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Reviews of the first edition: "The prose is almost flawless, and the writing never feels beleaguered...it is almost like the author enjoyed every topic and every page. Highly recommended. All collections"—Choice "A great starting point for any student of American automotive history and a worthwhile addition to a collector's bookshelf"—Autoweek "Fun, informative, and close to a prewar bull's eye!"—Prewar Auto Notes "Very worthwhile reading"—Hemmings Classic Car "This is an immensely useful work, especially for those of us who want an entertaining and provocative text for our courses...provide teachers with a great opportunity to expand on the text in class...a valuable asset to any teacher who hopes to bring the automobile and automobility into the classroom"—Technology and Culture "Highly recommended"—Enterprise & Society "A deeply thought provoking study"—www.route66infocenter.com. Now revised and updated, this book tells the story of how the automobile transformed American life and how automotive design and technology have changed over time. It details cars' inception as a mechanical curiosity and later a plaything for the wealthy; racing and the promotion of the industry; Henry Ford and the advent of mass production; market competition during the 1920s; the development of roads and accompanying highway culture; the effects of the Great Depression and World War II; the automotive Golden Age of the 1950s; oil crises and the turbulent 1970s; the decline and then resurgence of the Big Three; and how American car culture has been represented in film, music and literature. Updated notes and a select bibliography serve as valuable resources to those interested in automotive history.

Numerous organizations are grumbling that lean didn't accomplish their long-term business objectives, and the improvement sway was fleeting. 7 out of every 10 lean ventures fall flat as organizations attempt to utilize lean like a toolbox, copying the procedures without attempting to adjust the individual's culture and their way of doing things, deal with the improvement cycle, support the outcomes, and build up their pioneers. At the point when the Toyota creation framework was made, the principle objective was to eliminate wastes from the shop floor utilizing some lean procedures and strategies. What was not satisfactory is that this needed from Toyota a long cycle of administration improvement, and a high promise to preparing and instructing their representative. A Failure to accomplish and support the improvement is an issue of both administration and initiative just as the miss-understanding of the human conduct, and the necessary culture to progress.

There is an important role for accounting that goes far beyond transactions, reporting, and policing the organization. It

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increases accounting's overall value but requires the accountant to leave the narrow confines of the ivory tower and become a partner with other areas of the business. This enhanced role was originally defined in the author's 2003 seminal Lean Accounting text, *Real Numbers: Accounting for the Lean Organization*. During the years since and after leaving her CFO position, she has traveled the globe, teaching and implementing Lean Accounting and taking note of the broad range of unique positive impacts accounting can have when they use their expertise to engage with the entire organization as a matter of course. This book takes the baton from *Real Numbers* and shows you the future role of accounting in value-based companies. Based on her financial expertise, CFO experience, and 25-year Lean journey, the author shares her perspective as an acknowledged thought leader and her experience as a consultant with you. There are many, many ways for this role to emerge. Any accounting team in any company can employ these same Lean activities with wonderful results. You will learn how to take an accounting team beyond their traditional role to proactively support business decision making and impact improved outcomes. This expanded role has both accounting operations and company-wide elements. It is initiated by applying Lean principles and tools to everyday processes to minimize mind-numbing transaction work and other waste from accounting processes. This improvement releases accounting capacity. This capacity can be applied to impacting the future with a greater focus on customer-based, value adding activities for the organization including evaluating waste reduction and improvement activities. Accounting and finance team members have a unique understanding of the numbers of a business that others lack. Business leaders desire and need assistance to attain a greater understanding of overall financial impact. This role joins these facts into a new partnership. As an accounting professional, you can be part of the value add, Lean waste reduction revolution. Get started here.

