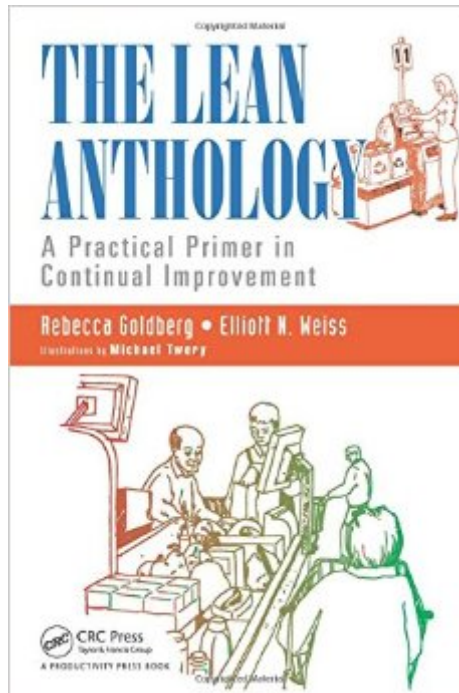


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The Lean Anthology: A Practical Primer in Continual Improvement presents operations management case studies that illustrate a Lean process improvement journey. Ideal for non-engineers, adult learners, and corporate or business education settings, this book can help you and your organization understand and apply Lean practices as part of a plan for saving money, generating revenues, or freeing up resources—particularly in settings not traditionally associated with Lean. The stories are easy to understand, simple accounts of everyday people negotiating life. The characters observe and integrate the principles of Lean into their personal and professional lives. Each Lean case study will help you understand and apply a different approach to the "relentless pursuit of the strategic elimination of waste." The stories are organized into a framework for implementing a Lean transformation called The Five Cs: Customer, Capability, Control, Coordination, and Context/Culture. These are the five stages of strategic operations design and improvement. The Five Cs framework is a new approach to understanding a Lean journey that you can apply in many settings. The Five Cs framework can help you become more effective in both your personal and professional lives. The book includes explanations with each case study, as well as brain teasers suitable for team discussion. These tools supply readers—even those without an operations management background—with an intuitive understanding of how to create value by eliminating waste.

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Great practical examples to help see the Lean attributes of systems that we all see on a regular basis. If you are interested in lean this is a great introduction.

The Lean Anthology is an excellent guide to the principles and concepts of lean enterprise. The story format the book uses provides practical everyday examples of lean in practice. It challenges you to observe opportunities to apply lean effectively in your daily life. This helps dial you into lean thinking in a way that makes it part of your natural thought process. Then you are set to carry lean thinking into the work place with a bias towards meaningful, measurable, practical applications. The book is a fun read and you quickly realize that the book is an excellent tool for helping to align individuals with lean. It has become part of my at-hand reference library. The Lean Anthology is a must have book for anyone interested in the concepts, principles, and use of lean to improve performance and results.

The Lean Anthology is a great introduction to the lean way of thinking and introduces a wide variety of lean principles through short stories. The focus on everyday situations makes it very approachable for any audience. There is a lot here, and I will likely revisit some of the stories as I come through different situations in my own life. At times, I did find myself wondering how all these pieces fit together and wishing there was a more in-depth discussion of certain topics (including diagrams, etc.), but it would be hard to achieve so much in one book. I would consider this book as a nice intro or supplement to an education in lean rather than a standalone guide.

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