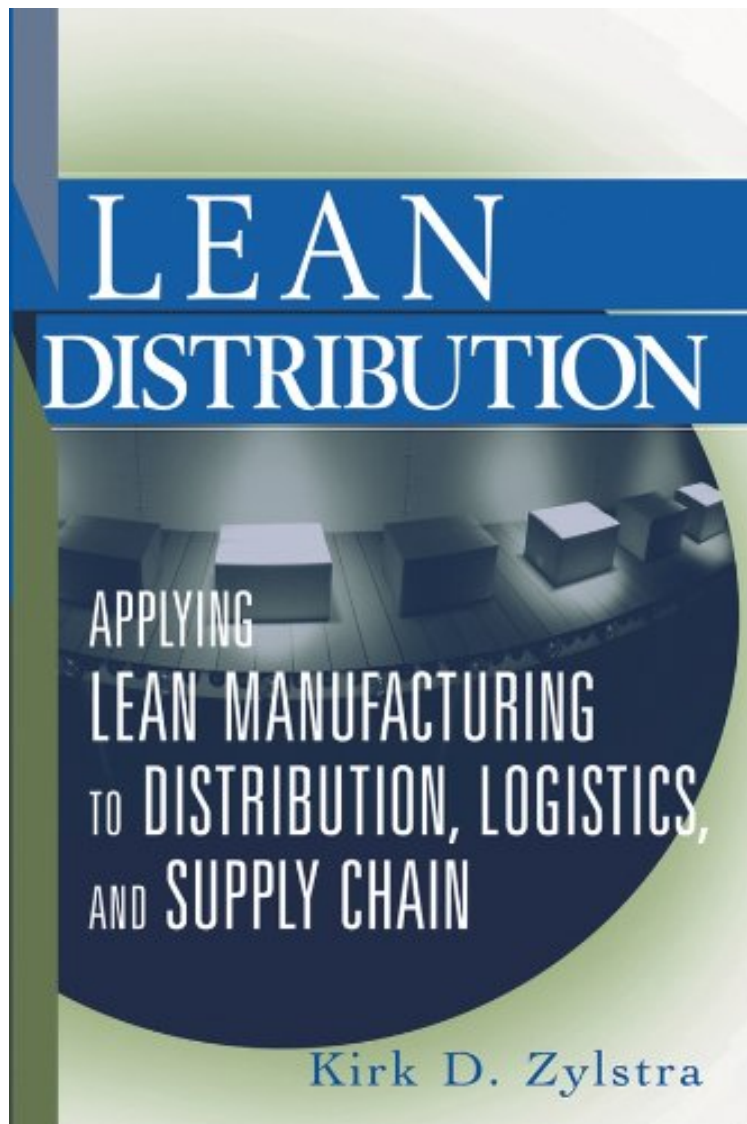


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lean or TPS about the garbage in this book. Its another poorly written group of ideals and opinions expressed in order to piggyback off of the whole "Lean Frenzy" and make money off of it. Maybe should start exposing reviewers that get paid for positive responses to allow people to see what motivates so many sterling, five star reviews of trash. Stay away from this book....10 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Longwinded and lacking detail

By Brian DAs an experienced manufacturing and distribution consultant I was very disappointed with this book. The first half of the book goes on and on about how current distribution inputs are "bad", specifically forecasts and says the lean distribution will help solve all your problems (my exaggeration). Unfortunately, like many lean writers, the author really doesn't give you many fresh ideas or detail, other than "lean is good". His answer to most demand uncertainty is to drop forecasting and go to period review (hardly new for the readers of Plossl and Wight), except if you have long lead time items...like anyone that sources overseas. Cutting lead times, using MAD for safety stock are other "revelations", again hardly new to anyone that has read and understood Plossl and Wight. To be fair, this would be a good primer for someone with little distribution experience. However, if you have a reasonable amount of experience in distribution and/or inventory planning, you may not find anything new here.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Complex Subject

By Alexandre WinklerThe so-called Lean Thinking has been observed in Toyota by a research carried out by MIT. It is recommendable that the reader should be familiar with lean practices before reading the book. In this connection, please note the 5 basic principles of the lean mentality:1- Identify value;2- Map the value stream;3- Create flow;4- Establish pull (in lieu of the traditional push methodology); and5- Seek perfection. Principles 2, 3 and 4 above are of key importance for a correct understanding of lean distribution. In very general terms, the idea of lean distribution is concerned with making the distribution flow as smooth as possible. The author argues that forecasting demand is a difficult task and he therefore proposes the use of a pull methodology instead. He also contests the focus upon the reduction of transportation costs sacrificing the total distribution cost. I myself believe that the pull methodology is not a panacea for every distribution scenario at all. Furthermore, I find difficult to figure out some explanations along the book that in my view go against the grain. As a result, a number of passages in the book were not quite clear to me. Please note that the author is fully in favor of Just-in-Time (JIT) production and lean practices all along the book. I therefore refer to chapter 1 of "Designing and Managing the Supply Chain" where Simchi-Levi and others call attention to the fact that JIT and lean strategies affect unfavorably the effective management of every supply chain.

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