THE C-LEVEL GUIDE TO SUCCEEDING WITH LEAN "With 30 years of accumulated experience, Art Byrne is one of the rare few people who can speak with authority about the pitfalls of financial measurement systems, the importance of respect for people, the power of Lean in the marketplace, and the leverage from organizing people around value streams. When he writes 'Go to the Gemba and Run Your Kaizen,' we must take heed." -- MASAOKI IMAI, bestselling author of *Kaizen* and *Gemba Kaizen* "In this wonderful and important book, Byrne shows us that Lean management, understood and practiced correctly, consistently delivers spectacular results." -- BOB EMILIANI, author, *Better Thinking, Better Results*, and Professor, Connecticut State University "A compelling picture of how Lean techniques and attitudes enable CEOs and senior executives to create a culture for transforming a company and putting it on a highperformance path." -- JERRY J. JASINOWSKI, former President of the National Association of Manufacturers "Art Byrne provides real-world examples of how he exhibited the wisdom and courage to do the right thing, improving work practices at all levels of the organization to deliver the right results for all stakeholders. Which comes first, the wisdom or the courage? Read The

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companies that have successfully implemented FSLTM and tangible know-how to improve FSLTM status to achieve a lean summit. Whether you run a business, serve in public service, or practice Lean, this groundbreaking guide provides everything you need to transform your organization—and help lead it to the top of your industry, trade, or business.

Merging the benefits of two well-known methodologies, Lean Thinking and Total Productive Maintenance, Lean TPM shows how to secure increased manufacturing efficiency. Based on their experience of working with organizations that have successfully achieved outstanding performance, McCarthy and Rich provide the tools and techniques that convert strategic vision into practical reality. Lean TPM accelerates the benefits of continuous improvement activities within any manufacturing environment by challenging wasteful working practices, releasing the potential of the workforce, targeting effectiveness and making processes work as planned. * Unites world-class manufacturing, Lean Thinking and Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) * Shows how to achieve zero breakdowns * Optimises processes to deliver performance and new products efficiently * Delivers benefit from continuous improvement activities quickly Lean TPM provides a single change agenda for organizations. It will help to develop robust supply chain relationships and to optimise the value generating process. Supported by an integrated route map and comprehensive benchmark data, this book enables engineers, technicians and managers to explore this potent technique fully. * Unites the concepts of world-class manufacturing, Lean and TPM. * Shows how to accelerate the benefits gained from continuous improvement activities. * Includes an integrated route map for Lean TPM, including benchmark data.

Winner of a Shingo Research and Professional Publication Award! At the heart of Lean and Six Sigma is the same, unique business operating system: hoshin kanri. It is a method of strategic planning and a tool for managing complex projects, a quality operating system geared to ensuring that organizations faithfully translate the voice of the customer into new products, and a business operating system that ensures reliable profit growth. The true power of hoshin kanri, however, is two-fold -- it is a superior organizational learning method as well as a competitive resource development system. Hoshin Kanri for the Lean Enterprise, by Tom Jackson, explains how you can implement, identify and manage the critical relationships among your markets, design characteristics, production systems, and personnel to satisfy your customers and beat your competition. This practical workbook provides— A new understanding of hoshin kanri as a grand experimental design implemented through a system of team agreements. Clear explanations of the steps of hoshin kanri. A measure of overall business effectiveness used to determine the focus of corporate strategy. A new, improved X-matrix that incorporates a lean "balanced scorecard" for identifying improvement opportunities and converting them readily into bottom line results as a value stream P&L in terms that financial managers and accountants can understand and support. A CD containing forms, meeting agendas, and examples of X-matrices that serve marketing and design engineering as well as manufacturing. This workbook will show you the mechanics of implementing hoshin kanri, so that you can systematically improve your brand equity, implement Lean manufacturing and Six Sigma, and integrate your suppliers into a Lean and Six Sigma organization.

