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with Lean Tools, DMAIC, and
Belts for Smarter Quality
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Preface



OVER THE PAST YEARS, I have authored and published more than one hundred books covering lean thinking, business excellence, reliability, maintenance, and quality management. Many of these works have focused on bridging **modern management methodologies** with **practical industrial challenges**, making complex concepts both accessible and actionable for professionals and organizations worldwide.

Following the success of my recent titles in **quality, reliability, maintenance, and lean management**—particularly those that connect **artificial intelligence (AI)** with traditional improvement methods—I felt it was the right moment to explore one of the most powerful and respected methodologies in greater depth: **Six Sigma**.

This book, **AI-Powered Six Sigma**, was written to provide a **practical guide for quality professionals, engineers, managers, and Six Sigma practitioners** who want to understand how AI can be integrated into the structure of Six Sigma and continuous improvement. Unlike general texts on artificial intelligence, this work is designed specifically for those who already speak the language of quality, process variation, and structured problem-solving.

The book is organized into three parts:

- **Part I – Foundations** introduces the intersection of AI with quality and Six Sigma, setting the stage for how these two worlds can complement each other.
- **Part II – Belts** explores how each level of Six Sigma—from White Belt to Master Black Belt—can leverage AI tools and approaches in their daily work.
- **Part III – Tools & Applications** demonstrates how AI enhances the classical Six Sigma toolkit, including DMAIC, root cause analysis, predictive quality, and risk management.

By reading this book, you will learn:

- How AI augments Six Sigma rather than replacing it.
- How practitioners at different Belt levels can apply AI in their roles.
- How key Six Sigma tools and methodologies can be accelerated and expanded through AI.
- How organizations can move from reactive quality to **predictive, proactive, and AI-driven excellence.**

Ultimately, this book is not just about technology—it is about **reshaping the practice of Six Sigma** for a new era of competitiveness and customer focus. My hope is that it will inspire both seasoned practitioners and newcomers to embrace the opportunities of AI while continuing the disciplined pursuit of quality improvement.



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I also wish to acknowledge the contributions of countless **quality leaders, engineers, and researchers** whose work laid the foundation for Six Sigma and who continue to evolve its practice in the modern age. The pioneering spirit of these professionals—combining rigor with creativity—remains the backbone of continuous improvement worldwide.

Finally, I am grateful to my family, colleagues, and students, who have always supported my efforts to write, teach, and share knowledge. Their patience and encouragement make it possible for me to keep producing books that I hope add value to the global community of professionals.

To all readers: thank you for joining me on this journey. May this book provide you with practical insights, fresh ideas, and the inspiration to embrace **AI-powered excellence in Six Sigma**.



Chapter 1 – The New Era of Quality and AI





Introduction



QUALITY HAS ALWAYS been the backbone of industrial success. From Deming’s early work on statistical control to the rise of Six Sigma as a global methodology for performance improvement, organizations have pursued one central objective: **reduce variation, improve processes, and deliver consistent value to customers.**

Today, a new force is reshaping this journey—**Artificial Intelligence (AI)**. AI is no longer a futuristic concept; it is now embedded in daily business operations, manufacturing processes, healthcare systems, and service industries. For quality professionals, this represents not just an upgrade in tools but a **paradigm shift in how improvement work is conceived and executed.**