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Traders, Guns & Money-Satyajit Das 2007 A wry and wickedly comic exposé of the culture, games, and pure deceptions played out every day in trading rooms around the world, usually with other people's money. Whether you move in the financial world yourself, know people who do, or have money invested in stocks, shares or derivatives, this is guaranteed to make you think.--From publisher description.

Traders, Guns and Money-Satyajit Das 2012-08-21 Traders Guns and Money is a wickedly comic exposé of the culture, games and pure deceptions played out every day in trading rooms around the world. And played out with other people's money. A sensational insider's view of the business of trading and marketing derivatives, this revised edition explains the frighteningly central role that derivatives and financial products played in the global financial crisis. This worldwide bestseller reveals the truth about derivatives: those financial tools memorably described by Warren Buffett as 'financial weapons of mass destruction'. Traders, Guns and Money will introduce you to the players and the practices and reveals how the real money is made and lost. The global financial crisis took almost everyone by surprise and even now new problems keep appearing and solutions continue to be elusive. In the original version of Traders, Guns and Money, Satyajit Das provided a highly prescient insight into the structure and risk of the world financial system exposing the problems that are becoming readily apparent. In a 2006 speech - 'The Coming Credit Crash' - Das argued that: "an informed analysis ... shows that risk is not better spread but more leveraged and (arguably) more concentrated.... This does not improve the overall stability and security of the financial system but exposes it to increased risk of a "crash".

Extreme Money-Satyajit Das 2011 Everything from home mortgages to climate change has become financialized, as vast fortunes are generated by individuals who build nothing of lasting value. Das shows how "extreme money" has become ever more unreal; how "voodoo banking" continues to generate massive phony profits even now; and how a new generation of "Masters of the Universe" has come to dominate the world.

The Age of Stagnation-Satyajit Das 2016 "Originally published as A banquet of consequences by Penguin Random House Australia in August 2015"--Title page verso.

The Winning Investor's Guide to Making Money in Any Market-Andrew Horowitz 2010-12-21 Over the past few decades, certified financial planner Andrew Horowitz has helped countless clients make loads of money in the market; now he's written a basic investing guidebook to share his expertise with the rest of us. Want to know the difference between ETFs and mutual funds? He tells you. Want to know how you can possibly select the best investments when you have so many choices? He explains that too. Whether you're just getting started or you want to manage your money more closely, you can invest smarter and Andrew will tell you how. You'll learn: - Which investments you should hold to have a truly diversified portfolio - Ways to choose the best stocks and know when to buy and when to sell - How to make sense of the current economic climate and invest accordingly - The best ways to minimize risk and protect your investments Andrew's blend of expertise and spot-on advice has landed him in numerous national newspapers and on shows like CNBC and The Daily Show With Jon Stewart. Discover what millions of Winning Investor podcast fans already know: Andrew's straight-shooting style, real-life examples, and quick and dirty tips take the mystery out of the market, put you on the surefire path to investing success, and make the life and future you've been dreaming of yours for the taking

