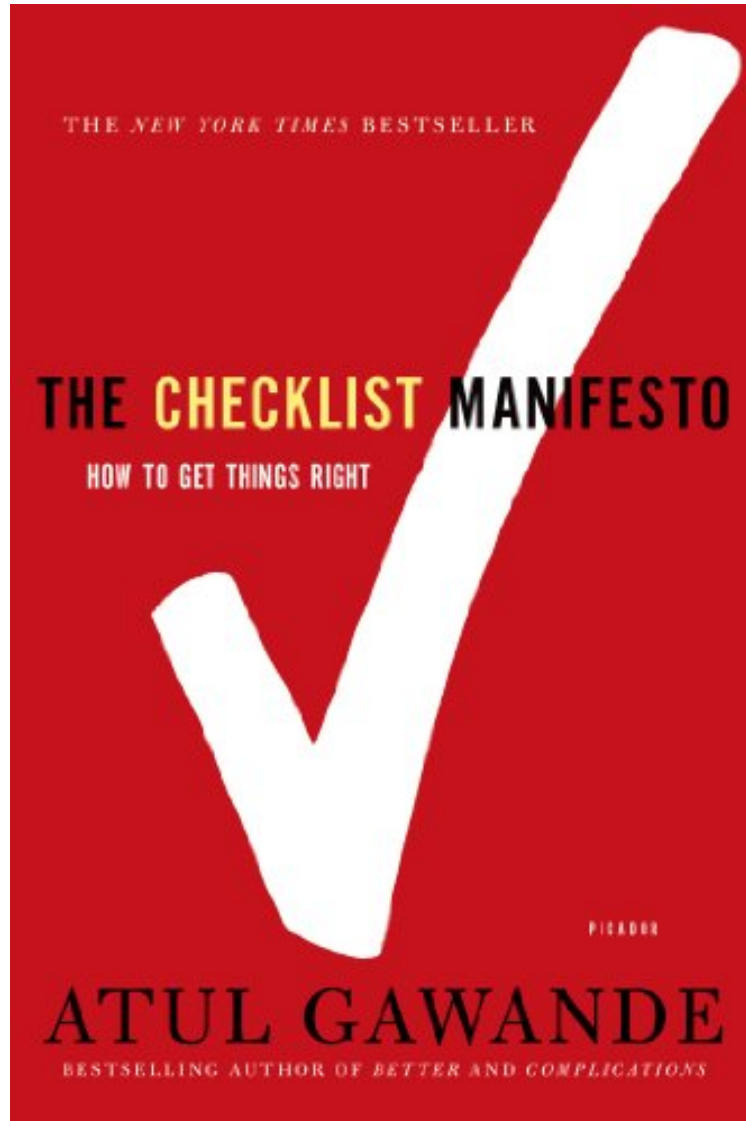


(Mobile pdf) The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right

The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right

Atul Gawande

*DOC | *audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub*



 Download

 Read Online

#707 in Books Atul Gawande 2011-01-04 2011-01-04Original language:EnglishPDF # 1 8.22 x 17.78 x 5.541, .42 #File Name: 0312430000240 pagesThe Checklist Manifesto How to Get Things Right | File size: 21.Mb

Atul Gawande : The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Outstanding.By Satisfied CustomerBought this for my DD's BF, a med school student. I've also read another book by this author and find his writing extraordinarily honest and real. I love how he challenges all of us - whether a doctor or not - to THINK about how medicine is delivered and what it is

like to be the one standing between the patient and health or life or death. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This is one of the best books I have read. I have recommended it to many people. It is a simple, yet powerful, tool to use for decision-making in any complex situation - even though it was written to improve patient safety in surgical procedures. I recently had a complex dental procedure and at the end, because of the obvious co-operation and respect between the dentist and the dental-nurse - including the nursing feeling confident to check that the dentist had removed an additional insert - I told them that they "passed" the test of meeting the requirements of *The Checklist Manifesto*, and I explained the principles outlined in the book. They wrote down the name of the book and author and said that they would get a copy. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great mind tells how things need to be done to be done well. By Graham Allardice A really insightful and fascinating discourse on how decision-making has been and continues to be made on a logical and progressive manner. As a retired architect, Atul's explanation of how the role of the master-builder has had to change dramatically as buildings became larger and taller and so require systematic co-ordination of many sub-sectional specialists. His knowledge as a surgeon makes his explanation of the ideal way medical specialists need to interact when performing operations is totally credible. Thank you, Atul. Encouraged by this book I am almost finished reading his book, *Being Mortal*.

