PRESS RELEASE DECEMBER 22, 2016 | FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SCOTT M. GRAFFIUS' PUBLICATION TAKES FIRST PLACE AT THE LONDON BOOK FESTIVAL

Los Angeles, CA — The 2016 London Book Festival selected author Scott M. Graffius' publication, *Agile Scrum: Your Quick Start Guide with Step-by-Step Instructions*, as the winner in the Business category. The competition honors the best of international



publishing. It is open to works in English, Spanish, French, German, Portuguese and Italian from small, medium, large (including the Big Five — Penguin Random House, HarperCollins, Macmillan, Simon & Schuster, and Hachette), and independent presses as well as self-published authors. Judging is conducted by a panel of industry experts, and winners are determined based on overall excellence. Awards will be presented to winners in London, England on February 9, 2017. Graffius is scheduled to attend the awards ceremony.

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 promotes speedy feedback, rapid adaptation to change, faster delivery time, and continuous improvement.

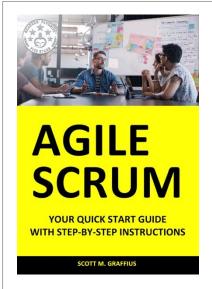
Reactions to the book have been incredibly positive. Select reviews and earlier awards are highlighted. The Midwest Book Review wrote that the book is "... an all-inclusive instruction guide that is impressively 'user-friendly' in tone, content, clarity, organization and presentation." The US Review 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.

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.

The publication is available at Amazon in e-book and paperback formats for \$4.95 US and \$19.95 US, respectively.

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



AGILE SCRUM: YOUR QUICK START GUIDE WITH STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

SCOTT M. GRAFFIUS

SOFTCOVER

Publisher: CreateSpace Copyright date: 2016 On sale: May 25, 2016 Price: \$19.95 US Pages: 148

Dimensions in inches: 7 x 0.4 x 10 Dimensions in cm: 17.8 x 0.9 x 25.4

ISBN-10: 1533370249 ISBN-13: 978-1533370242

E-BOOK IN PRINT REPLICA

Publisher: Amazon Digital Services

Copyright date: 2016 On sale: May 20, 2016 Price: \$4.95 US Pages: 148 ASIN: B01FZ0JIIY

DIGITAL MEDIA KIT

www.scottgraffius.com/agile.html



CONTACTScott M. Graffius

scott@scottgraffius.com