

# Bicheno's Top 100 Lean Books

Author	Title	Publisher	Date	Serv / Manuf	Comment	Stars	Amazon ranking
Adams, James L	Good Products, Bad Products	McGraw Hil	2012	M&S?	New perspectives on value and quality. Great	****	211,740
Allende, Sam	Be More Pirate!	Portfolio Penguin	2018	M&S	Pirates: the original modern lean guys?	***	
Alter, Adam	Drunk Tank Pink	Oneworld	2013	M&S	labels symbols colour location all relevant	****	
Amabile, Teresa and Kramer, Steven	The Progress Principle	Harvard	2011	M&S	small wins motivation and leadership	****	114,012
Baudin, Michael	Lean Assembly	Productivity	2002	M	v good on layout	***	817,289
Baudin, Michael	Lean Logistics	Productivity	2004	M&S?	best on warehousing matl handling	****	1,350,350
Bhote, Keki and Bhote	World Class Quality (2nd edn)	AmaCom	2000	M&S?	best on Shainin	***	854,869
Bicheno, John	The Service Systems Toolbox: Lean, Systems, Design	PICSIE Books	2012	S	all(?) the service tools - integrated updated	???	380,818
Bicheno, John	The Lean Games and Simulations Book	PICSIE Books	2015	M&S?	learning lean the fun way	???	776,897
Bicheno, John and Catherwood, Phil	Six Sigma and The Quality Toolbox	PICSIE Books	2005	S&M	overview of gurus, tools and six sig	???	224,637
Bicheno, John and Holweg, Matthias	The Lean Toolbox 5th edition	PICSIE Books	2016	S&M	not only tools; extensive revision and pages	???	4,639
Blank, Steve	The Four Steps to the Eiphany (Fifth edition)	KS	2013	S&M?	The classic on Lean Startup: Agile prod develop	****	
Boaler, Jo	Limitless mind	Thorsens	2019	M&S	YOUR mind is plastic and can develop	****	
Bogsnes, Bjarte	Implementing Beyond Budgeting	Wiley	2016	M&S	Better than straight Hoshin and poor KPIs?	****	
Christensen, Clayton & Raynor, Michael	The Innovators Solution	Harvard	2003	M&S?	stimulating on NPD, innovation	***	33,690
Christian, Brian & Griffiths, Tom	Algorithms to Live By	William Collins	2016	M&S	great intro to new ways of scheduling, planning	***	

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Clear, James	Atomic Habits	Random House	2018	M&S	small habits lead to big results	****	
Colvin, Geoff	Talent is Overrated	Nicholas Brearly	2009	M&S	you can do it - with focused practice	***	8,661
Colvin, Geoff	Humans are Underrated	Penguin Portfolio	2015	M&S	Important people messages for the future	****	
Cooper, Brant & Vlaskovits, Patrick	The Lean Entrepreneur (Second edition)	Wiley	2016	S	Great review of Lean development & software	****	6,000
Cunningham, Jean and Fiume, Orest	Real Numbers	Managing Times	2003	M	practical lean accounting wiremold	***	213,119
Deming, W Edwards	Out of the Crisis	MIT	1982	M&S	an essential re-read every 2 yrs. Yes you.	****	111,293
Dennis, Pascal	Lean Production Simplified (Third edition)	Productivity	2016	M	very good basic introduction	***	298,748
Dixit, Avinash and Nalebuff, Barry	The Art of Strategy	Norton	2008	M&S	superb on games: partnership, supply, unions	***	42,481
Duggan, Kevin	Creating Mixed Model Value Streams (second edition)	Productivity	2012	M	v good on heijunka for repetitive	****	36,177
Duhigg, Charles	The Power of Habit	Heinemann	2012	M&S	the power of establishing habits like kata	****	739
Epstein, David	Range: How Generalists Triumph	Macmillan	2019	M&S	thinking learning experience: too little? Too much	****	
Ericsson, Anders	Peak: Secrets from the New Science of Expertise	Bodley Head	2016	M&S	relevant on deliberate practice coaching	****	
Frei, Frances and Morriss, Anne	Uncommon Service	Harvard Business	2012	S	excellent framework and cases	****	215,709
Furr, Nathan and Dyer, Jeff	The Innovator's Method	Harvard Business	2014	M&S	Lean innovation start to finish	***	68,352
Fussell, Chris & General Stan	One Mission: How Leaders Build Team of Teams	Macmillan	2017	M&S	Follows Team of Teams. No great all time leader!	****	
Gall, John	The Systems Bible: Beginners Guide to Systems	General Systematic	2002	M&S	highly subversive, is this fun or serious?	****	236,448

