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Mergers and Acquisitions from A to Z Andrew J. Sherman 2006 The classic, comprehensive guide to mergers and acquisitions, now completely updated for today"s market.

The Handbook of Financing Growth Kenneth H. Marks 2005-05-31 An in-depth look at the strategies, capital structure, and fund raising techniques for emerging growth and middle-market companies. Here is a comprehensive and practical guide to understanding and applying the basics of corporate finance to emerging growth and middle-market companies. Using empirical data and actual company cases to illustrate capital structures and financing approaches, the book provides a detailed discussion of the many funding instruments, from traditional bank loans and asset-based financing to different types of private equity and other creative solutions; the types of funding sources and their expected rates of returns; and typical deal terms.

Private Equity in Action Claudia Zeisberger 2017-06-09 Global Best Practice in Private Equity Investing Private Equity in Action takes you on a tour of the private equity investment world through a series of case studies written by INSEAD faculty and taught at the world's leading business schools. The book is an ideal complement to Mastering Private Equity and allows readers to apply core concepts to investment targets and portfolio companies in real-life settings. The 19 cases illustrate the managerial challenges and risk-reward dynamics common to private equity investment. The case studies in this book cover the full spectrum of private equity strategies, including: Carve-outs in the US semiconductor industry (LBO) Venture investing in the Indian wine industry (VC) Investing in SMEs in the Middle East Turnaround situations in both emerging and developed markets Written with leading private equity firms and their advisors and rigorously tested in INSEAD's MBA, EMBA and executive education programmes, each case makes for a compelling read. As one of the world's leading graduate business schools, INSEAD offers a global educational experience. The cases in this volume leverage its international reach, network and connections, particularly in emerging markets. Private Equity in Action is the companion to Mastering Private Equity: Transformation via Venture Capital, Minority Investments & Buyouts, a reference for students, investors, finance professionals and business owners

looking to engage with private equity firms. From deal sourcing to exit, LBOs to responsible investing, operational value creation to risk management, *Mastering Private Equity* systematically covers all facets of the private equity life cycle.

Intelligent M&A Scott Moeller 2011-01-19 Most mergers and acquisitions fail to deliver their expected outcomes, yet they remain essential for growing world-class companies. It follows that those handling M&As must draw on all the tools at their disposal to improve their chances of success. Applying the techniques of business intelligence can help managers to beat the odds. *Intelligent M&A* looks at the full process of a merger or acquisition from start to finish, and identifies areas where business intelligence can improve the odds of a favourable outcome. Using techniques developed by governmental intelligence services and a wide range of case studies, quotations and anecdotes, the expert authors show how to build success into every phase of the deal.

Books in Print 1991

A Colossal Failure of Common Sense Lawrence G. McDonald 2010-10-12 One of the biggest questions of the financial crisis has not been answered until now: What happened at Lehman Brothers and why was it allowed to fail, with aftershocks that rocked the global economy? In this news-making, often astonishing book, a former Lehman Brothers Vice President gives us the straight answers—right from the belly of the beast. In *A Colossal Failure of Common Sense*, Larry McDonald, a Wall Street insider, reveals, the culture and unspoken rules of the game like no book has ever done. The book is couched in the very human story of Larry McDonald's Horatio Alger-like rise from a Massachusetts "gateway to nowhere" housing project to the New York headquarters of Lehman Brothers, home of one of the world's toughest trading floors. We get a close-up view of the participants in the Lehman collapse, especially those who saw it coming with a helpless, angry certainty. We meet the Brahmins at the top, whose reckless, pedal-to-the-floor addiction to growth finally demolished the nation's oldest investment bank. The Wall Street we encounter here is a ruthless place, where brilliance, arrogance, ambition, greed, capacity for relentless toil, and other human traits combine in a potent mix that sometimes fuels prosperity but occasionally destroys it. The full significance of the dissolution of Lehman Brothers remains to be measured. But this much is certain: it was a devastating blow to America's—and the world's—financial system. And it need not have happened. This is the story of why it did.

