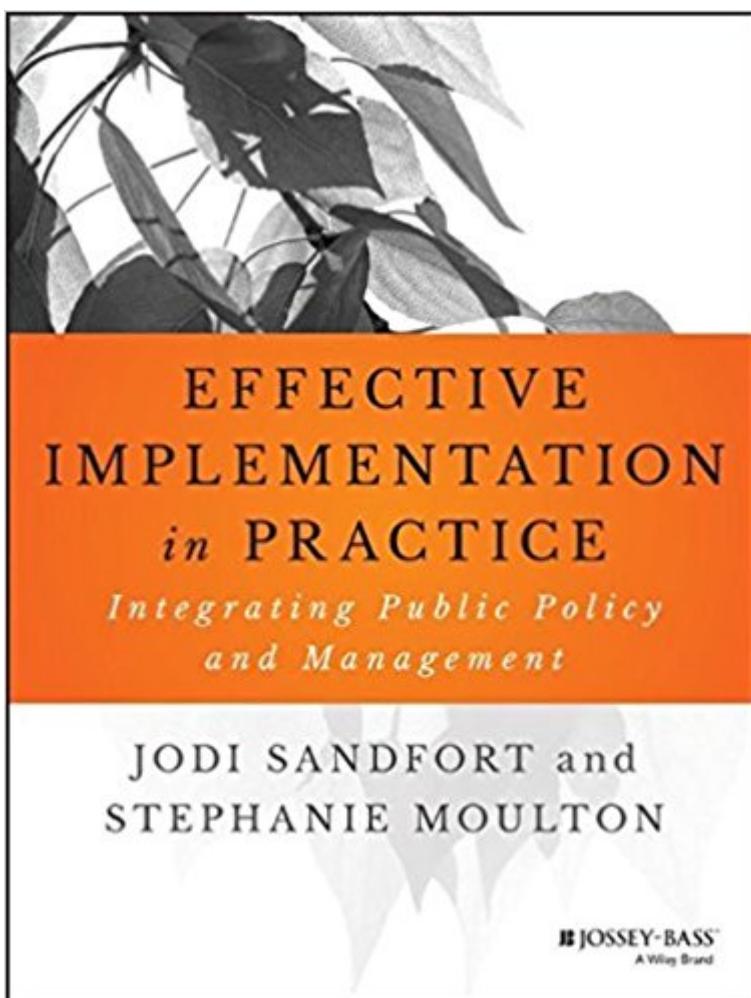


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# Effective Implementation In Practice: Integrating Public Policy And Management (Bryson Series In Public And Nonprofit Management)



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