The definitive, fully up-to-date guide to continuous improvement in the workplace "An updated version of a classic book that shares a wealth of new healthcare examples and case studies from around the world. The methods in this book will help you improve quality and safety, reduce waiting times, and improve the long-term financial position of your organization. Highly recommended!" --Mark Graban, author of Lean Hospitals and coauthor of Healthcare Kaizen "Every business faces the iron triangle of quality, cost, and delivery. Conventional thinking claims you cannot have all three. Not only does Mr. Imai turn that thinking on its head, but he shows you exactly how to do it." -- Matthew E. May, author of The Elegant Solution and The Laws of Subtraction "Masaaki Imai has done it again. The second edition of his famous book

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not only describes all the tools necessary for any type of business to implement a lean strategy but also includes a large number of excellent case studies." -- Art Byrne, author of The Lean Turnaround Written by Masaaki Imai, pioneer of modern business operational excellence and founder of the Kaizen Institute, Gemba Kaizen, Second Edition is an in-depth revision of this renowned, bestselling work. The book reveals how to implement cost-effective, incremental improvements in your most critical business processes. Global case studies from a wide range of industries demonstrate how gemba kaizen has been successfully used to: Maximize capacity and reduce inventory at Unga Limited, one of Kenya's largest flour-milling operations Change the IT culture at Achmea, a large European insurance firm Exceed customer expectations at Walt Disney World in the United States Improve quality at Inoue Hospital in Japan Transform retail processes at Sonae MC, Portugal's largest employer Practice daily kaizen at Tork Ledervin, a weaving plant in Brazil Stamp out muda at Sunclipse, an industrial packaging distributor in the United States Manage quality improvement by total workforce involvement at Xuji Group Corporation, an electrical manufacturer in China Implement gemba kaizen at many other companies worldwide To thrive in today's competitive global economy, organizations need to operate more effectively and profitably than ever before. Developing problem solvers, increasing productivity, improving quality, and reducing waste are essential success factors. Proven strategies for achieving these goals are included in this pioneering guide. This comprehensive resource offers detailed coverage of important gemba kaizen topics, including: Quality, cost, and delivery in the gemba The five steps of workplace organization Identifying and eliminating muda--any non-value-adding activity Visual management Supervisors' roles in the lean workplace Gemba managers' roles and accountability in sustaining high performance Just-in-time and total flow management The CEO's role in leading a kaizen culture The methods presented in Gemba Kaizen, Second Edition reveal that when management focuses on implementing kaizen (incremental, continuous improvement) in the gemba (the worksite) unique opportunities can be discovered for increasing the success and profitability of any organization.

"Almost one hundred presentations from the thirty-third annual Charleston Library Conference (held November 6-9, 2013) are included in this annual proceedings volume. Major themes of the meeting included open access publishing, demand-driven acquisition, the future of university presses, and data-driven decision making. While the Charleston meeting remains a core one for acquisitions librarians in dialog with publishers and vendors, the breadth of coverage of this volume reflects the fact that this conference is now one of the major venues for leaders in the publishing and library communities to shape strategy and prepare for the future. At least 1,500 delegates attended the 2013 meeting, ranging from the staff of small public library systems to the CEOs of major corporations. This fully indexed, copyedited volume provides a rich source for the latest evidence-based research and lessons from practice in a range of information science fields. The contributors are leaders in the library, publishing, and vendor communities"--

Lean is all about flow. This book provides the fundamentals of Lean so that anyone, in any type of work, can be Lean. To better understand why Lean organizations such as Toyota are so innovative every day, the book also delves into the secret sauce of Lean, flow experience. Praise for this book "A wonderful gem! Flow is a fundamental concept in Lean Management and yet few thought leaders have highlighted it in the understandable way that France and Joanne have—and even fewer organizations understand and incorporate the concept with any degree of rigor. Learn about flow and then start achieving it! Your employees and customers alike will thank you." Karen Martin, President of TKMG, Inc. author, The Outstanding Organization

Created by Lean practitioners with real-world, results-proven track records, this book is designed to help struggling managers and leaders, interested in the benefits of Lean but bereft of budgets to hire full-time consultants, start substantial change in their enterprises and begin to

