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recognized and implemented, and both have been successful in improving value propositions of a variety of organizations, mostly in manufacturing concerns. Lean Sigma Methods and Tools for Service Organizations proposes to integrate the best practices from each of these philosophies and apply them to a customer-focused organization--a cruise ship--whose overriding mission is to deliver superior service to its customers. The authors demonstrate in this book how key components of both Six-Sigma and Lean, such as identifying and removing defects, elimination of waste, metrics, speed of delivery, and the seamless integration of these concepts and practices throughout the operation, serve to enhance the kind of value propositions that customers recognize and which allows the organization to be successful.