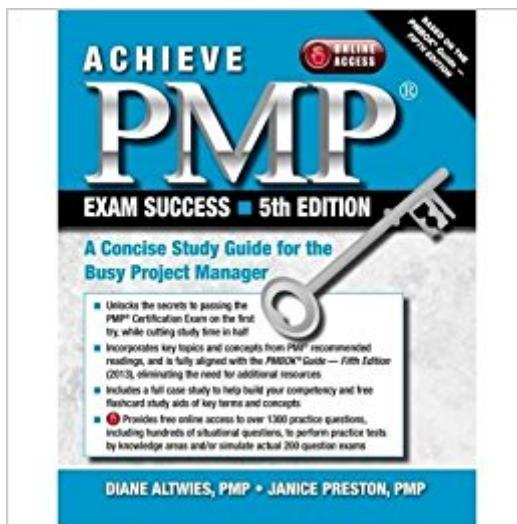


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# Achieve PMP Exam Success, 5th Edition: A Concise Study Guide For The Busy Project Manager



## **Synopsis**

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- Provides free online access to over 1300 practice questions, including hundreds of situational questions, enabling users to perform practice tests by knowledge areas and/or simulate actual 200 question exams, and receive feedback on incorrect answers
- Details key topics, concepts, and techniques from PMI recommended readings, eliminating the need for additional resources
- Presents a pre-assessment test to help users develop a focused study plan; tips for studying, time management, and taking the exam; and a post-assessment test to evaluate readiness for the actual exam
- Supplies things you need to know, key definitions, and sample exam questions and answers, and features a case study that runs throughout with exercises and suggested solutions to reinforce concepts and build real competency
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The book is a decent study guide to supplement the PMBOK, however, it didn't come with any flashcards as it says it should on the front of the book, AND I haven't been able to log into the website for online testing because the site will not send a verification email to complete my registration. I've also noticed one or two questions in the book, with answers that are clearly wrong. (I went back to the PMBOK and verified). Chapter 2, #11 is not C, it's A. I'm sure it's just a typo, but that could be pretty crucial to someone who doesn't know better. It also mentions a CD-rom that should've come with the book. Nope, didn't get that either. The whole point is to be able to take practice tests so that is a big disappointment. Update: I contacted customer service yesterday and they were very helpful. They responded within an hour and informed me that the website is undergoing maintenance and provided me with a generic passcode that I am able to use to log in and take practice exams. The text does mention a CD-rom and flashcards, but that is all incorporated on the website now according to them. The flashcards can be printed from the website and the various chapters in the book remind you to do that. The misprints can't be helped at this point, but I'm giving this book a 3-star rating (up from 1-star). Customer service is excellent and all the information is available, but the fact still remains that the book isn't as polished as it should be. However, along with the PMBOK, I believe the information in this book will help you pass the test but there is no substitute for reading and due diligence.

This is the 2nd exam review book I've purchased after being very disappointed with the "Head First" PMP title. This is a comment I left comparing the two books. I may return to write a full review later. I wrote a negative review on the Head First book here:

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area offers an in depth PM course which I took a few years ago, but due to a few unforeseen issues, I had to delay taking the test. I thought this book and online access was the a good idea since it was on the PMI website, but I was WRONG! The book by itself is of good value if you have a foundation in PM already, but the PMP test is about testing yourself on various scenarios. Once you read the PMBOK you will need a resource that will compliment your studies and the online test is confusing and frustrating to use. Repeated online testing is what helped me solidify my comfort with the exam questions and format. Unfortunately , this online access did not offer any statistics about my progress, some the questions were grammatically wrong, and some of the answers did even make sense. I did contact one of the authors and she responded that improvements were coming, but that is not going to help me pass the test. The online area is undeveloped and raw and not worth your time. My coworkers suggested RMC and I wish I wouldn't have wasted time or money on this product. I abandoned ship and switched to RMC project management online access for \$300. The online access and the format is terrific! RMC gives you the ability to test by knowledge area or by process group, then your information is stored for review later. Your progress is collated and averaged and you can run various reports. There are even explanations to why your answer is right or wrong and references back the study guide to research (I skipped the RMC book). Disappointed that this didn't work, but I couldn't jeopardize my testing for a product that needs to mature.

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