Triumph of the City Edward Glaeser 2011-02-10 Shortlisted for the Financial Times and McKinsey Best Book of the Year Award in 2011 "A masterpiece." —Steven D. Levitt, coauthor of *Freakonomics* "Bursting with insights." —The New York Times Book Review A pioneering urban economist presents a myth-shattering look at the majesty and greatness of cities America is an urban nation, yet cities get a bad rap: they're dirty, poor, unhealthy, environmentally unfriendly . . . or are they? In this revelatory book, Edward Glaeser, a leading urban economist, declares that cities are actually the healthiest, greenest, and richest (in both cultural and economic terms) places to live. He travels through history and around the globe to reveal the hidden workings of cities and how they bring out the best in humankind. Using intrepid reportage, keen analysis, and cogent argument, Glaeser makes an urgent, eloquent case for the city's importance and splendor, offering

inspiring proof that the city is humanity's greatest creation and our best hope for the future.

Attracting Investors Philip Kotler 2004-10-08 Marketing guru Philip Kotler shows entrepreneurs how to market their companies to investors. How can businesses do a better job of attracting capital? The answer: "Marketing!" Marketing expert Philip Kotler teams up with a renowned marketing consultant and an INSEAD professor for this practical, marketing-based approach to raising capital from investors. Based on the premise that entrepreneurs and business owners often don't understand what investors want and how they make their decisions, *Attracting Investors* offers a larger view of the factors involved, and guides both startup and veteran firms in effectively raising capital. Philip Kotler (Glencoe, IL) is the S.C. Johnson & Son Distinguished Professor of International Marketing at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, and the author of 35 books. Hermawan Katajaya (Jakarta, Indonesia) runs MarkPlus, the largest marketing consulting firm in Indonesia, and is coauthor with Kotler of several books, including *Repositioning Asia* and *Rethinking Marketing*. S. David Young (Fontainebleau, France) is a Professor of Accounting and Control at INSEAD in Fontainebleau, France.

Handbook of Industrial Chemistry and Biotechnology James A. Kent 2013-01-13 Substantially revising and updating the classic reference in the field, this handbook offers a valuable overview and myriad details on current chemical processes, products, and practices. No other source offers as much data on the chemistry, engineering, economics, and infrastructure of the industry. The Handbook serves a spectrum of individuals, from those who are directly involved in the chemical industry to others in related industries and activities. It provides not only the underlying science and technology for important industry sectors, but also broad coverage of critical supporting topics. Industrial processes and products can be much enhanced through observing the tenets and applying the methodologies found in chapters on Green Engineering and Chemistry (specifically, biomass conversion), Practical Catalysis, and Environmental Measurements; as well as expanded treatment of Safety, chemistry plant security, and Emergency Preparedness. Understanding these factors allows them to be part of the total process and helps achieve optimum results in, for example, process development, review, and modification. Important topics in the energy field, namely nuclear, coal, natural gas, and petroleum, are covered in individual chapters. Other new chapters include energy conversion, energy storage, emerging nanoscience and technology. Updated sections include more material on biomass conversion, as well as three chapters covering biotechnology topics, namely, Industrial Biotechnology, Industrial Enzymes, and Industrial Production of Therapeutic Proteins.

The Alpha Masters Maneet Ahuja 2012-05-29 A leading hedge-fund industry insider reveals the secrets and lessons of such top investors as John Paulson, David Tepper and Bill Ackman, sharing tangible, analytical insight into the psychology of trading while providing coverage of a range of strategy types, from Long/Short and Value to Distressed and Commodities.

The New Financial Capitalists George P. Baker 1998-10-13 Kohlberg Kravis Roberts's approach to leveraged buyouts was an important aspect of the corporate restructuring and governance reforms in the American economy from the mid-1970s through 1990. During that period, KKR crafted a series of progressively more

elaborate deals tailored to specific companies and market conditions. Through its creative debt financing and its relationships with an evolving cast of investors, companies, and managers, KKR drove the scale and scope of the buyout phenomenon to unprecedented highs. This book, first published in 1999, examines KKR's record in detail. Based upon interviews with partners of the firm and on unprecedented access to KKR's records, George Baker and George Smith have written a balanced and enlightening account of how KKR has approached LBOs. The book focuses on KKR's founding, evolution, and innovations as ways to understand issues in modern American business. In examining KKR as a unique form of enterprise, the book bridges the gap between public perception and academic knowledge of the leveraged buyout.

