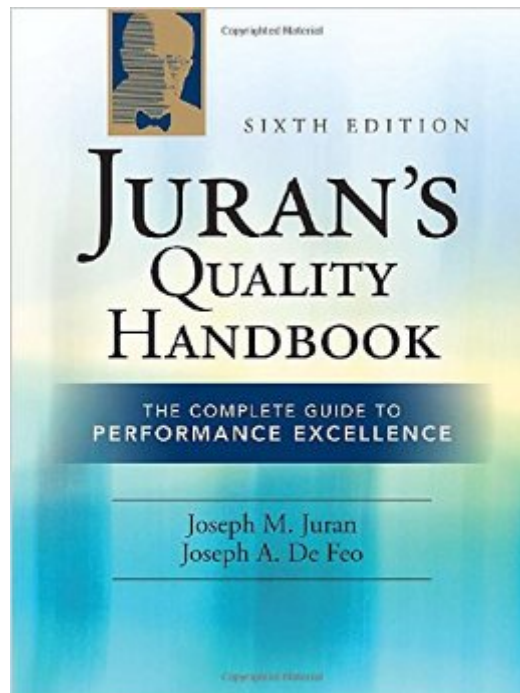


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At least up to the 4th edition (the last I had before this one), Juran's handbook could rightly be called

the "Quality Bible"--it contained something about virtually everything to do with quality as it was understood in the mid-to-late 20th Century. Just browsing through that book on a regular basis gave me a range of basic knowledge that proved to be literally priceless over the 25-plus years I worked as a quality engineer. However, I found this new edition to be biblical in another sense: It preaches the gospel of what I call "new age quality"--Six Sigma, Kaizen, Lean, and the other warm and fuzzy "initiatives" which have provided a nice living for consultants over the past 15 or 20 years. This theme is so constant that at times it seems that the chapters were all based on the same sacred tablet, to which the disciples simply inserted a few bits and pieces from their particular fields of interest. Even the graphics aren't immune. The "Juran Trilogy" diagram is first encountered on page 79. I found seven reproductions of essentially the same graphic in other chapters, and I may have missed a couple! The earlier editions of the handbook were great "nuts and bolts" resources for the quality practitioner. There was plenty of "quality management" material, to be sure, but there was a lot of solid technical material to go along with it. This edition is far less balanced, although to be fair there are still 130 pages or so dealing mainly with statistics, including material on measurement systems evaluation that I don't recall being in my '94 rendition.

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