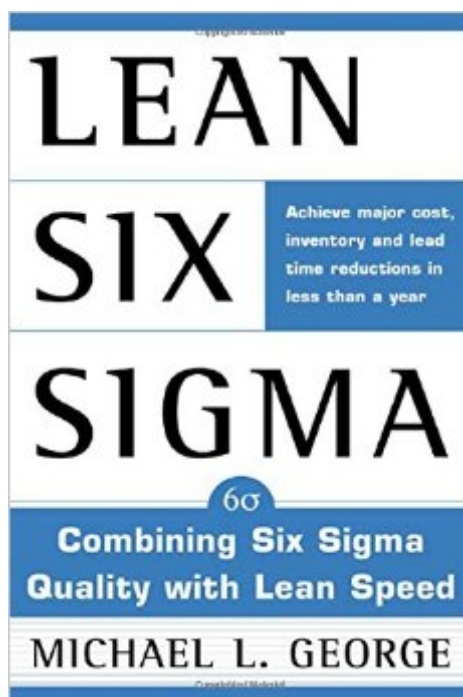


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# Lean Six Sigma: Combining Six Sigma Quality With Lean Production Speed



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## Customer Reviews

We have been on the lean journey for over 4 years, and just started on 6 sigma. I have completed course work for a black belt and need to complete the project. This is just to provide a basic reference for my comments. (Update: 7 years lean & 6 sigma black belt)The book is good and technically accurate. It is written by a consultancy, with a not totally overt message to hire them. They do not go in to the detailed nuts and bolts of 6 sigma or lean. If that is what you want, look elsewhere. They do discuss both, with more on lean than six sigma. Heavy emphasis on change management and leadership involvement (as it should be).They have their angle on approach, which seems the case with most consultants (everyone has their flavor), but it is not out of line with the orthodoxy of either discipline.The best benefit is how they integrate both disciplines. This integration was not an overt display with in the book, and that maybe intentional.There is a line of thinking that Lean and 6 Sigma are two sides of the same coin, or a ying and yang to continuous improvement. The authors seem to go down this road. They take a project management approach,

and in project definition try to decide if this is a 6 sigma or lean project. It wasn't crystal clear what they do if it is blended. My take away is that you blend your approach. This may mean spin-off projects from the main project or a longer total duration as you work through the lean and 6 sigma issues. It is worth getting and reading. The DFSS (Design for Six Sigma) is better done elsewhere. Lean sigma is relatively new, so expect more books on different approaches. I like the integrated approach, pick the dominant theme and use those tools. Address issues as they come up. Move the ball.

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