Confessions of a Wall Street Analyst-Daniel Reingold 2009-10-13 Here is the true story of a top Wall Street player's transformation from a straight-arrow believer to a jaded cynic, who reveals how Wall Street's insider game is really played. Dan Reingold was a top Wall Street analyst for fourteen years and Salomon Smith Barney analyst Jack Grubman's chief competitor in the red-hot sector of telecom. Reingold was part of the "Street" and believed in it. But in this action-packed, highly personal memoir written with accomplished Fast Company senior writer Jennifer Reingold the author describes how his enthusiasm gave way to disgust as he learned how deeply corrupted Wall Street and much of corporate America had become during the roaring stock market bubble of the 1990s. Confessions of a Wall Street Analyst provides a front-row seat at one of the most dramatic -- and ultimately tragic -- events in financial history. Reingold recounts his introduction to the world of Wall Street leaks and secret deal-making; his experiences with corporate fraud; and Wall Street's alarming penchant for lavish spending and multimillion-dollar pay packages. Reingold spars with arch rival Grubman; fends off intense pressures from Wall Street bankers and corporate CEOs; and is wooed by Morgan Stanley's CEO, John Mack, and CSFB's uber-banker Frank Quattrone. Reingold describes instances in which confidential deals are whispered days before their official announcement. He recalls the moment he learns that Bernie Ebbers's WorldCom was massively cooking its books. And he is shocked to have been an unwitting catalyst for a series of sexually explicit e-mails that would rock Wall Street; bring Jack Grubman to his knees; and contribute to the stepping aside of Grubman's boss, Citigroup CEO Sandy Weill. Some of Reingold's stories are outrageous, others hilarious, and many are simply absurd. But, together, they provide a sobering exposé of Wall Street: a jungle of greed and ego, a place brimming with conflicts and inside information, and a business absurdly out of touch with the Main Street it claims to serve. He shows how government investigators, headlines notwithstanding, never got to the heart of the ethical and legal transgressions of the era. And how they completely overlooked Wall Street's pervasive use of inside information, leaving investors -- even sophisticated professionals -- cheated. The book ends with a series of important policy recommendations to clean up the investing business. In the tradition of Liar's Poker and Den of Thieves, Confessions of a Wall Street Analyst is a no-holds-barred insider's account that will open the eyes of every investor.

Structured Products & Hybrid Securities-Satyajit Das 2001-01-23 This book is both a comprehensive introduction to the booming (\$200 billion) structured note market, and a practical reference on the mechanics of the structuring process. Readers get detailed coverage of all major types of structured notes across all types of assets. This updated and expanded Second Edition features increased or entirely new coverage of equity linked notes; convertible pricing; credit-linked notes; inflation linked securities; and CAT insurance linked bonds.

Lecturing Birds on Flying-Pablo Triana 2009-06-09 LECTURING BIRDS ON FLYING For the past few decades, the financial world has often displayed an unreasonable willingness to believe that "the model is right, the market is wrong," in spite of the fact that these theoretical machinations were largely responsible for the stock market crash of 1987, the LTCM crisis of 1998, the credit crisis of 2008, and many other blow-ups, large and small. Why have both financial insiders (traders, risk managers, executives) and outsiders (academics, journalists, regulators, the public) consistently demonstrated a willingness to treat quantifications as gospel? Nassim Taleb first addressed the conflicts between theoretical and real finance in his technical treatise on options, Dynamic Hedging. Now, in Lecturing Birds on Flying, Pablo Triana offers a powerful indictment on the trustworthiness of financial theory, explaining—in jargon-free plain English—how malfunctions in these quantitative machines have wreaked havoc in our real world. Triana first analyzes the fundamental question of whether financial markets can in principle really be solved mathematically. He shows that the markets indeed cannot be tamed with equations, presenting a long and powerful list of obstacles to prove his point: maverick unlawful human actions rule the markets, unexpected and unimaginable events shape the markets, and historical data is not necessarily a trustworthy guide to the future of the markets. The author then examines the sources of origin of many prevalent theories and mathematical dictums. He details how the field of financial economics evolved from a descriptive discipline to an abstract one dedicated to technically concocting professors' own versions of how such a world should work. He goes on to explain how Wall Street and other financial centers became eager employers of scientists, and how scientists became eager employees of financial firms. Triana concludes with an in-depth discussion of the most significant historical episodes of theory-caused real-life market malaise, with a strong emphasis on the current credit crisis. In the end, Lecturing Birds on Flying calls for the radical substitution of good old-fashioned common sense in place of mathematical decision-making and the restoration to financial power of those who are completely unchained to the iron ball of classroom-obtained qualifications.

