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## Book Review

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# Book review

## **FIDIC Red Book: A Companion to the 2017 Construction Contract**

Jakob B. Sørensen. ICE Publishing, London, UK, 2019, ISBN 978-0-7277-6434-8, £60.00, 240 pp.

This book kicks off with a brief yet salient introduction to the history of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (Fidic) and the relationship between this, the *Red Book*, and the other standard forms within the range (*Gold*, *Yellow*, *Silver*, *Green*, *Pink* etc.), aiding the user by way of a simple chart in selecting the most appropriate contract for their commission. The book also advises on what has been updated since the 1999 revision and whether to convert pending experience of the form.

The companion (and remember this book is aimed to be sat side by side with the contract itself) is exactly that: a succinct clause-by-clause guide to

navigating through contract litigation jargon, translating to the dialogue of the engineer. Each chapter is aligned with the same numbered clause of the main contract, thus making this book easy to follow, even for those unfamiliar with the contract suite.

In appendix A, the reader will find a helpful mini guide that brings the contract outline into just three pages to digest.

For those venturing out on managing, leading or just curious to understand Fidic's *Red Book*, this is the guide for them.

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