A Core Set of Software Engineering Books

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This core set of books is my “top 10” list for software engineering books. They are also listed in the following set of books that I would recommend, but if you just want a handful of seminal books that all software engineers should read (in my opinion), this is the core list. Katzenbach and Smith’s book on teams is not specific to software engineering, but software engineering is depends on effective teams.

Recommended Software Engineering Books

This set of books was developed for people interested in learning more about software engineering, process improvement, project management, agile methods, and related topics. It is neither authoritative nor exhaustive and should not be construed as an endorsement for any of the books that may be referenced. These are books in my library that I consider worth reading… although I do not necessarily agree with everything they may say. I originally had a bibliography of papers and books arranged by topics, but it grew to be too big, so I’m putting together a set of bibliographies; this one is books, and others will be by topic, e.g., process, management, design, etc.


M. Gladwell, **Blink - The Power of Thinking Without Thinking**, 2005.


R.L. Glass and T. DeMarco, **Software Creativity 2.0**, 2006.


E.M. Goldratt, **Critical Chain**, 1997.


G. Hofstede, **Cultures and Organizations, Software of the Mind: Intercultural Cooperation and its Importance for Survival**, 1996.