ECOnned: How Unenlightened Self Interest Undermined Democracy and Corrupted Capitalism-Yves Smith 2011-10-11 Why are we in such a financial mess today? There are lots of proximate causes: over-leverage, global imbalances, bad financial technology that lead to widespread underestimation of risk. But these are all symptoms. Until we isolate and tackle fundamental causes, we will fail to extirpate the disease. ECOnned is the first book to examine the unquestioned role of economists as policy-makers, and how they helped create an unmitigated economic disaster. Here, Yves Smith looks at how economists in key policy positions put doctrine before hard evidence, ignoring the deteriorating conditions and rising dangers that eventually led them, and us, off the cliff and into financial meltdown. Intelligently written for the layman, Smith takes us on a terrifying investigation of the financial realm over the last twenty-five years of misrepresentations, naive interpretations of economic conditions, rationalizations of bad outcomes, and rejection of clear signs of growing instability. In eConned, author Yves Smith reveals: -- why the measures taken by the Obama Administration are mere palliatives and are unlikely to pave the way for a solid recovery --how economists have come to play a profoundly anti-democratic role in policy --how financial models and concepts that were discredited more than thirty years ago are still widely used by banks, regulators, and investors --how management and employees of major financial firms looted them, enriching themselves and leaving the mess to taxpayers --how financial regulation enabled predatory behavior by Wall Street towards investors --how economics has no theory of financial systems, yet economists fearlessly prescribe how to manage them

Swaps and Other Derivatives-Richard R. Flavell 2002-07-09 Swaps and Other Instruments focuses on the pricing and hedging of swaps, showing how various models work in practice and how they can be built. The book also covers options and interest rates as they relate to swaps, as they are often traded together. The book will include coverage of all the latest swaps including credit, commodity and equity swaps. Exercises and simulations are also provided on an accompanying CD ROM, including Excel spreadsheets enabling the reader to simulate and build their own spreadsheet models.

The Two Trillion Dollar Meltdown-Charles R. Morris 2015-01-29 We are living in the most uncertain financial environment in recent history. A quarter - century of reckless lending, asset stripping, free - market zealotry and hedge - fund secrecy has ended with a dramatic collapse. And, according to Charles R. Morris, an even more profound economic and political restructuring is on its way. In The Two Trillion Dollar Meltdown, Morris explains how we got here and what we can expect next. With insight and clarity, he cuts through the guff to provide an indispensable guide to confusing times. """"""How we got into the mess we're in, explained briefly and brilliantly. """""" - New York Times Book Review Charles R. Morris is a lawyer and former banker. He is the author of ten books, including The Cost of Good Intentions, Money, Greed and Risk and The Tycoons. He has written for the Atlantic Monthly, the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal.

Traders, Guns and Money/Mastering Derivatives Pack-Satyajit Das 2009-09-01 Understand the dazzling world of derivatives with these essential reads. Traders, Guns & Money is a sensational insider's view of the business of trading and marketing derivatives for a living. It reveals the nature of the business, the players and how the real money is made and lost. An accessible companion, a wise counsel and a great read. The latest edition of Mastering Derivatives once again offers a comprehensive overview of everything a professional investor needs to know regarding the derivative process and its instruments, this is your essential guide to understanding the derivatives jungle.

Harlem Heat-Mark Anthony 2007-07-24 SHE'S ONE TOUGH MOTHER Roxy Reynolds learned the rules of the street nearly two decades ago as a low-level member of what was once New York City's most powerful drug organization. She was also a mom at fourteen years old, and did what she had to do to raise her daughter, Chyna. Now Chyna's all grown up, a stunningly beautiful exotic dancer with a baby girl of her own, while super-sexy Roxy is at the height of her power running Harlem Heat, a gun-trafficking ring. It's a lucrative life-style some would do anything to have. And when former drug kingpin Panama Pete returns to the hood after serving fifteen years in prison, a spiral of violence traps Roxy and Chyna and has them running from the law - and running for their lives.

