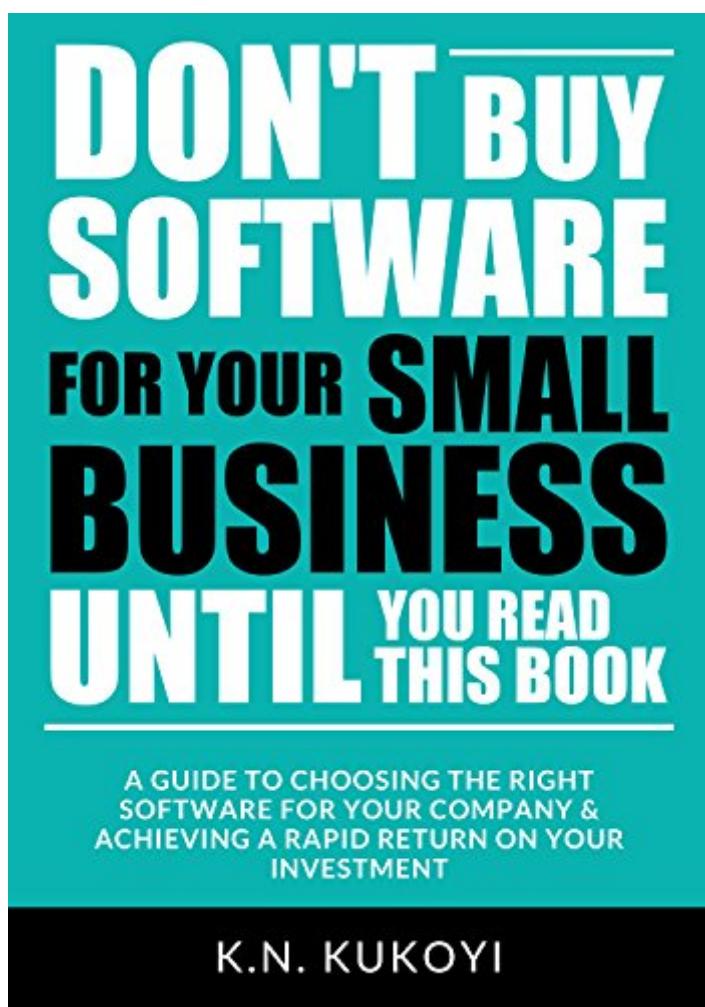


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Don't Buy Software For Your Small Business Until You Read This Book: A Guide To Choosing The Right Software For Your SME & Achieving A Rapid Return On Your Investment





Synopsis

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entrepreneurs and smaller businesses, which demonstrates how to:- Minimise the risk and complexity that comes with buying new software - Select a product that meets your needs and maximises your ROI- Cut through all the technical and consultancy jargon that you will encounter- Ask the right questions and uncover vital information before you sign on the dotted line- Carry out company and product due diligence checks- Hire a competent consultancy or software house to install, customise or build your product for you- Minimise disruption and issues within your business as you transition across to your new productAvoid unnecessary trial and error, proceed with a plan and Don't Buy Software for Your Small Business Until You Read this Book!

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As a small business owner and solo-preneur, I think this is a must read. The thorn in my side has always been software and technology. I consider myself very technical, I was a programmer myself back in the day, but in today's environment (with all of the slick claims and thousands of options), you really need a plan. Even if you are simply choosing a CRM for your customer contacts as a sole proprietor, you can make costly mistakes. (I have burned multiple thousands of dollars on that one

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I had read a different book by this author on hiring a software developer, and this one is just as helpful as that one. The organization of the book is easy to follow, even for those who are not as technologically skilled. There are a ton of helpful tips and advice, which is super helpful for anyone trying to start or expand their small business. The action plan that is outlined in the book is my favorite part, because I am such a planner for the details, and this helps gather my thoughts into a strong, well-developed plan I can follow. It's handy to know this kind of information so that I can be more confident in what I want, and how to hire those who can help me get that, and not be overwhelmed by someone trying to get me something I don't want.

One of the main problems when buying software is how to compare solutions that often offer quite different features. As a business owner, you want to focus on running business, not studying computer science in order to be able to figure out which software will work for you. This book is a great guide that will help you "see" through all the marketing noise and determine what your needs are and which vendor is able to satisfy those needs. It contains easy to follow instructions on the entire process of picking new software: from figuring out what your needs are, to planning the cost and implementing new software. It also contains tips about common pitfalls and a few warnings on possible legal issues. A valuable guide that is unlikely to become obsolete any time soon.

What do I love about this thorough guide? It's no-nonsense, practical and implementable. Discover how to determine what you really need, how to get it and how to make it happen for your business. From my point of view as a project manager, co-ordinator and entrepreneur, this book is highly recommended.

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