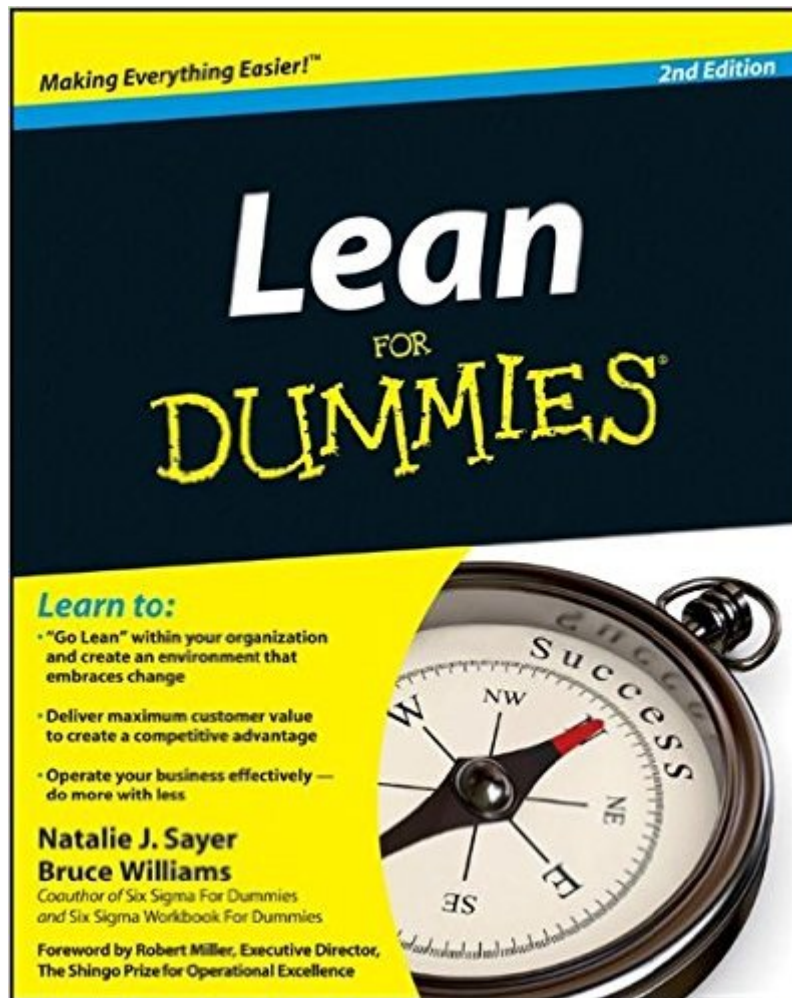


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# Lean For Dummies



## Synopsis

Take charge and engage your enterprise in a Lean transformation Have you thought about using Lean in your business or organization, but are not really sure how to implement it? Or perhaps you're already using Lean, but you need to get up to speed. Lean For Dummies shows you how to do more with less and create an enterprise that embraces change. In plain-English, this friendly guide explores the general overview of Lean, how flow and the value stream works, and the best ways to apply Lean to your enterprise. This revised edition includes the latest tools, advice, and information that can be used by everyone – from major corporations to small business, from non-profits and hospitals to manufacturers and service corporations. In addition, it takes a look at the successes and failures of earlier Lean pioneers – including Toyota, the inventors of Lean – and offer case studies and hands-on advice. The latest on the Six Sigma and Lean movements The role of technology and the expanding Lean toolbox Case studies enhance the material Lean For Dummies gives today's business owners and upper level management in companies of all sizes and in all industries, the tools and information they need to streamline process and operate more efficiently.

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Leaving aside the question of whether LEAN is the answer to the world's problems, or just the next management fad, my opinion of this book is heavily dependent upon what I think it is supposed to accomplish. I believe it is mediocre at being a narrative overview of what LEAN is all about, but that it fails miserably as any sort of guide or reference book. Since the title is "LEAN for Dummies", I

guess it is only fair to rate it as a narrative overview. More experienced readers will tire of the "wordy" format, opinions and lack of summaries and easy references. Some sections of the book are quite good. The summary and descriptions of the types of waste (Muda, Mura and Muri) are first rate, with reasonable examples of each. Further, there is a nice table summary of the 7 types of Muda, and even a brief description of type 1 versus type 2 muda (stuff that you really can't eliminate versus stuff you can). In short, this section is what I believe the book should be about. Three pages that you can read in about two minutes, and have an appreciation for the concept. No one will ever confuse you with an expert, but you won't embarrass yourself either. Other section of the book border on horrible. Control charts, one of the most common features of a LEAN implementation, are skipped over in a page or two. There is an example chart, and a statement "Typically, as long as the sample values fall between the upper and lower control limits, the process is 'in control'. However, if the distribution is systematic and non-random, this is an indication of special causes..." No idea what you are supposed to make of that statement. Nor is there any hint as to how to calculate upper and lower control limits, or even x-bar.

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