Fraud Casebook-Joseph T. Wells 2008-01-07 Praise for Fraud Casebook Lessons from the Bad Side of Business "I have known Mr. Wells for over twenty years. In my opinion, no one in the world knows more about fraud than he does." -W. Steve Albrecht, Associate Dean, Marriott School of ManagementBrigham Young University, Provo, Utah "This book covers the entire range of fraud that can be encountered in the workplace." -Grant D. Ashley, Vice President for Corporate Security and SurveillanceHarrah's Entertainment Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada "I had the pleasure of serving with Mr. Wells when both of us were volunteers for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He knows as much as anyone about how to detect and deter fraud." -James G. Castellano, Chairman, RubinBrown LLP, St. Louis, Missouri "I have worked with Mr. Wells for ten years. His reputation is unsurpassed." -John F. Morrow, Vice President, The New FinanceAmerican Institute of Certified Public Accountants, New York, New York "Fraud Casebook is a terrific work. I highly recommend it." -Sherron S. Watkins, a Time magazine "Person of the Year," Houston, Texas "No one has done more for fraud prevention and detection than Mr. Wells and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Their guidance and training proved invaluable to my staff and me in uncovering the WorldCom fraud." -Cynthia Cooper, a Time magazine "Person of the Year," Clinton, Mississippi

Valuepack:Mastering Derivatives Markets 3e:A Step-by-step Guide to the Products, Applications and Risks/Traders, Guns and Money-Satyajit Das 2008-10-30 Understand the dazzling world of derivatives with these essential reads. Traders, Guns & Money is a sensational insider's view of the business of trading and marketing derivatives for a living. It reveals the nature of the business, the players and how the real money is made and lost. An accessible companion, a wise counsel and a great read. The latest edition of Mastering Derivatives once again offers a comprehensive overview of everything a professional investor needs to know regarding the derivative process and its instruments, this is your essential guide to understanding the derivatives jungle.

The Encyclopedia of Trading Strategies-Jeffrey Katz 2000-03-21 The Encyclopedia of Trading Strategies is for traders who want to take the next step to consistently profitable trading. The authors--themselves seasoned veterans of the futures trading arena--pinpoint the trading methods and strategies that have been shown to produce market-beating returns. Their rigorous and systematic backtesting of each method, using the same sets of markets and analytic techniques, provides a scientific, system-based approach to system development...to help you assemble the trading system that will put you on the road to becoming a more consistently profitable trader.

Credit Derivatives-Satyajit Das 2005-05-09 The key areas of new/enhanced coverage include: inclusion of latest developments in documentation (the 2003 Credit Derivative Definitions and market developments such as Master Confirmations); and description of developments in structured credit products including: portfolio products; up-front credit default swaps; quanto credit default swaps; credit swaptions; zero recovery credit default swaps; first-to-default swaps/Nth-to-default swaps; asset swaptions/synthetic lending facilities/structured asset swaps; constant maturity credit spread products and constant maturity credit default swaps; credit index products; equity default swaps; increased coverage of credit linked notes including repackaging structures.

Let's Get Real-Luke Harris 2018-01-05 Lets Get Real invites readers to learn the facts about property investing. It starts by encouraging you to clarify your current financial and personal situation; then: Fast-forward and define what you want life to look like in years to come; and Develop a wealth creation plan to achieve the lifestyle you desire when you no longer want to work. The authors concentrate on the why to rather than the how to, believing that once you have your mindset focused, your goals set and an understanding of the work involved, then the nuts and bolts of property investing are secondary. The book examines why property is still the best way to create wealth, despite tighter lending criteria and lower affordability. It reviews the challenges other generations faced, giving current property investors some perspective. With cartoons, graphics and motivational quotes throughout, this book is an easy read, but its not always easy to read the authors ask you some hard questions along the way. They believe they have to its all part of getting real about property investing to make sure you get real results.

The Black Box Society-Frank Pasquale 2015-01-05 Every day, corporations are connecting the dots about our personal behavior--silently scrutinizing clues left behind by our work habits and Internet use. But who connects the dots about what firms are doing with all this information? Frank Pasquale exposes how powerful interests abuse secrecy for profit and explains ways to rein them in.

