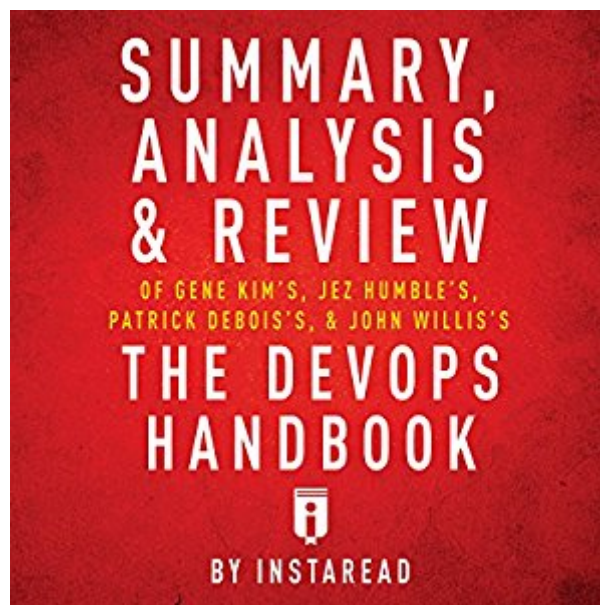




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Synopsis

The DevOps Handbook: How to Create World-Class Agility, Reliability, & Security in Technology Organizations is a manual for technology companies looking to improve their ability to deliver high-value products to consumers. In the 1980s, Toyota revolutionized manufacturing with its application of the lean production philosophy. Today, DevOps seeks to apply the principles of lean manufacturing to the technology industry. To do so, DevOps unites the two traditionally clashing bodies of the corporate IT department: development and operations. In traditional IT departments, the development group builds products and then hands them off to operations to launch them and keep them up and running. This can lead to tension because products may be untested in real-world conditions when development builds them, which leaves operations to clean up the mess while trying simultaneously to keep the product afloat for customers after launch. Please note: This is a summary, analysis and review of the book and not the original book.

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Customer Reviews

The DevOps Handbook is directed at tech company managers trying to solve the dilemma of how to get their development people to synch their efforts with their operations people in putting together a solid effort in delivering their tech products to the marketplace. This seems an esoteric topic directed at the few, but actually there are lessons to be learned for anybody interested in developing cooperation between disparate departments in any company or organization. This Instaread summary does an excellent job of putting all this into plain English, and with its excellent key takeaways of the most important points. I think this book would also work for small tech companies,

and even companies that provide services to tech companies. Well-written, and definitely an excellent companion read to the full book. I highly recommend it.

This is an overview of the actual book "The Devops Handbook." Kind of like an abbreviated "Cliff's Notes" for the FULL copy. It provides a potential reader enough information regarding the original's content to determine if we want to invest the money and time to actually purchase and read the entire printed copy or E-version. From this book's 'Instaread' overview; it appears to be meant for entrepreneurs, corporate executives and MBA wannabes especially in the manufacturing and technology sectors. At .99 cents, this outline provides a good service and is one of the chief reasons I have personally found "Instaread" to be a valuable tool.

The DevOps Handbook by Gene Kim, et al is a manual for technology companies, designed to help them develop procedures, primarily integrating the development and operations elements of their organizations, to deliver high-quality, high-value products to their consumers. The techniques outlined in the book can also be applied by other than IT enterprises. Instaread Summary, Analysis & Review of the book is an in depth inside look at the main themes, with an analysis of the book's key takeaways. With just 15 minutes or less reading, you will have a thorough understanding of this book's contents and value to you as a reader. This brief Cliff Notes book overview is a handy tool for developing your short list of books to purchase.

Does anyone remember Cliff's Notes? This is sort of like them but on Performance Enhancing substances. This is a very condensed (but effective) version that brings a lot more to the table than I anticipated. Frankly, I admit to thinking this was a bit "gimmicky" but the details involved are substantive and I come away with a fairly workable knowledge of the gist of the book without having to spend a LOT more money and a considerable amount of time to read through all the potential fluff. Additionally, this is a great barometer that lets me know whether or not I should spring for the entire book instead of spending way more money than anticipated to find nothing of value. As for this instance, I like how it lays down the foundation concerning development and operations and how a lack of communication between the two can lead to very negative results and a unnecessary struggle whereas devops working together can be a rather symbiotic relationship. The crux of the argument focuses on the story of Toyota and the change in culture they cultivated. This contains

extremely specific results and appear to have a lot of work put into it (more than I would ever want to do as it would not be a fun week for me...give or take).

Normally Development and Operations are commonly divided, which isn't the best situation when software fails in untested environments or integrated with untested versions of outside software. This book offers an alternative. The key points discussed are: 1- The divide between development and operations causes unnecessary problems internally and for customers, and better integration can alleviate much of that. 2- DevOps can be a revolution for technology companies, much as Lean was for manufacture. 3- DevOps contains three ways: The First Way emphasises the workflow from conception to consumer. The Second Way enables feedback from the consumer, through operations, back all the way to the developers. The Third Way enables experimentation. 4- The DevOps structure can involve a major change to company culture. 5- DevOps can be applied to any work, not strictly technology. The example provided here surrounds sunglass manufacture. 6- DevOps can be a force for good. Here I'll say, as a professional software developer, I've yet to see a situation where operations and developers aren't working closely together, and that close cooperation is always critical. Much of what is presented here is commonly used in agile shops. I'm going to say anyone new to working in technology, be it a developer, an operations specialist, or a project manager, must read at the very least this summary guide. It is sufficient to bring you up to speed quickly. I received an advanced readers copy of this book.

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