The Last Partnerships: Inside the Great Wall Street Dynasties Geisst 2001-03-08 They laid the foundations of American finance and defined the American brand of capitalism. They bankrolled wars, were the impetus behind the building of the first transcontinental railroad system, and fueled a fledgling nation's grandiose dreams of empire. S&M Allen, J. P. Morgan & Co., Goldman Sachs, Lehman Brothers...they were the great Wall Street partnerships, and for well over a century, through a combination of financial genius, political chicanery, and the audacity of Caesars, they wielded unprecedented influence over the business, financial, and political landscapes of a nation. *The Last Partnerships* combines rigorous scholarship with journalism at its best to present a panoramic history of the rise and fall of the great financial houses—from the “Yankee Bankers,” at the turn of the 19th century, up to Goldman Sachs' historic IPO in 1999—tracing their origins, their successes and failures over the years, and the reasons for their ultimate demise. *The Last Partnerships* is must-reading for history buffs and everyone interested in the world of finance behind the business-page headlines.

The Entrepreneurial Adventure Larry Schweikart 1999 [This book] examines American business and economic history, paying close attention to the structures and relationships between individuals and public policy that have resulted in such unprecedented wealth creation. Crammed into this survey of trends in the American economy since the 1600s are dozens of snapshots of individual entrepreneurs. The story is often the same: Aged, sick, bankrupt, down on their luck, American entrepreneurs rarely came from the fortunate strata of society but instead overcame obstacles with a matchless determination that is inspirational to all people, whether in business or in other careers. While individuals accounted for the critical breakthroughs in the American economy, [this book] also pays attention to both government policy and economic thought of the day. Long-standing, but quite erroneous, myths are debunked, including the notions that the Great Depression was caused by business failures or that the 1980s were a "decade of greed." What emerges is a story of businesses and people, of victory over impressive obstacles, and of the resulting tide of prosperity that has made the American economy the envy of the world. -Back cover.

Entrepreneurship Marc J. Dollinger 2003 For junior/senior/graduate-level courses in Entrepreneurship, New Venture Creation, and Small Business Strategy. Based on the premise that entrepreneurship can be studied systematically, this text offers a comprehensive presentation of the best current theory and practice. It takes a resource-based point-of-view, showing how to acquire and use resources and assets for competitive advantage. FOCUS ON THE NEW ECONOMY * NEW-Use of the Internet-Integrated throughout with special treatment in Ch. 6. * Demonstrates to students how the new economy still follows many of the rigorous rules of

economics, and gives them examples of business-to-business and business-to-customer firms so that they can build better business models. * NEW-2 added chapters on e-entrepreneurship-Covers value pricing; market segmentation; lock-in; protection of intellectual property; and network externalities. * Examines the new economy and the types of resources, capabilities, and strategies that are needed for success in the Internet world. * Resource-based theory-Introduced in Ch. 2 and revisited in each subsequent chapter to help tie concepts together. * Presents an overarching framework, and helps students focu

Concentrated Investing Allen C. Benello 2016-04-01 Discover the secrets of the world's top concentrated value investors Concentrated Investing: Strategies of the World's Greatest Concentrated Value Investors chronicles the virtually unknown—but wildly successful—value investors who have regularly and spectacularly blown away the results of even the world's top fund managers. Sharing the insights of these top value investors, expert authors Allen Benello, Michael van Biema, and Tobias Carlisle unveil the strategies that make concentrated value investing incredibly profitable, while at the same time showing how to mitigate risk over time. Highlighting the history and approaches of four top value investors, the authors tell the fascinating story of the investors who dare to tread where few others have, and the wildly-successful track records that have resulted. Turning the notion of diversification on its head, concentrated value investors pick a small group of undervalued stocks and hold onto them through even the lean years. The approach has been championed by Warren Buffett, the best known value investor of our time, but a small group of lesser-known investors has also used this approach to achieve outstanding returns. Discover the success of Lou Simpson, a former GEICO investment manager and eventual successor to Warren Buffett at Berkshire Hathaway Read about Kristian Siem, described as "Norway's Warren Buffett," and the success he has had at Siem Industries Concentrated Investing will quickly have you re-thinking the conventional wisdom related to diversification and learning from the top concentrated value investors the world has never heard of.

Transformative Entrepreneurs J. Harris 2012-02-07 Meticulously researched with fresh insights into the entrepreneurial process, Jeffrey Harris brings the in-depth perceptions from his nearly thirty years of venture capital experience to provide a thorough understanding of the transformative ideas and leadership abilities that separate the winners and losers.