Smarter-Dan Hurley 2014 Based on one of the most-read New York Times Magazine features of 2012, this fascinating exploration of intelligence research reveals a revolution in human intellectual abilities and provides real-life transformation stories.

Your Money and Your Brain-Jason Zweig 2007-09-04 Drawing on the latest scientific research, Jason Zweig shows what happens in your brain when you think about money and tells investors how to take practical, simple steps to avoid common mistakes and become more successful. What happens inside our brains when we think about money? Quite a lot, actually, and some of it isn't good for our financial health. In Your Money and Your Brain, Jason Zweig explains why smart people make stupid financial decisions--and what they can do to avoid these mistakes. Zweig, a veteran financial journalist, draws on the latest research in neuroeconomics, a fascinating new discipline that combines psychology, neuroscience, and economics to better understand financial decision making. He shows why we often misunderstand risk and why we tend to be overconfident about our investment decisions. Your Money and Your Brain offers some radical new insights into investing and shows investors how to take control of the battlefield between reason and emotion. Your Money and Your Brain is as entertaining as it is enlightening. In the course of his research, Zweig visited leading neuroscience laboratories and subjected himself to numerous experiments. He blends anecdotes from these experiences with stories about investing mistakes, including confessions of stupidity from some highly successful people. Then he draws lessons and offers original practical steps that investors can take to make wiser decisions. Anyone who has ever looked back on a financial decision and said, "How could I have been so stupid?" will benefit from reading this book.

Crisis Economics-Nouriel Roubini 2010-05-11 This myth shattering book reveals the methods Nouriel Roubini used to foretell the current crisis before other economists saw it coming and shows how those methods can help us make sense of the present and prepare for the future. Renowned economist Nouriel Roubini electrified his profession and the larger financial community by predicting the current crisis well in advance of anyone else. Unlike most in his profession who treat economic disasters as freakish once-in-a-lifetime events without clear cause, Roubini, after decades of careful research around the world, realized that they were both probable and predictable. Armed with an unconventional blend of historical analysis and global economics, Roubini has forced politicians, policy makers, investors, and market watchers to face a long-neglected truth: financial systems are inherently fragile and prone to collapse. Drawing on the parallels from many countries and centuries, Nouriel Roubini and Stephen Mihm, a professor of economic history and a New York Times Magazine writer, show that financial cataclysms are as old and as ubiquitous as capitalism itself. The last two decades alone have witnessed comparable crises in countries as diverse as Mexico, Thailand, Brazil, Pakistan, and Argentina. All of these crises-not to mention the more sweeping cataclysms such as the Great Depression-have much in common with the current downturn. Bringing lessons of earlier episodes to bear on our present predicament, Roubini and Mihm show how we can recognize and grapple with the inherent instability of the global financial system, understand its pressure points, learn from previous episodes of "irrational exuberance," pinpoint the course of global contagion, and plan for our immediate future. Perhaps most important, the authors-considering theories, statistics, and mathematical models with the skepticism that recent history warrants--explain how the world's economy can get out of the mess we're in, and stay out. In Roubini's shadow, economists and investors are increasingly realizing that they can no longer afford to consider crises the black swans of financial history. A vital and timeless book, Crisis Economics proves calamities to be not only predictable but also preventable and, with the right medicine, curable.

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My Life as a Quant-Emanuel Derman 2012-06-12 In My Life as a Quant, Emanuel Derman relives his exciting journey as one of the first high-energy particle physicists to migrate to Wall Street. Page by page, Derman details his adventures in this field--analyzing the incompatible personas of traders and quants, and discussing the dissimilar nature of knowledge in physics and finance. Throughout this tale, he also reflects on the appropriate way to apply the refined methods of physics to the busy-world of markets.