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reap the benefits of Lean. At once a how-to manual and a strategic management guide, the book lays out, in simple English, all the steps for implementing Lean, from formulating a strategy and managing organizational change, to establishing a kanban-driven, level-loaded production system. Presenting strategies that will fit in most existing budgets, Lean for the Cash-Strapped Leader: The Path to Growth and Profitability uses easy-to-read language with flashes of humor to reveal proven methods that will help your organization initiate change and begin reaping the rewards of a Lean operations system in any industry. The book avoids acronyms, complex Lean terminology, and academic froth to convey the essential instructions, detail, and information you need. Identifying powerful methods for initiating a Lean value stream that require minimal investment, the book is designed to help owners of small businesses and senior managers of larger ones make their enterprises more efficient, more productive, and ultimately more profitable. Along the way, the book gives detailed attention to the need for the "soft message" that underwrites and supports the actions required for a business to achieve the transformation that Lean can bring. Lean for the Cash-Strapped Leader emphasizes the messaging and the degree of management involvement required to achieve a successful Lean result. Learn more about the book at: <http://www.leanforthecashstrappedleader.com/>

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Use this practical, step-by-step guide on lean agile strategy to harness technological disruption at your large business to successfully advance your business rather than suffer a loss of business. The lean agile enterprise concept is demystified and translated into action as the author shares his experience with both success and major failure in areas such as healthcare, insurance, major airline, manufacturing, financial services, education, and big data. The author shares the good, the bad, and the ugly of enterprise-level adoption of lean startup practices (what we call a "lean corporation"). The book provides step-by-step instructions specifically targeted to technologists in multiple roles—from CEO to a developer on the ground—on how to build a "lean agile corporation" and avoid common traps. Building on the experience of the "lean startup" framework of Steven Blank and Eric Reis, this book takes these concepts to the enterprise level by providing tips and best practice guidelines, sharing "horror stories" and common anti-patterns in a fun and engaging way. What You'll Learn Discover how you can contribute to your company as it becomes a lean agile corporation and survives technological and digital disruption Beat Facebook, Amazon, Apple, and Google at their own game by using methods they use to quickly experiment with new services and features Understand how to advance your career in a lean startup framework Know how you can trace your company's success to your daily work Who This Book Is For Those in technology and business who are interested in strategy, business agility, management, execution, new technologies, and in the future of the business world.

* Our summary is short, simple and pragmatic. It allows you to have the essential ideas of a big book in less than 30 minutes. By reading this summary, you will discover how the lean approach can make your business incredibly efficient. You will also discover that : lean can revolutionize your business in every way; this approach requires your involvement as a business leader; it is based on continuous process improvement, without sacrificing innovation; lean does not cost much to implement, just a little imagination and the participation of your employees; by becoming Lean, you bring more value to your products and customers. Lean strategy can give your company a huge strategic advantage, with no huge investments or painful social plans. However, you must have a clear action plan to overcome the many obstacles that will arise. Art Byrne was one of the first managers to systematically implement lean in the companies he ran. Take advantage of his experience and advice to make your company more efficient and a leader in its market. *Buy now the summary of this book for the modest

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price of a cup of coffee!

Where do you go to when tough times affect both your business and lifestyle? Is there a quick fix to the issues that you're facing now? This book will unravel the secrets to fixing your problems, be it your business or lifestyle. The basic Lean principles have long been in existence for several decades and have been given pseudo names as derivatives of the original meaning of Lean management. All it does is to declutter your issues and let you see the root cause in a transparent manner so that it stays fixed once it is fixed. The methodology used is clearly explained in various chapters- explained in the simplest form that you can comprehend and absorb the gist of what is the issue, how do I go about fixing it, making sure it stays fixed and expect great turnaround results. Many examples have been described so that you can associate to a few or to at least one and use that as a model or case study. Each chapter can be read as standalone topics as it provides actionable knowledge for a reader that knows nothing of Lean principles. You will be absorbed to read this book over and over again as it comes alive for new situations related to your business or work life. The more you read the principles and associate them to the cases mentioned, the more you will uncover the secrets and the spirit of Lean concepts which were originally described by great Lean Gurus over the decades. You will be amazed when the situations turnaround for the better--especially needed during tougher times like this and you need Leaner measures to combat them.

