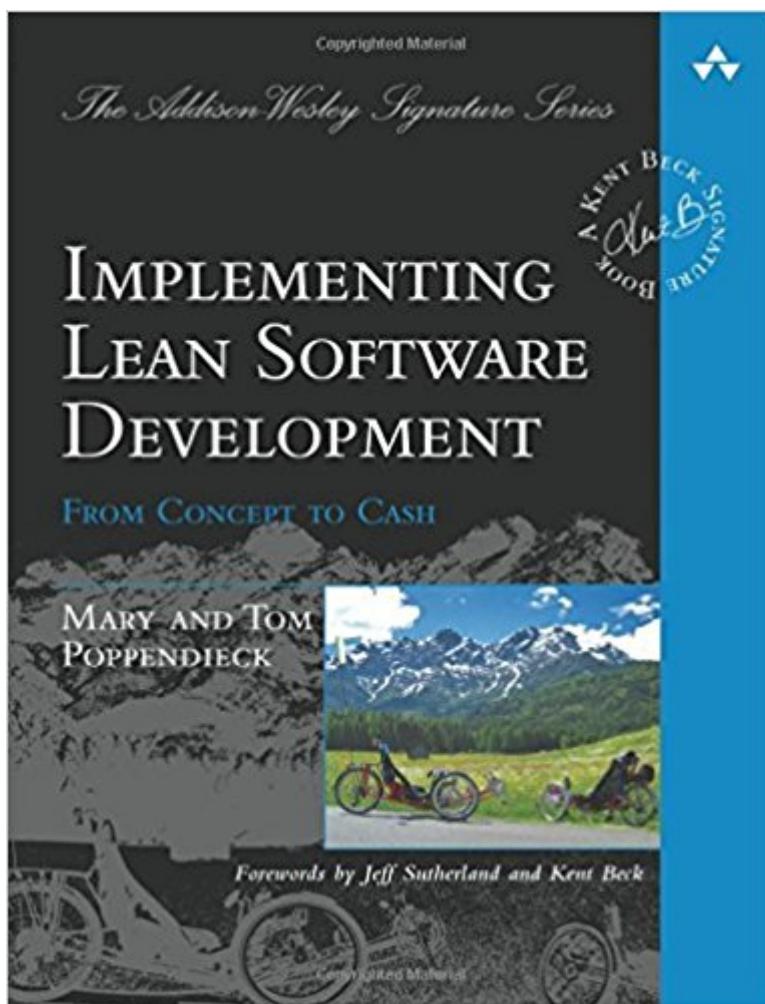


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Mary Poppendieck is a seasoned leader in operations and product development with more than thirty years of IT experience. She has led teams implementing solutions ranging from enterprise supply chain management to digital media, and built one of 3M's first Just-in-Time Lean production systems. Mary is the president of Poppendieck LLC, which specializes in bringing Lean techniques to software development. Tom Poppendieck is an enterprise analyst, architect, and agile process mentor with more than twenty-five years of experience developing and implementing complex systems. He currently assists organizations in applying Lean principles and tools to software development processes.

Almost 11 years ago, I read the Poppendieck's first book *Lean Software Development*, but I recently attended training to become a Scaled Agile Framework SAFe Agilist. It was at that training that I learned about *Implementing Lean Software Development* (and *Leading Lean Software Development*). I decided that I would benefit from these later works since they are foundational material for SAFe. Now, I can tell you that the second installment is just as good as the first. This installment gives a good foundation in the background of lean based on Toyota, and it includes good foundations in the seven lean principles as applied to software development. The

authors continue the format that they used for their first book where they present principles and give tools for thinking rather than overly simplistic “best practices”. Each chapter ends with a “Try This” section with questions and suggestions for how to use the principles within your own environment. Each one is excellent, but I found Chapter 9 on Partners to be of particular importance. They outline three common reasons for outsourcing that are actually harmful. I discussed the topic with two of my colleagues, and both of them named two of the three. However, neither of them cited the valid reason that the authors give - increasing knowledge and capability. In addition, I liked the theme that runs through the book of enabling people to think and experiment using the scientific method. This is truly a lost art as too many companies try to substitute tools and process for intellectual capability. I won’t attempt to cover everything that the authors did, but hopefully I’ve raised your curiosity. I highly recommend *Implementing Lean Software Development*. The first book is not a prerequisite, but it is good complementary material. Anyone who wants to improve their knowledge on lean software development will benefit from this book. Now, I’m off to dive in to *Leading Lean Software Development*.

Great book, slow read. This book and a two day class got me my PSM certification.

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Anyone that claims to be Lean, Agile, Scrum-based, etc... should read this. You might realize you've gotten it wrong all along. It's not just about morning stand-ups and iterations. It's about how you operate principally with your customers. This book covers it all and gives you an understanding beyond just the implementation steps.

I'm very impressed with this book. Unlike most Agile books (that focus on the decorations of the process), this gem dives right into the principles of the process. I especially like how the authors go back to proven manufacturing models to show that software development is engineering and not science. I've read a ton of Agile books, but find myself continually delighted as I turn each page. This is the first Agile book that I think someone completely new to Agile could use to bootstrap the process into their own organization (but still would recommend a consultant). Highly recommended for both experts and novices.

This book offers practical tips to 'hardcore' software development teams with issues that are specific to SDLC. Most books focus marketing/sales/IT Support related case studies. In this book, Mary focus on implementing lean ideas (Learned from all industries) but as applicable to the software development world. A MUST-READ for Software development teams who want to succeed.

Excellent read for anyone in software development. Both team and manager

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