Models.Behaving.Badly-Emanuel Derman 2011-10-25 Now in paperback, "a compelling, accessible, and provocative piece of work that forces us to question many of our assumptions" (Gillian Tett, author of Fool's Gold). Quants, physicists working on Wall Street as quantitative analysts, have been widely blamed for triggering financial crises with their complex mathematical models. Their formulas were meant to allow Wall Street to prosper without risk. But in this penetrating insider's look at the recent economic collapse, Emanuel Derman--former head quant at Goldman Sachs--explains the collision between mathematical modeling and economics and what makes financial models so dangerous. Though such models imitate the style of physics and employ the language of mathematics, theories in physics aim for a description of reality--but in finance, models can shoot only for a very limited approximation of reality. Derman uses his firsthand experience in financial theory and practice to explain the complicated tangles that have paralyzed the economy. Models.Behaving.Badly. exposes Wall Street's love affair with models, and shows us why nobody will ever be able to write a model that can encapsulate human behavior.

Black Edge-Sheelah Kolhatkar 2017-02-07 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A riveting, true-life legal thriller about the government's pursuit of billionaire hedge fund manager Steven Cohen and his employees at SAC Capital—a revelatory look at the power and wealth of Wall Street ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR—The New York Times and The Economist • “An essential exposé of our times—a work that reveals the deep rot in our financial system. . . . Everyone should read this book.”—David Grann, author of Killers of the Flower Moon Steven A. Cohen changed Wall Street. He and his fellow pioneers of the hedge fund industry didn't lay railroads, build factories, or invent new technologies. Rather, they made their billions through financial speculation, by placing bets in the market that turned out to be right more often than not. Cohen was revered as one of the greatest traders who ever lived. But that image was shattered when his fund, SAC Capital, became the target of a seven-year government investigation. Prosecutors labeled SAC a “magnet for market cheaters” whose culture encouraged the relentless pursuit of “edge”—and even “black edge,” which is inside information—and the firm was ultimately indicted and pleaded guilty to charges related to a vast insider trading scheme. Cohen, himself, however, was never charged. Black Edge raises urgent and troubling questions about those who sit at the pinnacle of high finance and how they have reshaped the economy. Finalist for the New York Public Library's Helen Bernstein Book Award for Excellence in Journalism • Longlisted for the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Nonfiction and the Financial Times and McKinsey Business Book of the Year Award

Just Money-Ann Pettifor 2014-05-08 In Just Money the acclaimed economist and critic of modern finance Ann Pettifor explains authoritatively and clearly what money is, where it comes from, and how it is currently controlled. She goes on to describe how we the people can use an improved understanding of money and finance to build economies that are more productive and just than the bank-ridden rackets we are currently lumbered with.Another world, a fairer world, is possible. But if we want to secure it we will have to do away with the prestigious fantasies that surround the most misunderstood invention in human history. Just Money sets out in plain terms the link between the change in our pocket and the change we want to see in the world.

Credit Derivatives and Credit Linked Notes-Satyajit Das 2000-11-16 An updated and enhanced look at the management and trading of credit risk in terms of the markets, regulations, and nature of the product Credit derivatives have emerged as a significant area in global derivatives and risk management practice. These instruments have begun to revolutionize the management of credit risk in banking and capital markets. This book clearly explains how to structure and apply these products to solve risk management problems as well as how to price and value these instruments. Readers will find the Second Edition completely up-to-date with the latest information in the field. New topics have been added, including credit-linked notes, pricing models, default statistics, credit portfolio management, regulatory framework for credit derivatives, and market developments and prospects. This edition reflects the rapid evolution in the market and new contributors provide additional insight that readers will find beneficial. Satyajit Das (Singapore) is the author of several key financial books including Swap Financing; Swaps and Financial Derivatives: The Global Reference to Products, Pricing, Applications and Markets; and Exotic Options.

Hedgehogging-Barton Biggs 2011-01-11 Rare is the opportunity to chat with a legendary financial figure and hear the unvarnished truth about what really goes on behind the scenes. Hedgehogging represents just such an opportunity, allowing you to step inside the world of Wall Street with Barton Biggs as he discusses investing in general, hedge funds in particular, and how he has learned to find and profit from the best moneymaking opportunities in an eat-what-you-kill, cutthroat world.