Mastering Private Equity Claudia Zeisberger 2017-08-07 The definitive guide to private equity for investors and finance professionals Mastering Private Equity was written with a professional audience in mind and provides a valuable and unique reference for investors, finance professionals, students and business owners looking to engage with private equity firms or invest in private equity funds. From deal sourcing to exit, LBOs to responsible investing, operational value creation to risk management, the book systematically distills the essence of private equity into core concepts and explains in detail the dynamics of venture capital, growth equity and buyout transactions. With a foreword by Henry Kravis, Co-Chairman and Co-CEO of KKR, and special guest comments by senior PE professionals. This book combines insights from leading academics and practitioners and was carefully structured to offer: A clear and concise reference for the industry expert A step-by-step guide for students and casual observers of the industry A theoretical companion to the INSEAD case book Private Equity in Action: Case Studies from Developed and Emerging Markets Features guest

comments by senior PE professionals from the firms listed below: Abraaj • Adams Street Partners • Apax Partners • Baring PE Asia • Bridgepoint • The Carlyle Group • Collier Capital • Debevoise & Plimpton LLP • FMO • Foundry Group • Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer • General Atlantic • ILPA • Intermediate Capital Group • KKR Capstone • LPEQ • Maxeda • Navis Capital • Northleaf Capital • Oaktree Capital • Partners Group • Permira • Terra Firma

The EVA Challenge Joel M. Stern 2003-12-22 The co-founder of EVA shows how to apply it in today's new economy EVA-economic valued added-is a measure of the true financial performance of a company, and a strategy for creating corporate and shareholder wealth. It is also a method of changing corporate priorities and behavior throughout a company, right down to the "shop floor." In *The EVA Challenge*, the authors outline how to implement EVA-from training employees to answering the most frequently encountered implementation problems faced by companies. This detailed "how-to" guide represents the second phase in the "EVA Revolution", showing executives around the world how to customize and implement EVA at their companies. Here, EVA converts learn how to work some "EVA magic" through company-specific initiatives and case study examples. Coverage includes completely new materials on "real options", leveraged stock options, and other concepts critical to corporations in both new and old economy industry sectors.

\$950 Million In 40 Minutes Meshulam Riklis 2017-10-24 Enter the mind of a financial genius who had started from scratch to build a business empire. From the top of the business world to the oblivion of loneliness, Riklis shares valuable tips for success and his inspiring ability to overcome crises.

Vault Guide to Finance Interviews D. Bhatawedekhar 2002 From the Vault Career Library covering the basics of financial statements, fit portion of interviews and equity and debt valuation techniques in a step-by-step process.

The Essays of Warren Buffett Warren Buffett 2021 As in previous editions of *The Essays of Warren Buffett*, this one retains the architecture and philosophy of the original edition but adds selections from Warren Buffett's most recent annual shareholder letters. All the letters are woven together into a fabric that reads as a complete and coherent narrative of a sound business and investment philosophy. As an aid to all readers, and to enable readers of the previous editions to see what is new in this one, a disposition table at the end of the book shows the various places in this collection where selections from each year's letter appear. Footnotes throughout indicate the year of the annual report from which essays are taken. To avoid interrupting the narrative flow, omissions of text within excerpts are not indicated by ellipses or other punctuation. This new edition is called for not because anything has changed about the fundamentals of Buffett's sound business and investment philosophy but because articulation of that philosophy is always delivered in the context of contemporary events and business conditions so periodic updating is warranted to maintain its currency

Business Week 2000

The Director 1999-08

SUPERHUBS Sandra Navidi 2017-01-24 ONE OF BLOOMBERG'S BEST BOOKS, 2016 FOREWORD BY NOURIEL ROUBINI \$UPERHUBS is a rare, behind-the-scenes look at how the world's most powerful titans, the -superhubs- pull the levers of our global financial system. Combining insider's knowledge with principles of network science, Sandra Navidi offers a startling new perspective on how superhubs build their powerful networks and how their decisions impact all our lives. \$UPERHUBS reveals what happens at the exclusive, invitation-only platforms - The World Economic Forum in Davos, the meetings of the International Monetary Fund, think-tank gatherings and exclusive galas. This is the most vivid portrait to date of the global elite: the bank CEOs, fund managers, billionaire financiers and politicians who, through their interlocking relationships and collective influence are transforming our increasingly fragile financial system, economy and society.

