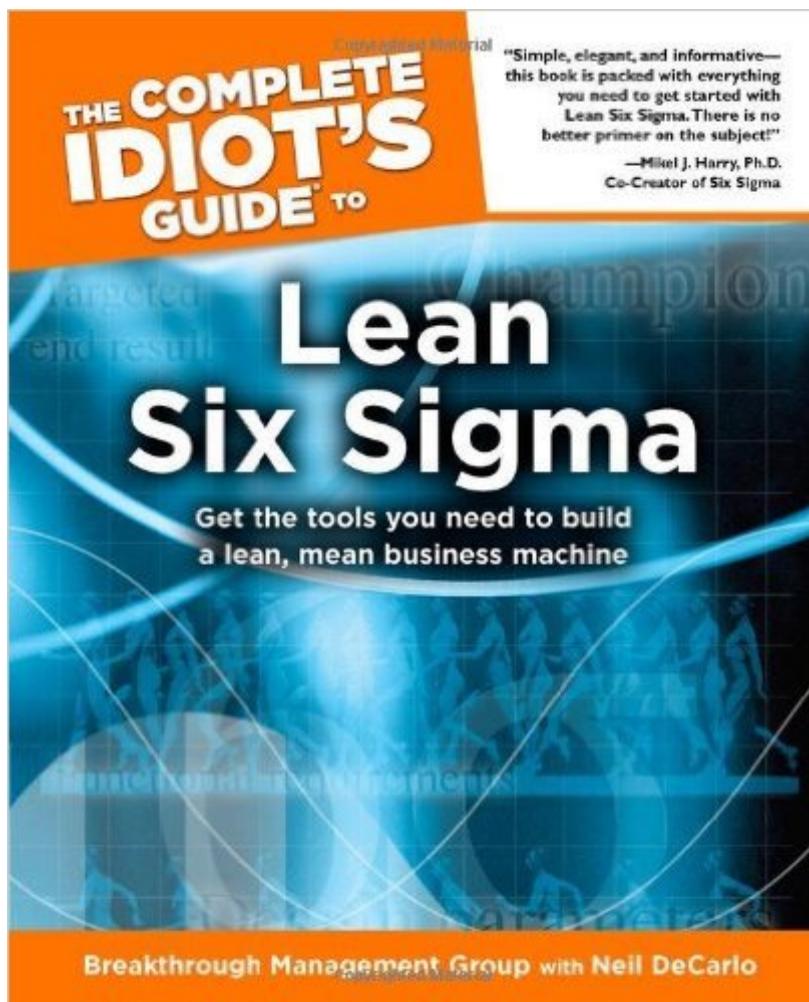


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The Complete Idiot's Guide To Lean Six Sigma (Idiot's Guides)



Synopsis

The perfect prescription for any organization — Increasingly popular with large and mid-sized companies around the world, Lean Six Sigma is the new hybridization of Six Sigma and Lean methodologies, and there is no better approach for achieving operational excellence in an organization. But how do you implement Lean Six Sigma, and what does it entail? The Complete Idiot's Guide to Lean Six Sigma answers this question with unprecedented clarity and turnkey elegance. Part one gives you all the background you need to understand Lean Six Sigma — what it is, where it came from, what it has done for so many organizations and what it can do for you and your company. Parts two and three of the book give you a prescribed yet flexible roadmap to follow in selecting, enacting and realizing improvements from Lean Six Sigma projects. Within this step-by-step structure, the authors demonstrate when and how to use the many Lean Six Sigma statistics and tools; packing the pages with diagrams, real-life examples, templates, tips and advice. If you are a Green Belt or a Black Belt, or trainee, these two parts will be invaluable to you. The Complete Idiot's Guide to Lean Six Sigma is the first book of its kind to integrate the Lean Six Sigma tools within a clear stepwise progression, so readers know when and how to actually apply them in their jobs. As such, this book is superior as a companion to any corporate or organizational Lean Six Sigma deployment. No more complex hodgepodge. Other books about Lean and/or Six Sigma tend to provide a lot of good information, tools and statistics — but mostly in a disconnected way, not in a way that is straightforward and user friendly. This makes an already complex subject seem still complex to the neophyte reader. On the other hand, the structure and progression of this book unfolds Lean Six Sigma in a way that a reader can easily become a user, and move more quickly from knowledge to application. Therefore, using The Complete Idiot's Guide to Lean Six Sigma, you know why the statistics are important and where to use them, because this is made clear. You know how and when to use a Pareto Chart, or do a Stakeholder Analysis, or conduct a Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA). You not only get fully primed on all the parts and parcels of Lean Six Sigma, but you truly learn enough to become dangerous — in a good way! In a way that makes you more valuable to your organization. Also for Lean Six Sigma leaders, not just practitioners. Just as a Lean Six Sigma practitioner follows a proven formula for process improvement, a Lean Six Sigma Leader generally follows a process for achieving organizational transformation. This is why the final part of the book focuses on what a Lean Six Sigma leader or Champion needs to know and do to be successful — again according to a detailed step-by-step process that can be followed exactly or modified to fit specific needs. This includes: Identifying and selecting Lean Six Sigma

