The Mythical Man-Month: Essays on Software Engineering

"The Mythical Man-Month: Essays on Software Engineering" is a classical "must read" book on software project management by Fred Brooks, whose central theme is that "Adding manpower to a late software project makes it later." This idea is known as Brooks' law, and is presented along with a strong recommendation to use prototyping and other forms of dynamic software development methodologies. Brooks's observations are based on his experiences at IBM while managing the development of a well-known operating system called OS/360.