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Never before has a business initiative transformed corporations so dramatically. While it has been credited with improving productivity, slashing costs, and improving profit margins, it can cause much angst among employees who need to change the way they currently work and adhere to a new philosophy. That's where characters Joe and Larry step in to deliver ***The Power of Six Sigma***. This fictionalized tale simplifies a complicated topic through the lives of two typical business professionals. Contrary to other books on the subject, ***The Power of Six Sigma*** explains the overall philosophy of Six Sigma effectively in a nonthreatening way, taking no more than two hours to read.

## **The Power of Six SIGMA Details**

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### **Mohammad Abokhalil says**

I think that would be enough if you read this summary:

<http://sixsigma.pbworks.com/f/The+Pow...>

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### **Brian Sheets says**

For those seeking a summary understanding of the Six Sigma process and its promised benefits to business, this is the book to get. However, bear in mind that most statistics show ~70% of Six Sigma implementation efforts fail, a representation of theory vs. reality.

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### **?????? ???? says**

If It was more detailed, it will be better, I like the last 4 chapters and some steps that can lead your steps in six sigma, but It is a good start to know about six sigma

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### **Melody says**

If you can allow yourself to get past the corny fictional storyline, then there is some merit to reading this book. I am not an engineer, but I wanted to gain a better understanding of Six Sigma. (We all know how well it worked for Jack Welch.) Subir obviously worked very hard to simplify and illustrate six sigma in terms that everyone, even I , could understand.

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### **Matt Ohlson says**

Those looking for a detailed description of Six Sigma and its intricacies will be disappointed by this book. However, those looking for a macro-level introduction to Six Sigma will be blown away by how well this book delivers in just 117 pages. Subir Chowdhury delivers a masterful semi-fictional account of how Six Sigma changed American Pizza for the better. He uses fantastic applications of broad Six Sigma concepts that are easy to understand. This is a great introductory book for a business or economics major looking to enter the field of management or an experienced manager looking to up his or her game. At the very least, Chowdhury delivers a page-turning story that anyone interested in business management will enjoy.

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### **Debra Flores says**

This book is small in size and number of pages, but big in content. Written in a fictional way, it shows what

Six Sigma is all about, by explaining the basic concepts in an easy understandable language. Very entertaining and detailed enough to get all the basics of Six Sigma across. Good finish with examples of the process implementation. It introduces concepts and organizational structure to those unfamiliar with the process. Good reinforcement for those who are learning.

It is written as a lunchroom dialogue between friends that have been working in the same company for a long time. One friend is very successful, and the other is not. The successful friend explains a Six Sigma project and the unsuccessful friend is asking questions. This is a great book to start with if you want to know more about Six Sigma.

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### **Stephen Tate says**

I thought it was a rather intelligent way of thinking about making your business more efficient. I think that all programs or businesses should adopt this way of thinking when it comes to raising the standards and not just creating a plan just because production is low and someone complained.

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### **Patrick Birch says**

This was easy to read and relatively short. I was able to read all in one sitting and while it is useful as a good introduction it felt like it over simplified the six sigma subject and tools used to deliver the projects. Personally I would recommend as a book to bring someone into the subject but don't expect it to give you all the answers.

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### **David Smith says**

Good book. It put in story form the principles of Six Sigma. This book really opened up my eyes to the power of this process. I never even knew what Six Sigma stood for before reading this book. It's has changed the way I do business and has prompted me to do more research into this topic. This is transforming my business.

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### **Katie says**

Required reading prior to my Six Sigma project at work, this was a very clear and informative book. The story is cheesy, and the writing is simplistic, but that's a good thing, since the text is intended as a brief primer on the subject. The Six Sigma process is explained with regards to a pizza company attempting to improve customer service and its bottom line, and it can be easily understood by any reader. It is an excellent overview for someone with little to no knowledge of the concept of Six Sigma and its benefits. This is a short and extremely fast read that can be finished in under an hour.

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## **Cynara says**

Livro lido por causa da faculdade.

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## **Guardian1708 says**

Good for a theory overview of how the system works.

Definitely enjoyed it and would feel like I have a conceptual understanding if I go through the the program.

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## **Doni Lantow says**

Finished the book in one sitting, needless to say, a very fast read.

It did exactly what it was supposed to do, taught me what Six Sigma is, but with the length of the book being as short as it is it failed to go in depth of how to implement it.

Still a great read if your interested in the concept, but be prepared to have more questions at the end of it.

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## **Ryan says**

I read this at the request of the QA Director as a possible option for the next book club at work. The management ideas of Six Sigma are valid - actually they are DUH, like eating less and exercising more to lose weight. Imagine someone coming up with the idea that knowing what your customers want fixed and then fixing that is important and may even save you money. Unfortunately, if its too obvious, anyone can do it and consultants can't charge big fees so no one wants it.

I found the approach interesting and it fall in line with my belief that infrastructure IS sexy. Someday I will figure out how to convince folks how amazingly hot infrastructure maintenance is.

The book itself is horrible - basically an infomercial. But wait, there's more. The story is contrived so you "connect" with the material but its not true. The approach is just insulting. The reading level MAY be 2nd grade. You're better off reading wikipedia.

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## **Jess says**

a very basic and beginners guide to Six Sigma. Definitely not what I was expecting.

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