The Myth of the Rational Market-Justin Fox 2011-02-08 The financial crisis of 2008 and subsequent Great Recession demolished many cherished beliefs--most significantly, the theory that financial markets always get things right. Justin Fox's The Myth of the Rational Market explains where that idea came from, and where it went wrong. As much an intellectual whodunit as a cultural history of the perils and possibilities of risk, it also brings to life the people and ideas that forged modern finance and investing--from the formative days of Wall Street through the Great Depression and into the financial calamities of today. It's a tale featuring professors who made and lost fortunes, battled fiercely over ideas, beat the house at blackjack, wrote bestselling books, and played major roles on the world stage. It's also a story of free-market capitalism's war with itself.

Swaps and financial derivatives-Satyajit Das 1994

In Search of the Pangolin-Satyajit Das 2006 A pangolin is an obscure species of scaly anteater. Prehistoric in appearance, it is about the size of a cat with a long tail, and is covered in large yellowish-brown scales. In Search of the Pangolin is a unique potted travel narrative focused on eco-tourism, from the point of view of two eco-tourists, as they search for the beast over a period of 15 years. The book combines wicked humour with passionate and often poignant insights into the natural world and the culture, games and deception of conservation. The book's central focus is to provide insights into the world of eco-travel and eco-travellers. Outlining the grand spectacles and magnificence of the natural world that the traveller seeks out, and exploring the promise of eco-travel (furthering conservation and environmental awareness), the book also addresses the shallow reality (eco-travel is in fact another form of consumption and harms the world that it is seeking to preserve).

The Handbook of Electronic Trading-Joe Rosen 2009-06-18 This book provides a comprehensive look at the challenges of keeping up with liquidity needs and technology advancements. It is also a sourcebook for understandable, practical solutions on trading and technology.

The Man Who Knew-Sebastian Mallaby 2016-10-11 The definitive biography of the most important economic statesman of our time Sebastian Mallaby's magisterial biography of Alan Greenspan, the product of over five years of research based on untrammeled access to his subject and his closest professional and personal intimates, brings into vivid focus the mysterious point where the government and the economy meet. To understand Greenspan's story is to see the economic and political landscape of the last 30 years--and the presidency from Reagan to George W. Bush--in a whole new light. As the most influential economic statesman of his age, Greenspan spent a lifetime grappling with a momentous shift: the transformation of finance from the fixed and regulated system of the post-war era to the free-for-all of the past quarter century. The story of Greenspan is also the story of the making of modern finance, for good and for ill. Greenspan's life is a quintessential American success story: raised by a single mother in the Jewish émigré community of Washington Heights, he was a math prodigy who found a niche as a stats-crunching consultant. A master at explaining the economic weather to captains of industry, he translated that skill into advising Richard Nixon in his 1968 campaign. This led to a perch on the White House Council of Economic Advisers, and then to a dazzling array of business and government roles, from which the path to the Fed was relatively clear. A fire-breathing libertarian and disciple of Ayn Rand in his youth who once called the Fed's creation a historic mistake, Mallaby shows how Greenspan reinvented himself as a pragmatist once in power. In his analysis, and in his core mission of keeping inflation in check, he was a maestro indeed, and hailed as such. At his retirement in 2006, he was lauded as the age's necessary man, the veritable God in the machine, the global economy's avatar. His memoirs sold for record sums to publishers around the world. But then came 2008. Mallaby's story lands with both feet on the great crash which did so much to damage Alan Greenspan's reputation. Mallaby argues that the conventional wisdom is off base: Greenspan wasn't a naive ideologue who believed greater regulation was unnecessary. He had pressed for greater regulation of some key areas of finance over the years, and had gotten nowhere. To argue that he didn't know the risks in irrational markets is to miss the point. He knew more than almost anyone; the question is why he didn't act, and whether anyone else could or would have. A close reading of Greenspan's life provides fascinating answers to these questions, answers whose lessons we would do well to heed. Because perhaps Mallaby's greatest lesson is that economic statesmanship, like political statesmanship, is the art of the possible. The Man Who Knew is a searching reckoning with what exactly comprised the art, and the possible, in the career of Alan Greenspan.

