

SCOTT M. GRAFFIUS' PUBLICATION WINS FIRST PLACE AT THE FEATHERED QUILL BOOK AWARDS



Los Angeles, CA — The 2017 Feathered Quill Book Awards recognized author [Scott M. Graffius](#)' title, *Agile Scrum: Your Quick Start Guide with Step-by-Step Instructions*, as the Gold/First Place award winner in the Informational (Business) category. The competition is open to works from small, medium, large (including the Big 5 — Penguin Random House, HarperCollins, Macmillan, Simon & Schuster, and Hachette), and independent presses as well as self-published authors. The judging panel is comprised of industry professionals including authors, reviewers, editors, and literary publicists. Winners were selected based on multiple factors including book cover art, ability to engage the reader, layout and design, illustrations, editorial quality, and production excellence.

There are a variety of frameworks to develop products and services, and most methodologies fall into one of two broad categories: traditional or agile. Traditional practices engage sequential development, while agile approaches involve iterative and incremental deliverables. Organizations are increasingly embracing agile to meet their business needs and successfully manage projects.

Agile Scrum: Your Quick Start Guide with Step-by-Step Instructions provides those interested or involved in innovation, project management, product development, software development or technology management with an authoritative roadmap to easily and quickly implement Scrum, the most popular agile project management and delivery framework. It encompasses a powerful set of principles and practices that help teams deliver products in short cycles, which enables speedy feedback, rapid adaptation to change, and continuous improvement.

Reactions to the book have been incredibly positive. Select reviews and earlier awards are highlighted. The Midwest Book Review wrote that the book is "... an all-inclusive instruction guide that is impressively 'user-friendly' in tone, content, clarity, organization, and presentation." The US Review of Books rated the guide as "Recommended." Readers' Favorite awarded the best-of-class Five Stars designation to the book. The Fifth Annual Beverly Hills International Book Awards recognized the publication as the winner in two categories — Business-General, and Technology. The 2016 London Book Festival selected the book as the winner in the Business category. It won Best Book in the Business category in the Fall 2016 Pinnacle Book Achievement Awards.

Graffius is President of [Exceptional PPM and PMO Solutions](#), a consultancy specialized in project, program, portfolio, and PMO management inclusive of agile, traditional, and hybrid frameworks. He leverages his expertise, professional standards, and industry best practices to help companies achieve significant business results, such as strategically aligned initiatives, faster time-to-market, upgraded on-time delivery, improved on-budget delivery, higher satisfaction, and greater competitive advantage.

He is a former vice president of a provider of diverse consumer products and services over the Internet including social networking and internet access. Before that, he worked in organizations with businesses ranging from advanced technology products and services to business services, retail, e-commerce, manufacturing, and entertainment. He has experience with consumer, business, reseller, government, and international customer markets, as well as international experience spanning 20 countries.

For more information, please visit www.featheredquill.com and www.scottgraffius.com/agile.html.



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