In this groundbreaking sequel to *The Gold Mine*, authors Michael and Freddy Ballé present a compelling story that teaches readers the most important lean lesson of all: how to transform themselves and their workers through the discipline of learning the lean system. *The Lean Manager: A Novel of Lean Transformation* reveals how individuals can go beyond the short-term gains from tools, and realize a deeper, sustainable path of improvement. Full of human moments that capture the excitement and drama of lean implementation, as well as clear explanations of how tools and systems go hand-in-hand, this book will teach and inspire every person working to make lean a reality in their organization today. This book will help you learn both the how of doing lean, as well as the why behind the tools, enabling you to become lean. Lean is the most important business model for competitive success today. Yet companies still struggle to sustain enduring and deep-rooted business success from their lean implementation efforts. The most important problem for these companies is becoming lean: how can they advance beyond realizing isolated gains from deploying lean tools, to fundamentally changing how they operate, think, and learn? In other words, how can companies learn to go beyond lean turnaround to achieve lean transformation? *The Lean Manager: A Novel of Lean Transformation*, by lean experts Michael and Freddy Ballé, addresses this critical problem. As we move from what Jim Womack, author, lean management authority, and LEI founder, calls "the era of lean tools to the era of lean management," *The Lean Manager* gives companies a definitive guide for sustaining their ability to learn and improve operations and financial performance, while continually developing people. "The only way to become and stay lean is to produce lean managers," says Womack. "Every isolated effort will recede—or fail—unless companies learn to use the lean process as a way of developing individual problem-solvers with the ownership, initiative, and know-how to solve problems, learn, and ultimately coach new individuals in this discipline. That's why this book matters so much." *The Lean Manager*, the sequel to the Ballé's international bestselling business novel *The Gold Mine*, tells the compelling story of plant manager Andrew Ward as he goes through the challenging but rewarding journey to becoming a lean manager. Under the guidance of Phil Jenkinson (whose own lean journey was at the core of *The Gold Mine*), Ward learns to use a deep understanding of lean tools, as well as a technical know-how of his plant's operations, to foster a lean attitude that sustains continuous improvement. Where *The Gold Mine* shows you how to introduce a complete lean system, *The Lean Manager* demonstrates how to sustain it. Ward moves beyond fluency with tools to changing his behavior as

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a manager and leader. He shifts from giving orders and answers to asking the right questions so people identify and address problems. He learns how to use tools to unleash the creativity and motivation of people, so they learn how to solve problems as well as coach and teach others to solve problems. Ward learns how to create lean managers. “I am excited and have hopes that this book will enlighten readers about what it really means to live a business transformation that puts customers first and does this through developing people,” said Jeffrey Liker, author of *The Toyota Way* and professor of Industrial and Operations Engineering at the University of Michigan. “People who do the work have to improve the work. There are tools, but they are not tools for ‘improving the process.’ They are tools for making problems visible and for helping people think about how to solve those problems.”

While there are numerous Lean Certification programs, most companies have their own certification paths whereby they bestow expert status upon employees after they have participated in or led a certain number of kaizen events. Arguing that the number of kaizen events should not determine a person's expert status, *The Lean Practitioner's Field Book: Proven, Practical, Profitable and Powerful Techniques for Making Lean Really Work* outlines a true learning path for anyone seeking to understand essential Lean principles. The book includes a plethora of examples drawn from the personal experiences of its many well-respected and award-winning contributors. These experts break down Lean concepts to their simplest terms to make everything as clear as possible for Lean practitioners. A refresher for some at times, the text provides thought-provoking questions with examples that will stimulate learning opportunities. Introducing the Lean Practitioner concept, the book details the five distinct Lean Practitioner levels and includes quizzes and criteria for each level. It highlights the differences between the kaizen event approach and the Lean system level approach as well as the difference between station balancing and baton zone. This book takes readers on a journey that begins with an overview of Lean principles and culminates with readers developing professionally through the practice of self-reliance. Providing you with the tools to implement Lean tools in your organization, the book includes discussions and examples that demonstrate how to transition from traditional accounting methods to a Lean accounting system. The book outlines an integrated, structured approach identified by the acronym BASICS (baseline, analyze, suggest solutions, implement, check, and sustain), which is combined with a proven business strategy to help ensure a successful and sustainable transformation of your organization.