In his latest bestseller, Atul Gawande shows what the simple idea of the checklist reveals about the complexity of our lives and how we can deal with it. The modern world has given us stupendous know-how. Yet avoidable failures continue to plague us in health care, government, the law, the financial industry in almost every realm of organized activity. And the reason is simple: the volume and complexity of knowledge today has exceeded our ability as individuals to properly deliver it to people consistently, correctly, safely. We train longer, specialize more, use ever-advancing technologies, and still we fail. Atul Gawande makes a compelling argument that we can do better, using the simplest of methods: the checklist. In riveting stories, he reveals what checklists can do, what they can't, and how they could bring about striking improvements in a variety of fields, from medicine and disaster recovery to professions and businesses of all kinds. And the insights are making a difference. Already, a simple surgical checklist from the World Health Organization designed by following the ideas described here has been adopted in more than twenty countries as a standard for care and has been heralded as the biggest clinical invention in thirty years (*The Independent*).

.com Best Books of the Month, December 2009: With a title like *The Checklist Manifesto*, it would be natural to expect that Atul Gawande is bent on revolutionizing that most loved-hated activity of workers the world over: the to-do list. But it's not the list itself he wants to change; there are no programmatic steps or tables here to help you reshuffle daily tasks. What you'll find instead is a remarkably liberating and persuasive inquiry into what it takes to work successfully and with a personal sense of satisfaction. The first thing you'll realize is that it takes more than just one person to do a job well. This is a toppling revelation made all the more powerful by Gawande's skillful blend of anecdote and practical wisdom as he profiles his own experience as a surgeon and seeks out a wide range of other professions to show that a team is only as strong as its checklist--by his definition, a way of organizing that empowers people at all levels to put their best knowledge to use, communicate at crucial points, and get things done. Like no other book before it, *The Checklist Manifesto* is at once a restorative call to action and a welcome voice of reason. -- Anne Bartholomew Exclusive: Malcolm Gladwell's *The Checklist Manifesto* Malcolm Gladwell was named one of TIME magazine's 100 Most Influential People of 2005. He is most recently the author of *What the Dog Saw* (a collection of his writing from *The New Yorker*) as well as the New York Times bestsellers *Outliers*, *The Tipping Point*, and *Blink*. Read his exclusive guest review of *The Checklist Manifesto*: Over the past decade, through his writing in *The New Yorker* magazine and his books *Complications* and *Better*, Atul Gawande has made a name for himself as a writer of exquisitely crafted meditations on the problems and challenges of modern medicine. His latest book, *The Checklist Manifesto*, begins on familiar ground, with his experiences as a surgeon. But before long it becomes clear that he is really interested in a problem that afflicts virtually every aspect of the modern world--and that is how professionals deal with the increasing complexity of their responsibilities. It has been years since I read a book so powerful and so thought-provoking. Gawande begins by making a distinction between errors of ignorance (mistakes we make because we don't know enough), and errors of ineptitude (mistakes we made because we don't make proper use of what we know). Failure in the modern world, he writes, is really about the second of these errors, and he walks us through a series of examples from medicine showing how the routine tasks of surgeons have now become so incredibly complicated that mistakes of one kind or another are virtually inevitable: it's just too easy for an otherwise competent doctor to miss a step, or forget to ask a key question or, in the stress and pressure of the moment, to fail to plan properly for every eventuality. Gawande then visits with pilots and the people who build skyscrapers and comes back with a solution. Experts need checklists--literally--written guides that walk them through the key steps in any complex procedure. In the last section of the book, Gawande shows how his research team has taken this idea, developed a safe surgery checklist, and applied it around the world, with staggering success. The danger, in a review as short as this, is that it makes Gawande's book seem narrow in focus or prosaic in its conclusions. It is neither.