Songs of Profit, Songs of Loss: Private Equity, Wealth, and Inequality Daniel Scott Souleles 2019-06 Since the early 1980s, private equity investors have heralded and shepherded massive changes in American capitalism. From outsourcing to excessive debt taking, private equity investment helped normalize once-taboo business strategies while growing into an over \$3 trillion industry in control of thousands of companies and millions of workers. Daniel Scott Souleles opens a window into the rarefied world of private equity investing through ethnographic fieldwork on private equity financiers. *Songs of Profit, Songs of Loss* documents how and why investors buy, manage, and sell the companies that they do; presents the ins and outs of private equity deals, management, and valuation; and explains the historical context that gave rise to private equity and other forms of investor-led capitalism. In addition to providing invaluable ethnographic insight, *Songs of Profit, Songs of Loss* is also an anthropological study of inequality as Souleles connects the core components of financial capitalism to economic disparities. Souleles uses local ideas of "value" and "time" to frame the ways private equity investors comprehend their work and to show how they justify the prosperity and poverty they create. Throughout, Souleles argues that understanding private equity investors as contrasted with others in society writ large is essential to fully understanding private equity within the larger context of capitalism in the United States.

Compassionate Capitalism Marc Benioff 2009-01-09

Who Says Elephants Can't Dance? Louis V. Gerstner 2003-12-16 *Who Says Elephants Can't Dance?* sums up Lou Gerstner's historic business achievement, bringing IBM back from the brink of insolvency to lead the computer business once again. Offering a unique case study drawn from decades of experience at some of America's top companies -- McKinsey, American Express, RJR Nabisco -- Gerstner's insights into management and leadership are applicable to any business, at any level. Ranging from strategy to public relations, from finance to organization, Gerstner reveals the lessons of a lifetime running highly successful companies.

Invested Charles Schwab 2019 In *Invested*, Charles Schwab, founder of The Charles Schwab Corporation, recounts the obstacles he encountered starting his fledgling company in the 1970s, its astonishing growth, and the ups and downs it weathered as he made stock investing, once the expensive and clubby reserve of the few, accessible to ordinary Americans. A deeply personal memoir, Schwab describes his passion to have Main Street participate in the growing economy, as investors and owners, not only earners. Schwab opens up about

his dyslexia, how he worked around and ultimately embraced it, and the challenges he faced when, a year into his grand experiment in discounted stock trading, living in a small apartment in Sausalito with his wife Helen and new baby, he carried a six-figure debt and pocketsful of personal loans. As it turned out, customers flocked to Schwab, his small team scrambling with scarce resources and no roadmap to manage the company's growth. He recounts Schwab's game-changing sale to Bank of America - and how, in the end, the merger almost doomed his organization. We learn about the clever and timely leveraged buyout he crafted to regain independence; the crushing stock market collapse of 1987 just weeks after the company had gone public; the dot-com meltdown of 2000 and its reverberating aftermath of economic stagnation, layoffs and the company's eventual reinvention; and how the company's focus on managing risk protected it and its clients during the financial crisis in 2008, propelling its growth. A remarkable story of a company succeeding by challenging norms and conventions through decades of change, *Invested* also offers unique insights and lifelong principles Schwab for readers - the values that he has lived and worked by and have made him one of the most successful entrepreneurs of our time. Today, his eponymous company is one of the leading financial services firms in the world, with over 3 trillion dollars in client assets.

[Rich Dad's Guide to Investing](#) Robert T. Kiyosaki 2001-01-15 *Rich Dad's Guide to Investing* is a guide to understanding the real earning power of money by learning some of the investing secrets of the wealthy.

