading it.

Solid read. The book is about the story of Sutherland developing the process known as Scrum. It's only partially a guide to implementing the process. For me, that's great. Telling people why they should do something is more important than telling them what to do. And Scrum isn't that complicated a process anyway. The absolute best part about this book was learning that Jeff Sutherland is an absolute blowhard. His ego shines through in the most delightful way. Lots of unintentional comedy value which kept my attention going.

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