

Review of the *Harvard Business Review on Knowledge Management*

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I have high hopes for any book the Harvard Business School Press publishes, and this book was no exception. This book is a 205-page collection of articles that address knowledge management in a slightly different way. Each article is insightful, and together, these articles demonstrate just how broad the topic of knowledge management is. The book, which contains eight articles, does not address the full scope of knowledge management nor is it a book for knowledge management novices.

The book is well organized and provides an executive summary for each article. Readers need not read every article to benefit from the book. The information is clearly and concisely written and is easy to understand and follow. Each article is standalone and addresses a specific topic.

The book is accurate and provides insights into the authors' experiences. All information in the book is current, and in many cases, the information is a proactive response to a problem or issue experienced in knowledge management. The information and ideas noted in each article are pertinent and in line with current thoughts on knowledge management.

The only weakness I found in the book was that it is not for the novice, but it does not tell the reader this. I found the book to be more technical than its intended audience: "designed to bring today's managers and professionals the fundamental information." I found the information to be more highly evolved than fundamental. The actual audience is a "manager or professional who understands the fundamentals of knowledge management."

I have found no other publication that provides this type of information in an easy-to-read format. The book is unique in the way it has pulled articles together from various areas of knowledge management into a concise and easy-to-read book.