[Mergers, Acquisitions, and Corporate Restructurings](#) Patrick A. Gaughan 2017-11-27 *The essential M&A primer*, updated with the latest research and statistics *Mergers, Acquisitions, and Corporate Restructurings* provides a comprehensive look at the field's growth and development, and places M&As in realistic context amidst changing trends, legislation, and global perspectives. All-inclusive coverage merges expert discussion with extensive graphs, research, and case studies to show how M&As can be used successfully, how each form works, and how they are governed by the laws of major countries. Strategies and motives are carefully analyzed alongside legalities each step of the way, and specific techniques are dissected to provide deep insight into real-world operations. This new seventh edition has been revised to improve clarity and approachability, and features the latest research and data to provide the most accurate assessment of the current M&A landscape. Ancillary materials include PowerPoint slides, a sample syllabus, and a test bank to facilitate training and streamline comprehension. As the global economy slows, merger and acquisition activity is expected to increase. This book provides an M&A primer for business executives and financial managers seeking a deeper understanding of how corporate restructuring can work for their companies. Understand the many forms of M&As, and the laws that govern them Learn the offensive and defensive techniques used during hostile acquisitions Delve into the strategies and motives that inspire M&As Access the latest data, research, and case studies on private equity, ethics, corporate governance, and more From large megadeals to various forms of downsizing, a full range of restructuring practices are currently being used to revitalize and supercharge companies around the world. *Mergers, Acquisitions, and Corporate Restructurings* is an essential resource for executives needing to quickly get up to date to plan their own company's next moves.

[Can't Take It With You](#) Lewis B. Cullman 2004-05-17 Praise for *Can't Take It With You* "Lewis Cullman is one of this nation's major and most generous philanthropists. Here he combines a fascinating autobiography of a

life in finance with a powerful expose' of how the business of giving works, including some tips for all of us on how to leverage our money to enlarge our largesse." -Walter Cronkite "Lewis Cullman has woven a rich and seamless fabric from the varied strands of his business, philanthropic, and personal life. Every chapter is filled with wonderful insights and amusing anecdotes that illuminate a life that has been very well lived. This book has been written with an honesty and candor that should serve as a model for others." -David Rockefeller "Lewis Cullman's memoir made me feel good. A vibrant, thoughtful, and gracious man has written a wonderful tale about living a full life and giving back a lot to society." -Arthur Levitt Former Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission "I was so enjoyably exhausted after reading the book-I can only imagine living the life! It seems there is no good cause that Lewis has not supported, no good business opportunity that Lewis has missed, and no fun that Lewis has not had." -Agnes Gund President Emerita, The Museum of Modern Art "Now I know that venture capitalism and horse trading are almost as much fun as looking for new species in the Amazon. This book is exceptionally well written. The prose is evocative, vibrant, and inspirational." -Edward O. Wilson Professor Emeritus, Harvard University Honorary Curator in Entomology, Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology

Business Periodicals Index 1998

Winning Sustainability Strategies Benoit Leleux 2018-11-11 Despite recent optimism and global initiatives, the implementation of corporate sustainability programs has been slow at best, with less than a third of global companies having developed a clear business case for their approach to sustainability. Presenting numerous award-winning cases and examples from companies such as Unilever, Patagonia, Tumi, DSM and Umicore alongside original ideas based upon 20 years of consulting experience, this book reveals how to design and implement a stronger sense of focus and move sustainability programs forward. This proven combination of purpose, direction and speed is dubbed "Vectoring". Based upon practitioner cases and data analysis from the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, Vectoring offers a plain-spoken framework to identify the relative position of companies compared to their peers. The framework and its 4 archetypes deliver insights for practitioners to locate inhibitors and overcome them by providing practical suggestions for process improvements. This includes designing and executing new sustainability programs, embedding the SDGs within company strategy and assessing the impact of sustainability programs on competitiveness and valuation. Offering directions for CFOs to shift companies from integrated reporting to integrated thinking in order to accelerate their sustainability programs, *Winning Sustainability Strategies* shows how to achieve purpose with profit and how to do well by doing good.

The Purpose of Capital Jed Emerson 2018-09-24 An exploration of our understanding of the purpose of capital and the cultural, historic and environmental aspects of how we have come to understand the relation between economic, social and environmental components of capital. Offers a vision of capital as a fuel to promote individual freedom in the context of community and Earth.

One Up On Wall Street Peter Lynch 2000-04-03 The manager of a top investment fund discusses how individuals can make a killing in the market through research and investment techniques that confound

conventional market wisdom.

