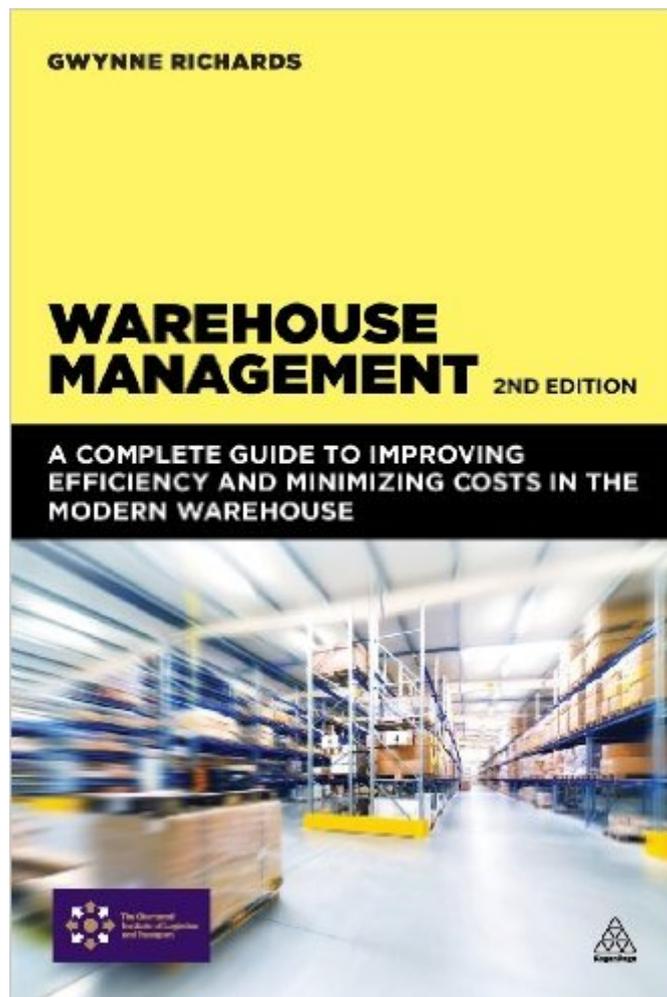


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# Warehouse Management: A Complete Guide To Improving Efficiency And Minimizing Costs In The Modern Warehouse



## Synopsis

Warehouses are an integral part of the modern supply chain, involved in sourcing, producing and distributing goods. However, due to the complexities of warehouse operations they can often be one of the most costly parts of the supply chain. Their efficient management is therefore critical for minimizing cost and contributing to an effective and efficient supply chain. Warehouse Management provides a complete guide to best practice in warehouse operations. Covering everything from the latest technological advances to current environmental issues, this book provides a valuable companion to the modern warehouse. The text considers the many aspects of warehouse management, including cost reduction, productivity, people management, performance management, outsourcing, resourcing and costing a warehouse, the role of the warehouse and its manager, equipment, storage systems and health and safety. Backed up with numerous case studies that demonstrate how to apply new technology, minimize spending, and create efficient, stream-lined operations, this book is a valuable resource for warehouse managers, logistics professionals, operations managers and students of logistics. This updated edition delves deeper into some of the key concepts and includes new case studies and short descriptions for each section of the book. Supporting online resources can be found on the website here.

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This is a book that should be strongly considered as required reading for anyone whose job is even the most tangentially-linked to the supply chain. Yes, that might include those in the executive suite

who still cling to the old notion that a warehouse is a place for tying up a company's money. The author has done a great job with this rather hefty book in managing a fine balancing act: providing a LOT of great, informative, up-to-date information for the "supply chain geeks" as well as offering a lot of actionable, helpful, no-hype-just-facts to the rest of us. Seventeen large chapters are crammed full of information covering everything from the seemingly basic "role of the warehouse" to "performance management" and "outsourcing". Yet this is not a dumbed-down book, far from it. Just the right amount of information is imparted to make the reader be better informed, filling their mind with information they might not have considered before but but boy can be it be relevant. An outsider will not look at a warehouse in the same way ever again. This is all backed up by a lot of other information in appendices and various web references should you need to drill down even further. There is no excuse for ignorance after having this book on your shelf. This is a book that will be a regularly-consulted companion. Even if you believe you know "this stuff" just like you know your alphabet. To the more casual reader there might be an element of sticker shock - even though the book doesn't even cost an hour of a consultant's time and you could be ploughing through it for weeks. For those on a budget there is also a Kindle version. This reviewer could see a book of this kind being required reading for students too.

*Warehouse Management: A Complete Guide to Improving Efficiency and Minimizing Costs in the Modern Warehouse*, 2nd Edition by warehouse management and logistics specialist Gwynne Richards, is a comprehensive guide to all considerations for managers looking to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of their warehouse operations. In fact, that title does not do the book justice, and "Complete" is a term not to be brushed over in this case. *A Guide to Modern Warehouse Safety, Automation, Sustainability, Outsourcing, Systems, Picking, Equipment, and Performance Management Strategy* is more accurate but not concise or catchy enough. In addition to covering a dizzying array of warehouse management topics in incredible detail, Richards has included well over 100 elaborative figures and tables in the book. In the introduction, he points out that the second edition (the first was published in 2011) includes more case studies as well as more photographs and links to informational videos. Richards leaned on the expertise of impressive contributors, including Kate Vitasek, author of the *Vested Outsourcing* series of books. If you haven't read any of them yet, *Warehouse Management* provides exposure to the basic tenets of Vitasek's outsourcing philosophy in the chapter on outsourcing. For being a career specialist in warehouse management, Richards is also clearly well steeped in general business practices and strategy. Most of my notes and underlines in my copy of the book apply to any company department

or function looking to improve its contribution to corporate competitive advantage. For example, in the book's introduction, Richards states, "These advances in technology are likely to lead to a significant reduction in staff and improved efficiency. This comes at a cost, however."

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