This book contains the proceedings as well as invited papers for the first annual conference of the UNESCO Unitwin Complex System Digital Campus (CSDC), which is an international initiative gathering 120 Universities on four continents, and structured in ten E-Departments. First Complex Systems Digital Campus World E-Conference 2015 features chapters from the latest research results on theoretical questions of complex systems and their experimental domains. The content contained bridges the gap between the individual and the collective within complex systems science and new integrative sciences on topics such as: genes to organisms to ecosystems, atoms to materials to products, and digital media to the Internet. The conference breaks new ground through a dedicated video-conferencing system – a concept at the heart of the international UNESCO UniTwin, embracing scientists from low-income and distant countries. This book promotes an integrated system of research, education, and training. It also aims at contributing to global development by taking into account its social, economic, and cultural dimensions. First Complex Systems Digital Campus World E-Conference 2015 will appeal to students and researchers working in the fields of complex systems, statistical physics, computational intelligence, and biological physics.

Includes bibliographical references and index.

Written by leading experts in the field of business, finance, law and economics, this edited volume brings together the latest thoughts and developments on turnaround management and business rescue from an academic, judiciary and turnaround/insolvency practitioner

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perspective. Turnaround Management and Bankruptcy presents different viewpoints on turnarounds and business rescue in Europe. Presenting a state-of-the-art review of failure research in finance, such as on bankruptcy prediction, causes of decline, or distressed asset valuation. It also presents the latest insights from turnaround management research as well as giving a contemporary insight into law debates on insolvency legislation reform, cross-border judicial issues, bankruptcy decision-making by judges and competition policy in distressed economies. Finally, the book provides a regional and sector perspective on how the current crisis affects Europe, its government policies and industry performance. In this way, the volume presents a modern, interdisciplinary and scholarly overview of the latest insights, issues and debates in turnaround management and business rescue, developing a European perspective in an attempt to redress the predominance of an American orientation in the academic literature. It aims at a wider audience interested in turnarounds and failure, such as faculty and students in the fields of law, business, economics, accountancy, finance, strategic management, and marketing, but also at judges, insolvency practitioners, lawyers, accountants and turnaround professionals, as well as the EU and government officials, staff of trade unions and employer's associations.

How to steer your business through times of financial distress and achieve sustained profitability Corporate Turnaround Artistry is a complete guide for entrepreneurial companies in times of financial distress—presenting effective strategies and proven methods to revive and rehabilitate your business. Uncertain economic times have significantly altered the financial resources available to struggling businesses. Narrowing margins and mounting internal and external pressure has taken their toll on many companies. Fortunately, most businesses can be repaired while maintaining their existing revenue structure. Offering practical steps that go beyond simple cost-cutting and sales-building advice, this invaluable guide teaches you how to control cash, secure financial relief, and develop a comprehensive turnaround plan that your employees, customers, and creditors will support. Business leaders and entrepreneurs often fall into the trap of assuming new debt when tough times strike. Author and Certified Turnaround Practitioner Jeff Sands shows that to many struggling businesses, more money is no longer the answer to the problem. Expert advice on topics including cashflow stabilization, short and long-term profit sustainability, lean management techniques, and more, provides the framework to timely and efficient corporate turnaround. From identifying the initial cash crisis to meeting with creditors and developing a plan, this essential resource will help you: Stabilize your financial liabilities and re-structure your debt Implement effective turnaround strategies without significant changes to your corporate structure Preserve the positions of your current employees and their community Give yourself a fresh start with a lean and agile business Thousands of businesses fall into financial stress every year—oftentimes in sudden and dramatic fashion—leaving CEOs and owners asking the question “How do I save my business”? Corporate Turnaround Artistry: Fix Any Business in 100 Days provides the answer.