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Galsworth, Gwendolyn	Work that Makes Sense	Visual Lean	2011	M&S	best on visual management - many examples	****	1,034,779
Goldratt, Eli	The Goal	North River Press	1984	M	Classic novel. Wonderful & easy	*****	3,819
Graupp, Parick, Steward & Parsons	Creating an Effective Management System	Routledge	2020	M&S	Gears link Hoshin, TWI and Kata together	***	
Graupp, Patrick and Wrona, Robert	The TWI Workbook (Second edition)	Productivity	2015	M&S?	essential skills for supervisors	****	553,621
Guwande, Atul	The Checklist Manifesto	Profile books	2011	M&S	the power of checklists with implementation	****	711
Hales, H lee and Bruce Anderson	Planning Manufacturing Cells	SME	2002	M	excellent on systematic cell design	***	2,173,477
Hall, Robert (Doc)	Zero Inventories	Dow Jones APICS	1982	M	its all there all that time ago	****	963,986
Hamel, Mark & O'Connor, Michael	Lean Math	SME	2017	M&S?	All the formulas. A reference for every org	***	
Hinckley, C Martin	Make no Mistake!	Productivity	2001	M&S?	best on pokayoke	****	557,700
Hopp, Wallace	Supply Chain Science	McGraw Hill	2008	M	more accessible & shorter than factory physics	****	31,031
Hopp, Wallace and Spearman, Mark	Factory Physics (3rd edn)	McGraw Hill	2008	M	tour de force but maths. 3rd even better.	****	781,158
Jackson, Thomas	Hoshin Kanri for The Lean Enterprise	Productivity	2006	M&S?	good and detailed with CD. Dated?	***	194,789
Johnson, H Thomas and Broms, Anders	Profit Beyond Measure	Nicholas Brearly	2000	M&S	original on lean accounting & measures	***	979,471
Johnson, Steven	Where Good Ideas Come From	Penguin	2010	M&S	the adjacent possible - how lean must learn	****	14,665
Kahneman, Daniel	Thinking, fast and slow	Allen Lane	2011	M&S	fabulous on thinking pitfalls	****	101
Kim, Gene; Humble, Debois, Willis	The DevOps Handbook	IT Rev	2016	S	Best? On software agile with Lean	***	

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Knapp, Jake	Sprint: How to solve big problems	Bantam Press	2016	S&M?	small wins quick learning experimentation	****	10,000
Koenigsaecker, George	Leading the Lean Enterprise Transformation (2nd edn)	CRC Productivty	2012	M	leadership from a CEO that has done it	***	71,122
Laloux, Frederick	Reinventing Organizations	Nelson Parker	2014	S&M	Hierarchy of organization types. Stimulating!	****	
Levinson, Marc	The Box	Princeton	2006	M&S	wonderful history of containerization	***	35,798
Liker, Jeffrey and Meier, David	The Toyota Way Fieldbook	McGraw Hill	2006	M	building on the classic adding practical advice	****	289,000
Liker, Jeffrey with Karen Ross	The Toyota Way to Service Excellence	McGraw Hill	2016	S	Long overdue excellent points	****	
Majerus, Norbert	Lean-Driven Innovation	CRC	2016	M&S?	Good Detailed product development	****	
Mann, Darrell	Hands on Systematic Innovation for Business	IFR Creax	2004	S&M	best book on TRIZ outside manuf	****	
Mann, David	Creating a Lean Culture (second edition)	CRC Productivity	2010	M&S	v good for gemba style leadership	****	24,743
Mascitelli, Ronald	Mastering Lean Product Development	Technology Perspect	2011	M&S?	best on design outside of Toyota	****	378,128
Maskell, Brian & Baggaley, Bruce	Practical Lean Accounting (second edition)	Productivity	2011	M	standard on lean accounting	***	576,359
Maurer, Robert	One Small Step Can Change Your Life	Maurer	2004	M&S	A little gem on kaizen from medical doctor	****	14,410
Modig, Niklas and Ahlstrom, Par	This is Lean	Rheologica	2012	M&S	short & clear. Good to see Kingman. Chapter 8?	****	154,580
Morgan, James and Liker, Jeffrey	Designing the Future	McGraw Hill	2019	M&S?	Detailed update on product development	***	unranked
Netland, Torbjørn and Powell, Daryl	The Routledge Companion to Lean Management	Routledge	2017	M&S	wide ranging contributions from top people	****	
Nicholas, John	Lean Production for Competitive Advantage	CRC	2011	M	comprehensive but expensive blockbuster	****	221,132

