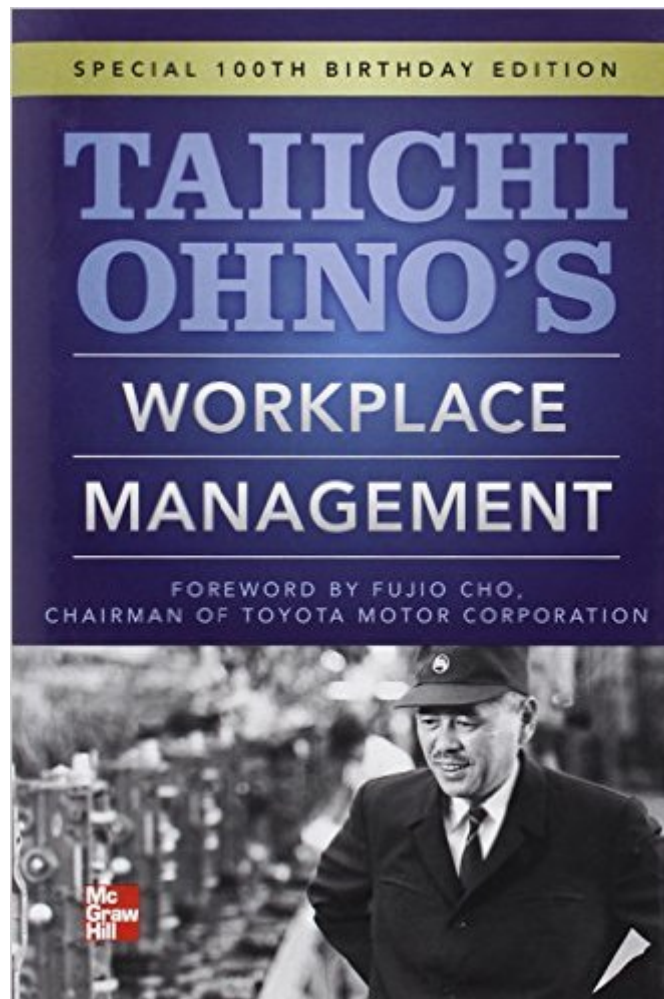


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This book is a compelation of 38 short chapters that originally were spoken narratives with Taiichi Ohno. Jon Miller took these wonderful gems and then translated into English. There's also an excellent Publisher's Foreword and even better Afterword taken from Taiichi's 1st TPS textbook. Some concepts are likely to be unpopular and/or counterintuitive, such as scolding subordinates in front of others or most people are wrong 30-40% of the time. As such, this book is not for beginners or junior associates to lean thinking and the Toyota Production System. Pro: +Covers a wide range of management topics that are applicable to just about any gemba, not just lean or factory environments +Shares logic behind philosophies, handy as well as interesting +Excellent translation, reads/flows well, with footnotes that explain interesting nuances that would only be understood if you were Japanese or if you were very familiar with the language and culture +Hardcover of high quality... has weathered my handling well Con: -Expensive book given that it is so short (about 130 pages) and many pages between chapters contain 50% white space Nuetral: -As a narrative turned text, there's only one simple illustration (in the Sakkaku chapter I think) and no photos. -Also the index could possibly be improved (e.g kaiaku, sakkaku, the individual Japanese elements of 5S, etc. missing). Perhaps a listing of all terms and their definitions would be a handy reference, but in all fairness to Mr. Ohno and Mr. Miller, I do not think this book is for beginners and does not affect the quality of the book or its message. Bottom line: the text is insightful and interesting, highly recommended.

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