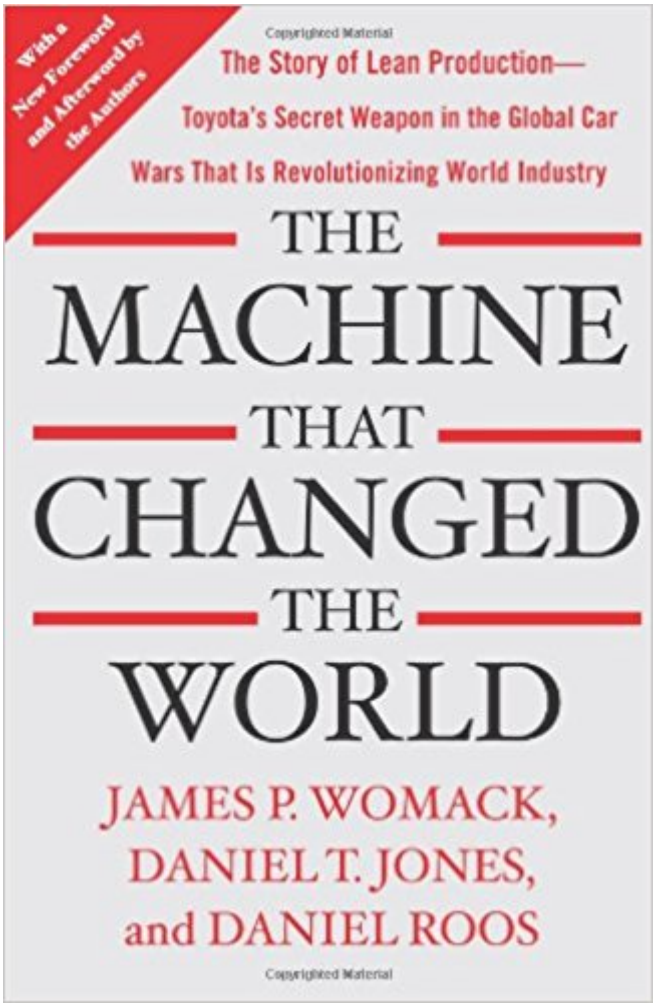
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The classic, nationally bestselling book that first articulated the principles of lean production, with a new foreword and afterword by the authors.When The Machine That Changed the World was first published in 1990, Toyota was half the size of General Motors. Twenty years later Toyota passed GM as the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s largest auto maker. This management classic was the first book to reveal ToyotaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s lean production system that is the basis for its enduring success. Authors Womack, Jones, and Roos provided a comprehensive description of the entire lean system. They exhaustively documented its advantages over the mass production model pioneered by General Motors and predicted that lean production would eventually triumph. Indeed, they argued that it would triumph not just in manufacturing but in every value-creating activity from health care to retail to distribution. Today The Machine That Changed the World provides enduring and essential guidance to managers and leaders in every industry seeking to transform traditional enterprises into exemplars of lean success.

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This provocative and highly readable book summarizes five years of research by the International Motor Vehicle Program (IMVP) at MIT into the role of the autmobile industry in the world economy. The authors, all directors of the IMVP, recommend that Western automobile makers adopt the concept of lean production in all phases of automobile production. A thorough and persuasive explanation of the benefits of lean production, along with numerous examples, mainly from Japanese industry, support their recommendations. This important book offers informed insight into

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Good book. I liked it. I read this book for my own personal Lean Six Sigma knowledge & improvement. I enjoyed the history of Lean using the auto industry: Ford, Chrysler, Honda, Toyota, etc. Interesting to see the progression of Lean Production & Manufacturing throughout the years. The study shows how the lack of implementation of Lean has and can erode a company’s standing, profitability & endurance through hard times. Good book to get your feet wet in the Lean Six Sigma world.

Good book to get an introduction to Lean manufacturing. It’s not a prescriptive book for lean on its own (other than to say lean is superior), so you will need to get other books or take a Lean Six Sigma class to learn how to actually implement it in your facility. Overall very interesting read to learn about the history of car manufacturing around the world and how the systems developed over time.

I read this after taking a tour of the Toyota plant in Kentucky. Both the tour and the book helped me understand how Toyota changed much of industrial production. I only wish there was a final chapter to explain how the process originated by Toyota has spread throughout the automotive and other industries.

A super classical. Must have it, must read it (at least if you work in the manufacturing area or in the engineering one).Very accurate description of the Toyota way and comparison with older production concepts.

This give s a good history of lean and is an interesting read from an origins point of view. This is considered one of the first books that brought Lean to the Western world. From a professional services point of you there are concepts you can pull out of it, but you wont find direct tools and principles for implementation.

Extraordinary classic that opens the Toyota Production System to the world. But be advised that lean gimmicks are no where to be found here, instead you are for a treat, the core of what makes Toyota lean: a unique culture.

Great History of Toyota, but more importantly the author really explains LEAN with history and examples. It’s amazing to hear how bad automotive production was and still is in some places

For the history of Automotives in this country there can’t be a book found with more detailed interesting history !

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