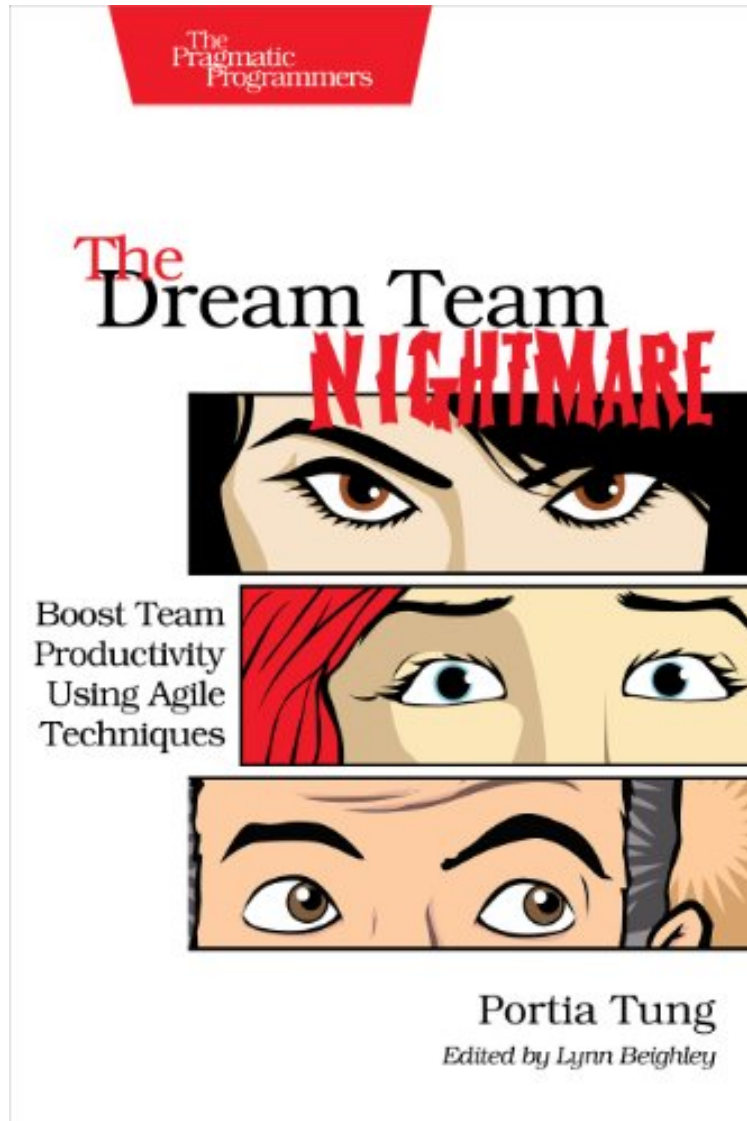


# The Dream Team Nightmare: Boost Team Productivity Using Agile Techniques

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Management is ready to disband your new agile team and outsource your project. Can you save The Dream Team? The Dream Team started their journey 18 months ago. Since then, life has become a nightmare. Progress has ground to a halt. Morale is low. Quality has become taboo. You have five days to figure out how to get the team back on track. There will be conflict and maybe tears. One thing is for sure: there will be plenty of tough decisions to make. Inspired by a classic gamebook series, this fun and interactive story has eight different endings designed to enrich and put your agile development knowledge and experience to the test. Packed with familiar scenarios an agile team faces every day, The Dream Team Nightmare offers you the chance to see what would happen if you could do things differently so you can change the way you do things for real with confidence. Combining practical team-building exercises with effective facilitation and Systems Thinking, by the end of the book you'll be ready to rescue projects in trouble, and get new projects off to a better start. Q A with author Portia Tung How did you come up with the idea of turning the book into a game? The most effective books are engaging and fun to read. Likewise, for my book to exist, it needed to be engaging and fun to write! The Dream Team Nightmare lets you get caught up in the action to make the learning more memorable. Gamebooks, such as the Choose-Your-Own-Adventure series I read when I was a child, helped me develop a lifelong passion for reading. I hope The Dream Team Nightmare will encourage readers to pursue lifelong learning! What's the key takeaway for readers? Gandhi said, "Be the change that you wish to see in the world." Agile may seem simple, but it isn't easy. To be truly agile, I've discovered that you need all the practice you can get. This means striving to embrace Agile values and principles whenever you can. What's the best way to get the most out of the book? Start at the beginning and pick a path to follow. You can take a break after each of the 5 days or rest at your journey's end. Of course you should try to reach the happy ending, but there's also a lot to be learned from exploring at least some of the unhappy endings. After all, making mistakes is one of the ways we learn. How many tools and exercises are featured in the book? There are 16 tools and exercises you can try. There's a handy index in the appendix so that you can easily refer back and experiment with them in real life. What can I realistically expect to be able to do after I read the book? As little or as much as you dare! I recommend taking baby steps. Pick one tool or exercise and give it a go. Then depending on how that turns out, you can decide on the next one to try.

Engaging and fun to read, The Dream Team Nightmare is jam-packed with fresh ideas and techniques that are easy to adopt. It's also a great springboard for follow-up reading on the bigger ideas such as systems thinking. I would heartily recommend it to everyone to share with their teams. — Victoria Morgan-Smith Scrum Master The Dream Team Nightmare is a breath of fresh air in comparison to other books on project theory and process out there. It provides you with a wealth of information to make better decisions on your project. — James Major Project Manager Network Rail The Dream Team Nightmare is a crash course in Agile. I strongly recommend it to all readers involved in building software products, from technical to product people. — Dyan Corutiu Software Developer The Dream Team Nightmare is an innovative and entertaining read that helped me learn some new ideas and techniques, had me thinking about how I work, and kept me wanting to continue the adventure. — Karl Scotland Agile Coach Rally Software The Dream Team Nightmare is packed with tips and concrete techniques for how to do just about everything an Agile Coach does. Portia's entertaining book is totally unlike any other Agile book you've ever read. — Liz Sedley Author of Agile Coaching This is the most fun read I've had in a long time. I anticipate that it will have the same dramatic effect for Agile methods as The Goal did for Systems Thinking. You should read it at least twice, once for enjoyment and a second time for deeper learning. — Matt Gelbwalks Transformation Coach North Main, LLC The Dream Team Nightmare shows in a gentle yet concrete way how an Agile coach works. A great book for anyone working to introduce Agile to others. — Michael McCullough Founder of TastyCupcakes.org and Executive Technical Director at Quadrus Development