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Description:

Review Excerpts from Lean Acres review by Dr. Mikel Harry:

"Lean Acres is fantastic in its appeal and innovative in its writing style. Jim Bowie introduces an

amazing convention by using talking animals on a farm to represent "real" stakeholders and teach Strategy and Process Improvement methodologies in ways that are easy to understand and enjoyable to learn."

"His step-by-step guidance through the each tool and philosophy make this book essential for Leaders, Managers, Quality Professionals, and anyone interested in improving performance in any industry."

Excerpt from Lean Acres Review in the Lean Management Journal:

I think Lean Acres should be a must-read for every first-year student of industrial and systems engineering and given by every continuous improvement leader to those who are about to be influenced by the programme - so that they can rapidly get "on-board" and know the nature and value of the journey of which they are going to be a part.

And as is on the farm, so is in real life - beware the jackass, or you may find yourself in the "Boo-Chair".

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From the Author Writing **Lean Acres** was a privilege and an honor, and was in no way a small undertaking. A vast majority of books and training on the market today teach Strategy and Continuous Performance Improvement (Balanced Scorecard, StrateTree™, Lean, Six Sigma, Theory of Constraints, and Business Process Reengineering) methods and tools from a static, academic perspective. The theory is important, but the gains are in practical (and relevant) application. I wanted to give the world a resource, an instruction manual and a guide, that marries the academic and the practical and continues one step further. I wanted to include (and expose) the sophistication introduced by stakeholder management, real stakeholder management, and to emphasize the range of personalities, emotions, and struggles we encounter in all of our organizations every day.

Each and every day throughout the crafting of this work, I recalled experiences and feelings and wove them into the story. I would sit down in my office with the curtains drawn, look beyond my computer monitors, and dream with my eyes open. I could see the farm, the animals, the problems, the possibilities...and when I had lived through a chapter, I came back and wrote down everything I heard, smelled, tasted, felt, and saw. By observing the tale, I went beyond myself and endured the chaos that an even mixture of reality and imagination can muster. This mitigated the schizophrenia that crept up now and again while giving voice and credence to over a dozen characters of different species.

But it was fun, and I hope to go back there someday. **Lean Acres** is more than a book to me. It is a part of me, and my sincerest wish is that the lessons, the guidance, and most of all the story become a part of you too.

Until we meet again, may God bless you and yours. - Jim Bowie

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