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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The annual performance appraisal is one of the most commonly used management tools, revolving around performance differentiation, human resource development, assessment of potential, skills evaluations, goal-oriented control and motivation, feedback-based learning, and career prospects. While this may sound great on paper, practice reveals a vast gap between conceptual aspirations and actual reality. Despite the simple, plausible ideas behind performance appraisal, it can have toxic effects. Like many employees performances, the appraisal itself essentially remains "below expectations" in terms of relevance and functionality. In this book, Armin Trost critically examines the annual performance appraisal for the first time. The intended targets and practices are put to the test, and discussed based on various business conditions. He focuses on management culture, task environment and organisational context, demonstrating how annual performance appraisals reflect a static, hierarchical notion of leadership and organisation. In this respect, it is at odds with the concept of a modern workplace, which is increasingly characterised by complexity, uncertainty, networking, personal responsibility and self-organization. Along with his criticism, however, Trost also identifies practical alternatives to the classic...

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