## **Effective IT Service Management: To ITIL and beyond!**

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## **Trade Press Reviews**

Review of "Effective IT Service Management: To ITIL and Beyond!" in the January / Febraury 2009 edition of the Service Desk Institute's (SDI) magazine SupportWorld



"Exactly what does Rob Addy cover in this book? Far better to ask what he doesn't cover - although he probably covers that as well!

He sets out his stall from Page 1, pointing out that "IT is the single most pervasive discipline within the business world today", immediately adding: "...it is amazing to see many IT shops still floundering in the dark ages, with little or no focus upon proactive IT Service Management."

Moving from ITIL as 'Holy Grail or Poisoned Chalice', to self service, interaction management, et al, he covers just about every base - even offering a glimpse into the future of ITSM in what are uncertain times. It's a rollercoaster ride and you disembark a little unsteady on your pins - albeit with the thrill of the occasion firmly ingrained in your psyche.

Verdict? A 'must-have' for any service organisation."

Review by Brian Wall, Editor, SupportWorld.

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#### Citations and Academic References

The book is currently on the recommended / required reading lists for the following academic courses and examination syllabuses:

- Staffordshire University, UK "Service Management and ITIL Module"
- Howe School of Technology Management, USA "Managing IT Service Operations"
- Object Management Group (www.omg.org) "OMG Certified Expert in BPM Examination"
- Curtin University of Technology, Australia "Business Systems Management Course"
- University of Madras, India "Post-Graduate Diploma in Remote Infrastructure Management"

#### About the author

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