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Nisbett, Richard	Tools for Smart Thinking	Penguin	2015	M&S	Excellent reviews of psychol, stats, experiments	****	6,000
Ohno, Taiichi	Toyota Production System	Productivity / Diamo	1978	M	many gems worth seeking out	***	175,276
Ohno, Taiichi	Workplace Management	Gemba Press	2001	M	some gems, some surprises	***	47,808
Oosterwal, Dantar	The Lean Machine (Lean Product Development)	AmaCom	2010	M	Great extended case on Harley D design process	****	98,432
Parkinson, C Nothcote	Parkinson's Law	John Murray	1958	S&M?	a forgotten classic - serious fun	***	194,195
Pink, Daniel	Drive: The Surprizing Truth about what Motivates	Canongate	2010	M&S	do you believe in incentives? Important!	****	1,138
Poppendick, Mary and Poppendick,	The Lean Mindset	Addison Wesley	2014	M&S	lean software and so much more on people	****	148,598
Pound, Ed; Bell, Jeff; Spearman, Mark	Factory Physics for Managers	McGraw Hill	2014	M&S?	Essential Factory Physics made more acessible	****	97,103
Reinertsen, Donald	The Principles of Product Development Flow	Celeritas	2009	M	wonderful basic principles. Practical?	***	21,200
Richardson, Tracey & Ernie	The Toyoya Engagement Equation	McGraw Hill	2017	M&S?	Excellent on TPS engagement, good on problems	***	
Ries, Eric	The Lean Startup	Portfolio Penguin	2011	M&S	Lean innovation in software - test it early!	****	461
Robinson, Alan and Dean Schroeder	The Idea-Driven Organization	B-K	2014	M&S	Even better than Ideas are Free	****	
Rosenzweig, Phil	The Halo effect	Free press	2007	M&S	wonderful warning, not specific to lean	****	67,680
Rosenzweig, Phil	Left Brain Right Stuff	Profile	2014	M&S	another challenge to conventional thinking	****	90,700
Rother, Mike	The Toyota Kata Practice Guide	McGraw Hil	2018	M&S?	Best on Kata. Essential.	****	97,983
Rother, Mike and John Shook	Learning to See	LEI	1998	M	mapping classic but is anywhere like Acme?	**	9,814

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Schein, Edgar	Humble Enquiry	Canongate	2013	M&S	wonderful tutorial on engagement	***	4,111
Scholtes, Peter	The Leader's Handbook	McGraw Hill	1998	M&S	excellent on people, deming	****	29,309
Schonberger, Richard	Japanese Manufacturing Techniques	Free press	1982	M	still one of the best ever on Lean / JIT	****	927,306
Schonberger, Richard	Best Practices in Lean Six Sigma Process Improvement	Wiley	2007	M&S?	new insights from the original & still best	****	1,093,613
Shook, John	Managing to Learn	LEI	2008	M&S?	A3 plus PDCA - great mentoring	****	80,029
Sibbet, David	Visual Meetings	Wiley	2010	M&S	superb on visuals for groups	****	73,002
Smalley, Art	Four Types of Problems	LEI	2018	M&S	V Good for various types of problem	****	
Sobek, Durward and Smalley, Art	Understanding A3 Thinking	CRC Productivity	2008	M&S	short but very good on A3 and PDCA	***	21,775
Spear, Steven	The High Velocity Edge	McGraw Hill	2010	M&S	possibly the best ever on process mgmt	*****	179,949
Spicer, André	Business Bullshit	Routledge	2018	M&S	a long ignored area plus tentative steps	****	
Spitzer, Dean	Transforming Performance Measurement	AmaCom	2007	M&S	best on measurement	****	565,427
Stack, Jack	The Great Game of Business - expanded and updated	Currency Doubleday	2013	M&S?	This is real respect! The future of Lean?	****	35,800
Stewart, Matthew	The Management Myth	WW Norton	2009	M&S	myths destroyed: taylor, mayo, porter: a must	****	218,123
Stoller, Jacob	The Lean CEO	McGraw Hill	2015	M&S?	excellent history; provocative cases	***	
Suri, Rajan	It's About Time	CRC	2010	M&S?	POLCA Kingman Time-based accounting	***	
Tetlock, Philip and Gardner, Dan	Superforecasting	RH Books	2016	M&S	everyone concerned with forecasting should read	****	

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Thurer, Matthias, Stevenson,	Card BasedControl Systems for Lean Work Design	CRC	2016	M	Very good detail on Kanban CONWIP Polca	***	
Ward, Allen C and Sobek, Durward	Lean Product and Process Development 2nd ed	LEI	2014	M	the standard Lean design reference	****	
Womack, J and Jones, D	Lean Thinking rev edn	Free press	2003	M	first section essential, cases now dated	***	5,105
Womack, J, Jones, D and Roos, D	The Machine that Changed the World	Rawson	1990	M&S?	W&J's best	****	24,389