

Shorter Notices

The Nature of Information Technology Managerial Work: The Work Life of Five Chief Information Officers

Charlotte S. Stephens

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The intention of this book is to provide the reader with an overview of the work of a Chief Information Officer (CIO). The book is based around observations of five CIOs in five different sectors including a university, a manufacturing firm, an insurance company and a utility company. It reports work that the author undertook for her Ph.D. in 1991.

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Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time

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This is an award-winning paperback written for a popular audience. It presents an entertaining account of the efforts of British clockmaker John Harrison (1693–1776) to solve the problem of finding longitude at sea—a major navigational issue of the day. For the reflective reader, this book demonstrates that the history of science and technology can be very relevant to contemporary policy issues.

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