

FOREWORD

Ok, I got you. There is no way to become a great Project Manager in twelve seconds... or is there?

You're to blame too. You should know better than to expect greatness in just twelve seconds...and yet...

There are hundreds of Project Management textbooks out there and frankly I don't see a need for another. On the other hand, I believe the information contained in this book can greatly increase your success as a Project Manager.

I've selected a format for this book that I believe makes the information more readable. I've included a minimum of narration. The characters in the book engage in conversations that bring out key concepts. The idea is to make this a quick read. Each of the twelve content chapters found in section two has a quick summary and is followed with a blank page for your notes. I've also included an appendix that contains several exhibits and templates that will help you along the way.

You are about to meet Alex T. Pilgrim, a 32 year old Project Manager PMP who is ready to experience the essence of great Project Management in twelve extraordinary seconds.

Each of the twelve content chapters are set in locations around the world selected to exemplify the area of understanding being discussed. We will visit places like Ka'anapali beach on the island of Maui, the Kennedy Space Center, Rocky Mountain National Park and the Federal Express Super Hub. We will visit international locations such as the Louvre in Paris, the Blue Mountains outside Sydney Australia and the Winchester Cathedral in Hampshire England.

Don't take the tone of this introduction wrong. This is a serious book with serious insights. If you apply only a handful of the recommendations by our Project Manager Masters you will be on your way to becoming a great Project Manager.

I've had the good fortune of working with excellent Project Managers. I've learned that the very best have strong skills and experience in three areas. Project Management **Technical Skills** like creating project schedules and budgets. **Business Skills** like knowing about the processes their companies utilize. This book addresses the **Soft Skills**; the imperatives of Project Management that will make you stand out, head and shoulders above the crowd.

I hope you enjoy "12 Seconds to Project Management Greatness."

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