Matthew Mendoza - Chapter 5: Start Your Agile Project Right

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Starting any project is a tall order; for, there are a lot of factors one must consider from troubleshooting key issues, risks (financial and business) involved, and allocate appropriate resources. Different from most project management guides/manifestos in past - Agile incorporates a lean mentality: Respect for people and continuous improvement.

In, Johanna Rothman's "Create Your Successful Agile Project: Collaborate, Measure, Estimate, Deliver", Start Your Agile Project Right, he instructs one to "charter your project" it tells the team embers why they are delivering a particular set of features, "the vision", and how they are done within the project "The project criteria".

This is important because for a team to be functional they must understand the impact that will be made because of their efforts and collaboration. One can make the analogy to a pirate ship, her captain, and her crew. The pirate captain must inform the crew to a goal, the risks involved, and potential outcomes. A pirate ship not aligned with the captain will become un-orderly, unmotivated, and fend for themselves than to work together in a collaborative team effort.