Traditional accounting systems have become inadequate for today's increasingly competitive global manufacturing environment. They are too complex and too focused on past performance. As manufacturing techniques change and become less labor intensive, accounting methods must also evolve. Regardless of what you call it, Lean accounting is a management

This book by Peter Béndek presents a strong case against the current practice of business operations improvement, based on numerous studies from the business world as well as insights from the most prestigious authors of the last fifty years. The author contests the applicability and indeed the relevance of the Toyota Production System and its spin-offs to the Western context, claiming that a revised approach is much better suited to taking our specific cultural conditions into account, while also combining increased transparency, speed, and sustainability of change with a robust value-creating capability. Dr. Béndek argues that this approach can have a far-reaching impact on

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corporate cultures by offering an all-encompassing learning system, one that provides a more coherent and actionable continuous improvement strategy than conventional approaches. The book offers an important guide to rethinking operations management, both in academia and business practice.

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Traditional Chinese edition of The Presentation Secrets of Steve Jobs. BusinessWeek columnist and speaking coach Carmine Gallo lets you in on Steve Jobs' secrets of being the tour de force that enthalls his audience and customers. In Traditional Chinese. Distributed by Tsai Fong Books, Inc.

Of the 100 companies named to Fortune magazine's list of the world's largest companies in 1956, only 29 of those companies remain on that list. Many lost their way because they failed to recognize the changes taking place, or were too big to react quickly enough to shifting market conditions. Supplying Lean practitioners with a formal process for keeping up with technological advancements and shifting business requirements, The Future of Lean Sigma Thinking in a Changing Business Environment provides the tools to survive and prosper through the current business environment. It introduces cutting-edge business solutions from the fields of chemical engineering, aircraft production, and business psychology, and explains how to integrate these concepts with proven Lean principles. The book begins by providing a foundation in essential Lean concepts, including Deming and Juran, Six Sigma, Total Quality Management, the Toyota Production System, and New Six Sigma. Next, it reports on the latest advances in process understanding. By analyzing changing attitudes within the system, it illustrates how new products are being developed using updated Lean thinking. In addition, it provides examples that demonstrate the impact of e-commerce on Lean production systems. Incorporating the green agenda to Lean thinking, the text supplies the insight to safely navigate your company through a shifting business landscape while reducing your impact on raw materials and the environment. By following the principles discussed in this book, you will not only increase your company's chances of achieving long-term survival but will position your organization to capitalize on the economic upturn on the horizon.

Hoshin Kanri has been used successfully by Toyota and other top-tier companies in Japan and the United States to achieve strategic business and lean goals. The underlying power of a successful hoshin kanri process relays on how Toyota creates an environment of continuous improvement. Toyota is a strong business because of its people, and people are the value of its system. This book focuses more on people rather than the process. Management behavior, motivation, core organizational values and teamwork, leadership development, and culture change are the real factors of any business success. Akio Toyoda said after several recent recalls that the rate of the company's growth was higher than the rate of the development of its people. Successful businesses need to invest in the people and put the people before the process. Read this book and you will see why a gap remains between successful and less successful companies in terms of process management, people management, and the adaptability of culture.

Chinese edition of Then We Came to the End. Joshua Ferris is the winner of the Barnes and Noble Discover New Writers Award. The book was also nominated for the National Book Awards Fiction 2007. Distributed by Tsai Fong Books, Inc.

"Mike Woods urges his retired father into helping out a friend's failing company. But for Bob Woods, another struggle to introduce lean manufacturing quickly rehashes production battles that he's long since fought. And not even the senior Woods, son Mike, or friend Phil and his colleagues really grasp what's in store for them."--Cover.

Multinational Corporations are meeting new challenges by focusing on core activities, value chain disaggregation, relocation of activities to

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emerging markets, industry consolidation, technological change, and market volatility. In this volume we scrutinize different models to examine how MNCs can cope and orchestrate a global network organization.

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