projects. • Understanding the process of organizational transformation. • Installing an infrastructure for Lean Six Sigma deployment. • Ensuring quantifiable performance gains are made and sustained. Just like parts two and three show you how to implement a Lean Six Sigma project, part four of the book shows you the roadmap for implementing Lean Six Sigma on an organization-wide basis – and embeds all the necessary management tools, templates, examples and aids you’ll need within that progressive format. The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Lean Six Sigma is the smartest choice if you need a comprehensive primer, and especially if you need to actually improve a process or spread Lean Six Sigma capability throughout your company. It is the best comprehensive reference available to get you on your way to becoming a lean, mean business machine!

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Of all the titles on lean six sigma, this is one of the few that delivers on the promise of a clear, easy-to-understand explanation of this common sense approach to driving out defects. The content is comprehensive and logically organized, and the style is user-friendly, without the usual thunderstorm of jargon and consultanese. Thank you for making lean six sigma understandable, and digestible.

This book spoon-feeds Lean Six Sigma more effectively than I have seen. It is obvious that the authors took great care to create their graphics, and to present all the knowledge and tools that are needed to actually work with and use Lean Six Sigma. The book has an excellent roadmap in it with detailed steps showing the deployment leader what to do and when, as well as the practitioner, or person who is leading Lean Six Sigma projects. So I not only got the roadmap and steps, but I learned the tools I needed to apply each step of the way. Kudos to the authors.

The book is excellent for the Six Sigma approach for manufacturing and service systems. My only comment is that some mistakes exist in the book for the definition of mathematical symbols. For example on Page 38, the authors use the "summation sign" to define the symbol for the "standard deviation." This is incorrect. Therefore, I will give this book a four-star instead of a five-star. I will still recommend it for anybody interested in Lean Six Sigma.

Lean Six Sigma is a complex management tool and I think the book handles it very well. There is only so much you can do to simplify this subject. The book is easy to read. As a refresher, which is why I purchased it, I have been very pleased with how the book deals with its subject matter. The book arrived in good time, not problems where that is concerned. Frankly you are not likely to understand Lean Six Sigma if you are an idiot; you are expecting too much if you think you could. But I think that this is as good as it gets if someone were to make the attempt. Good job!

I'd give this book 3.5 stars rather than 4 if I could. There are good things about it, but there are also bad. My main complaint is that while I appreciate the level of detail, that's also the book's major downfall. It's not consistent. Some parts ARE for "idiots," but others aren't. I like that the authors repeat certain terms and concepts to make sure readers understand them, but they also gloss over other things that they must think either the reader already knows (e.g., some statistics concepts, symbols in tables) or they don't think are important. A more minor point I have to make is that there are terms in the text that aren't listed in the index or glossary. All that said, I know it's impossible to make one book all things for all people.

I've been studying six sigma for a while - and have numerous resources available .. however, I like how in depth this book goes in explaining the history and reasoning behind the six sigma approach. I would recommend to people who are to this process improvement approach.

I had been looking into taking courses to get a certification, but chose to check it out in paperback first. I'm glad I did. This book is great for someone thinking about becoming a Lean Six Sigma participant. It was also helpful in explaining the difference between Six Sigma and Lean. If you don't know what it's all about - this is a book you want to check out.

To be honest Lean Six is a very complicated idea and anyone serious about the program will need to take the proper courses. That being said this is a good option for someone like myself, who doesn't need certification but wanted to familiarize myself with the concepts and be able to discuss it on a basic level at work. If you are curious about the program and just need to understand the concept itself but just on the surface this an easy and quick way to get the info.

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