Gawande is a gorgeous writer and storyteller, and the aims of this book are ambitious. Gawande thinks that the modern world requires us to revisit what we mean by expertise: that experts need help, and that progress depends on experts having the humility to concede that they need help. --Malcolm Gladwell From Publishers Weekly

That humblest of quality-control devices, the checklist, is the key to taming a high-tech economy, argues this stimulating manifesto. Harvard Medical School prof and New Yorker scribe Gawande (*Complications*) notes that the high-pressure complexities of modern professional occupations overwhelm even their best-trained practitioners; he argues that a disciplined adherence to essential procedures by ticking them off a list can prevent potentially fatal mistakes and corner cutting. He examines checklists in aviation, construction, and investing, but focuses on medicine, where checklists mandating simple measures like hand washing have dramatically reduced hospital-caused infections and other complications. Gawande gets slightly intoxicated over checklists, celebrating their most banal manifestations as promethean breakthroughs (First there was the recipe, the most basic checklist of all, he intones in a restaurant kitchen). He's at his best delivering his usual rich, insightful reportage on medical practice, where checklists have the subversive effect of puncturing the cult of physician infallibility and fostering communication and teamwork. (After writing a checklist for his specialty, surgery, he is chagrined when it catches his own disastrous lapses.) Gawande gives a vivid, punchy exposition of an intriguing idea: that by-the-book routine trumps individual prowess. (Jan.)

Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. I read *The Checklist Manifesto* in one sitting yesterday, which is an amazing tribute to the book that Gawande has crafted. Not only is the book loaded with fascinating stories, but it honestly changed the way I think about the world. It is the best book I've read in ages. Steven Levitt, author of *Freakonomics*

Few medical writers working today can transmit the gore-drenched terror of an operation that suddenly goes wrong--a terror that has a special resonance when it is Dr. Gawande himself who makes the initial horrifying mistake. And few can make it as clear as he can what exactly is at stake in the effort to minimize calamities. *The New York Times*

Even skeptical readers will find the evidence staggering. . . . Thoughtfully written and soundly defended, this book calls for medical professionals to improve patient care by adopting a basic, common-sense approach. *The Washington Post*

A persuasive champion of his cause. *The Economist*

The *Checklist Manifesto* is beautifully written, engaging, and convincingly makes the case for adopting checklists in medicine, a project to which Gawande has devoted significant time over the last several years. . . . It is in many ways the most personal of his books, a direct call to action to change the way health care is delivered through straightforward and simple, yet proven, means. It is a call that deserves to be heard and heeded. *Journal of the American Medical Association*

Gawande deftly weaves in examples of checklist successes in diverse fields like aviation and skyscraper construction. . . . Fascinating reading. *New York Times Book*

This is a brilliant book about an idea so simple it sounds dumb until you hear the case for it. Atul Gawande presents an argument so strong that I challenge anyone to go away from this book unconvinced. *The Seattle Times*

Fascinating . . . presents a convincing case that adopting more checklists will surely help. *Bloomberg News*

Gawande argues convincingly and eloquently. *San Francisco Chronicle*

The scope goes well beyond medicine. . . Read this book and you might find yourself making checklists for the most mundane tasks--and be better off for it. *BusinessWeek*

A vivid, punchy exposition of an intriguing idea: that by-the-book routine trumps individual prowess. *Publishers Weekly*

Maintains the balance between accessibility and precision. He manages to be vivid without being gruesome. . . . *The Guardian (UK)*

Riveting and thought-provoking. *The Times (UK)*

Eye-popping. . . Gawande writes with vigor and clarity. *New Haven Advocate*