The Myth Man. By Elizabeth Swados. Other editions. THE MYTH MANIFESTATION is exactly what one would expect from Lisa Shearin and the SPI Files series. It's got our sassy-as-ever Mac, action-packed scenes with creepy creatures, and general all-around humor and fun. Plus, this book opens the door for even more crossover between Shearin’s SPI Files and Raine Benares series. But THE MYTH MANIFESTATION has plenty of good. One of my complaints about the previous book was that Mac felt a little coddled. While I still see elements of overprotectiveness in Ian and Rake, she definitely strikes out on her own more in this book, and it feels like her skills are growing and she’s getting more confident. The Mythical Man-Month: Essays on Software Engineering is a book on software engineering and project management by Fred Brooks first published in 1975, with subsequent editions in 1982 and 1995. Its central theme is that “adding manpower to a late software project makes it later.” This idea is known as Brooks’s law, and is presented along with the second-system effect and advocacy of prototyping.