Barbarians at the Gate Bryan Burrough 2009-10-13 “One of the finest, most compelling accounts of what happened to corporate America and Wall Street in the 1980’s.” —New York Times Book Review A #1 New York Times bestseller and arguably the best business narrative ever written, *Barbarians at the Gate* is the classic account of the fall of RJR Nabisco. An enduring masterpiece of investigative journalism by Bryan Burrough and John Helyar, it includes a new afterword by the authors that brings this remarkable story of greed and double-dealings up to date twenty years after the famed deal. The Los Angeles Times calls *Barbarians at the Gate*, “Superlative.” The Chicago Tribune raves, “It’s hard to imagine a better story...and it’s hard to imagine a better account.” And in an era of spectacular business crashes and federal bailouts, it still stands as a valuable cautionary tale that must be heeded.

Liquidated Karen Ho 2009-06-22 Financial collapses—whether of the junk bond market, the Internet bubble, or the highly leveraged housing market—are often explained as the inevitable result of market cycles: What goes up must come down. In *Liquidated*, Karen Ho punctures the aura of the abstract, all-powerful market to show how financial markets, and particularly booms and busts, are constructed. Through an in-depth investigation into the everyday experiences and ideologies of Wall Street investment bankers, Ho describes how a financially dominant but highly unstable market system is understood, justified, and produced through the restructuring of corporations and the larger economy. Ho, who worked at an investment bank herself, argues that bankers’ approaches to financial markets and corporate America are inseparable from the structures and strategies of their workplaces. Her ethnographic analysis of those workplaces is filled with the voices of stressed first-year associates, overworked and alienated analysts, undergraduates eager to be hired, and seasoned managing directors. Recruited from elite universities as “the best and the brightest,” investment bankers are socialized into a world of high risk and high reward. They are paid handsomely, with the understanding that they may be let go at any time. Their workplace culture and networks of privilege create the perception that job insecurity builds character, and employee liquidity results in smart, efficient business. Based on this culture of liquidity and compensation practices tied to profligate deal-making, Wall Street investment bankers reshape corporate America in their own image. Their mission is the creation of shareholder value, but Ho demonstrates that their practices and assumptions often produce crises instead. By connecting the values and actions of investment bankers to the construction of markets and the restructuring of U.S. corporations, *Liquidated* reveals the particular culture of Wall Street often obscured by triumphalist readings of capitalist globalization.

Lords of Strategy Walter Kiechel 2010-03-03 Imagine, if you can, the world of business - without corporate strategy. Remarkably, fifty years ago that's the way it was. Businesses made plans, certainly, but without understanding the underlying dynamics of competition, costs, and customers. It was like trying to design a large-scale engineering project without knowing the laws of physics. But in the 1960s, four mavericks and their posses instigated a profound shift in thinking that turbocharged business as never before, with implications far beyond what even they imagined. In *The Lords of Strategy*, renowned business journalist and editor Walter Kiechel tells, for the first time, the story of the four men who invented corporate strategy as we know it and set in motion the modern, multibillion-dollar consulting industry: Bruce Henderson, founder of

Boston Consulting Group Bill Bain, creator of Bain & Company Fred Gluck, longtime Managing Director of McKinsey & Company Michael Porter, Harvard Business School professor Providing a window into how to think about strategy today, Kiechel tells their story with novelistic flair. At times inspiring, at times nearly terrifying, this book is a revealing account of how these iconoclasts and the organizations they led revolutionized the way we think about business, changed the very soul of the corporation, and transformed the way we work.

The New York Times Index 2007

Billions to Bust and Back Thor Bjorgolfsson 2014-11-27 Thor Bjorgolfsson is a self-styled adventure capitalist with an addiction to debt and an insatiable appetite for business deals who became Iceland's first billionaire. After 10 years establishing his financial empire with alco-pops and beer in the lawless 'Wild East' of newly-capitalist Russia in the 1990s, he moved on to merging, floating, spinning off and privatising businesses from Finland to Sweden, Poland, Bulgaria, Serbia, Greece and the Czech Republic. On his 40th birthday, and worth \$3.5 billion, he was sitting on top of the world; only 250 people in it were richer than him. His most spectacular triumph was the takeover of Iceland's second-largest bank, Landsbanki - he had expected his investment's value to double or treble in four years, and instead it rose ten-fold. But when financial meltdown hit Iceland in October 2008, Landsbanki crashed and burned, taking Bjorgolfsson with it. Within 12 months he had lost 3.3 billion euros - 98.5% of his wealth - and was treated as a scapegoat in his native country for supposedly bringing about the disaster. Faced with appalling debts, Bjorgolfsson has made good on his promises to repay his creditors, and at the age of 47 is now a billionaire once again.