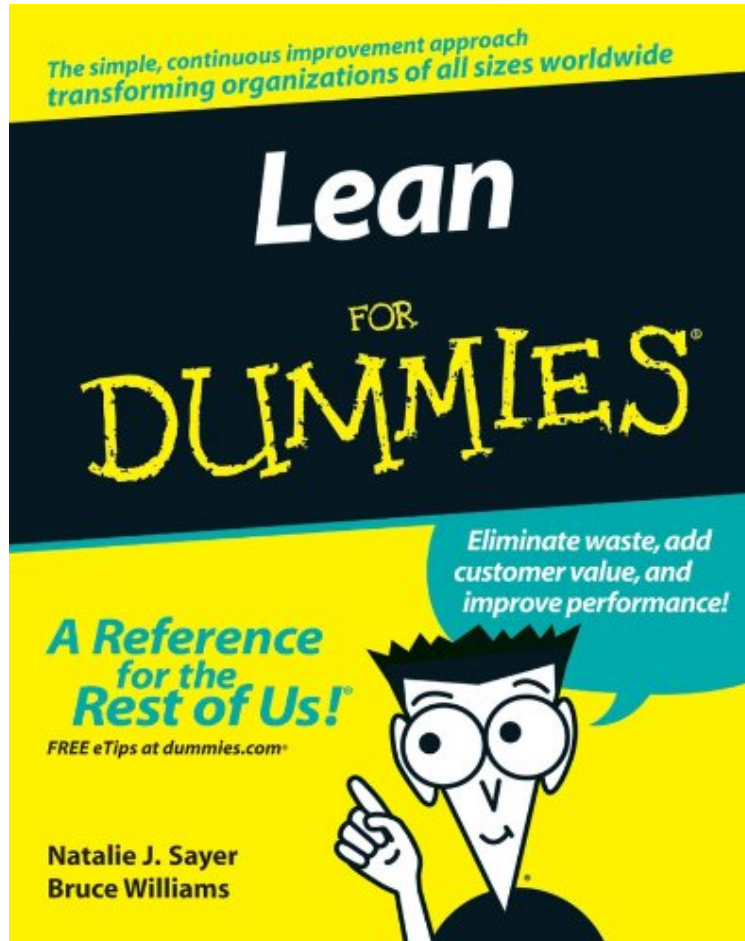


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Holy Grail of Kaizen books I've been looking for!By CustomerTHANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU for this book!I run a jewelry business, and we actually sell right here on . Since we process ship our inventory to 's warehouses (via the Fulfillment by program for 3rd Party Sellers), a system to improve our accuracy and reduce our packaging time was DESPERATELY needed.So I've been trying to find a book that broke down Lean Principles basic inventory control for a very long time, and I've bought about 6-8 kindle books on the topic. Everything I'd find was way too abstract and assumed too much knowledge on my part, which has been extremely frustrating. As a reader, especially a reader of business books, I could absolutely care less about history and establishing the credibility of Lean/Kaizen/etc. I buy that this is a good system already-get to the MEAT of the subject that's gonna make me some MONEY! (If you think about it, bloated information is, in and of itself, the opposite of a "lean").Anyways, I've been able to make a FEW meager changes in my company. I was thrilled with the results and naturally desired a "manual" to make my commitment to the Lean way of doing things as

complete as possible. This book breaks it down so beautifully. I could absolutely follow the concepts, and it didn't assume too much business experience on my part. Not only that, the info is totally practical and I'm extremely excited to implement it. The last book I read that was this helpful was "Nail It Scale It," and it totally changed my business for the better. "Lean for Dummies" is similarly useful and is definitely the book I've been desperately looking for on this topic. I honestly can't say enough good things about it. I highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in Lean, Kaizen, or just wants more inventory/management/leadership skills and knowledge. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. No dummies allowed! By Adrienne Wish this book had a different title. I love this one and want to share it firm wide, but I can't get past the title...it just doesn't send a great message if you pass out a book to all employees and you refer to them all as dummies. Need to consider having another line called something else. Granted it's been a great branding effort, so I know it's comprehensive and quality - but the name kills me. Love, love, love the content inside though. I needed to get up the curve quick and this book delivered! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Just what I was looking for By MyMusings I had been looking for a good introduction to Lean but couldn't find one, not even on the Lean.org site. Lean isn't are hard concept but the japanese jargon makes most books hard to follow. I hate buying a book with "dummies" as the title but this one did the trick. In fact it surpassed my expectations. The authors really seem to know what they are talking about and even though it is dated the text seems to jive well with current writing.

Have you thought about using Lean in your business or organization, but are not really sure how to implement it? Or perhaps yoursquo;re already using Lean, but you need to get up to speed. Lean for Dummies will show you how to do more with less and create an enterprise that embraces change. In plain-English writing, 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. You will understand the philosophy of Lean and adopt it not as a routine, but a way of life. This highly informative book teaches you: The foundation and language of Lean How to map the value stream and using it to your businessrsquo;s advantage The philosophy of Kaizen Different tools to improve management, customer service, and flow and pull How to ldquo;Go Leanrdquo; within your business and across the industry Avoid common mistakes in implementation Seek out resources for assistance This simple, continuous improvement approach that minimizes waste and adds customer value is changing organizations of all sizes all over the world. Lean for Dummies will show you to take charge and engage your enterprise in a Lean transformation!

From the Back Cover Create a culture that embraces change The fun and easy way to do more with less Competitive pressures force everyone to satisfy more demanding customers while using less of everything mdash; time, energy, space, materials, and money. This no-nonsense guide shows you how to apply the proven philosophies and techniques of Lean to eliminate waste and maximize the effectiveness of your resources. You'll see step-by-step how to implement Lean practices in any type of organization. Discover how to Understand Lean and how it's implemented Speak the language of Lean Identify and eliminate the seven forms of waste Construct and use Value Stream Maps and other Lean tools Engage people in a Lean transformation About the Author Natalie J. Sayer began studying and applying Lean before it was formally known as Lean. Over her 20-year career in the automotive industry in the United States and Mexico, Natalie honed her skills applying Lean and Organizational Development methods across functional areas of Fortune 130 companies. In 1996, Natalie was an instrumental team member in the Lean transformation of a GM facility in Matamoros, Mexico. The team was awarded the 1996 GM Presidentrsquo;s Council Honors for the project. While working with General Motors, she had multiple opportunities to visit and learn from New United Motor Manufacturing, Inc. (NUMMI). Natalie has trained, coached, mentored, and rolled up her sleeves to implement Lean practices, whether working in a company or volunteering at a food bank. She received a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering from the University of Dayton in 1988 and a Master of Manufacturing Systems Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1992. She is a graduate of Coach University and Corporate Coach University. Natalie is also a Six Sigma Black Belt and a Global Leadership Executive Coach. In 2003, Natalie founded I-Emerge, an Arizona-based global consultancy dedicated to the facilitation of people and processes experiencing significant change. The I-Emerge toolbox includes executive and personal coaching, group facilitation, Lean methods, public speaking, and Organizational Development tools and assessments. She is a passionate people person, who lives her life with the convictions that ldquo;there is always a better wayrdquo; and ldquo;change wonrsquo;t happen without the people.rdqquo; Bruce Williams strives for perfection and added value as a scientist, educator, consultant, and entrepreneur. Leveraging the Lean principle of standardized work, this is his third For Dummies book in three years, having previously coauthored the best-selling Six Sigma For Dummies in 2005 and the Six Sigma Workbook For Dummies in 2006. Undergraduate degrees in physics and astrophysics from the University of Colorado testify to his early pursuit of understanding the ultimate nature of root cause.