

READING NOTES

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Introduction: Agile—How to Get in the Game (and Not Get in the Way)	- Agile is a mindset and method focused on deep customer collaboration and adaptive testing to drive innovation. - Agile teams are small, cross-functional, and fully dedicated to specific goals, breaking problems into manageable modules and testing solutions iteratively. - Mismanagement, such as spreading resources too thin or imposing bureaucratic control, hampers Agile's effectiveness. - Originally an IT methodology, Agile has expanded into industries like manufacturing, HR, and customer service, delivering faster innovation, reduced waste, and greater customer satisfaction. - Agile prioritizes customer collaboration and flexibility over rigid processes. - Teams need autonomy and clarity of purpose to succeed. - Scaling Agile requires changes in leadership style, roles, and decision-making processes. - I've found that while Agile is great for fostering flexibility and innovation, trying to apply it to areas where it doesn't fit—like routine operations—can actually create more inefficiency and frustration than it solves.
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