Changing World Order-Ray Dalio 2020-09-15 From the international bestselling author of Principles and legendary investor Ray Dalio, who has spent half a century studying global markets, The Changing World Order examines history's most turbulent economic and political periods to reveal why the times ahead will likely be radically different from those we've experienced in our lifetimes. A few years ago, renowned investor Ray Dalio began noticing a confluence of political and economic conditions he hadn't encountered before in his fifty-year career. They included large debts and zero or near-zero interest rates in the world's three major reserve currencies; significant wealth, political and values divisions within countries; and emerging conflict between a rising world power (China) and the existing one (US). Seeking to explain the cause-effect relationships behind these conditions, he began a study of analogous historical times and discovered that such combinations of conditions were characteristic of periods of transition, such as the years between 1930 and 1945, in which wealth and power shifted in ways that reshaped the world order. Looking back across five hundred years of history and nine major empires - including the Dutch, the British and the American - The Changing World Order puts into perspective the cycles and forces that have driven the successes and failures of all the world's major countries throughout history. Daliorverts the timeless and universal dynamics that were behind these shifts, while also offering practical principles for policymakers, business leaders, investors and others operating in this environment.

F.I.A.S.C.O.-Frank Partnoy 1999 An assistant professor of law who was once a young derivatives salesman at Morgan Stanley shares his insight into the volatile and competitive world of complex securities, including the annual drunken skeet-shooting event called Fiasco. Reprint. 30,000 first printing. Tour.

The Return of Depression Economics and the Crisis of 2008-Paul R. Krugman 2009 Looks at financial crises that have plagued various economies around the world and uses this information to interpret today's financial upheaval and its implications for the future.

Fooled by Randomness-Nassim Nicholas Taleb 2008-10-14 Fooled by Randomness is a standalone book in Nassim Nicholas Taleb's landmark Incerto series, an

investigation of opacity, luck, uncertainty, probability, human error, risk, and decision-making in a world we don't understand. The other books in the series are *The Black Swan*, *Antifragile*, *Skin in the Game*, and *The Bed of Procrustes*. *Foiled by Randomness* is the word-of-mouth sensation that will change the way you think about business and the world. Nassim Nicholas Taleb—veteran trader, renowned risk expert, polymathic scholar, erudite raconteur, and New York Times bestselling author of *The Black Swan*—has written a modern classic that turns on its head what we believe about luck and skill. This book is about luck—or more precisely, about how we perceive and deal with luck in life and business. Set against the backdrop of the most conspicuous forum in which luck is mistaken for skill—the world of trading—*Foiled by Randomness* provides captivating insight into one of the least understood factors in all our lives. Writing in an entertaining narrative style, the author tackles major intellectual issues related to the underestimation of the influence of happenstance on our lives. The book is populated with an array of characters, some of whom have grasped, in their own way, the significance of chance: the baseball legend Yogi Berra; the philosopher of knowledge Karl Popper; the ancient world's wisest man, Solon; the modern financier George Soros; and the Greek voyager Odysseus. We also meet the fictional Nero, who seems to understand the role of randomness in his professional life but falls victim to his own superstitious foolishness. However, the most recognizable character of all remains unnamed—the lucky fool who happens to be in the right place at the right time—he embodies the “survival of the least fit.” Such individuals attract devoted followers who believe in their guru's insights and methods. But no one can replicate what is obtained by chance. Are we capable of distinguishing the fortunate charlatan from the genuine visionary? Must we always try to uncover nonexistent messages in random events? It may be impossible to guard ourselves against the vagaries of the goddess Fortuna, but after reading *Foiled by Randomness* we can be a little better prepared. Named by Fortune One of the Smartest Books of All Time A Financial Times Best Business Book of the Year

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