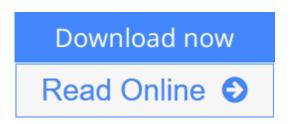# Power Pivot and Power BI: The Excel User's Guide to DAX, Power Query, Power BI & Power Pivot in Excel 2010-2016

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It was hard juggling book writing with the training/consulting/travel. But I am glad we persevered. Big thanks to our IndieGoGo crowdfunding supporters, who not only made it possible to print this book in full-gorgeous color, but also inspired us to burn the night oil in writing those last chapters.

I sincerely believe that Power Pivot and Power BI can transform the lives of Excel users worldwide - after all I was one of them. But change is hard, even when it's for the better. We hope we can help you go from Excel to Power BI with this book and our services at PowerPivotPro.

Power On!
-Avi Singh

From the Back Cover
Power Pivot for Excel and its close cousin Power BI Desktop are Microsoft's tightly-related pair of revolutionary analytical tools - tools that are fundamentally changing the way organizations work with data. We have repeatedly witnessed the "Power tools" transformative impact on the bottom line - far more robust and elegant than Excel alone, and much more agile and affordable than traditional BI tools. Their shared state of the art calculation engines (DAX and M) turn any PC into an analytical supercomputer, but the real secret is people - these tools are 100% learnable by today's users of Excel. **The data revolution lays not in the hands of an elite few, but in YOUR hands, and we want to help you seize that opportunity**.

About the Author

Rob Collie is an entrepreneur, author, and consultant. He was one of the founding engineers behind Power Pivot at Microsoft and operates the world's leading Power Pivot/Power BI website, PowerPivotPro.com. He lives in Indianapolis. **Avichal Singh (Avi)** is Principal Consultant at PowerPivotPro where he blogs, trains and consults on PowerPivot and Power BI. His past experience includes building large scale Power BI solutions at Microsoft. He lives in Seattle.

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