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"Messrs. Gow and Kells have made an invaluable contribution, writing in an amused tone that nevertheless acknowledges the firms' immense power and the seriousness of their neglect of traditional responsibilities. 'The Big Four' will appeal to all those interested in the future of the profession--and of capitalism itself." —Jane Gleeson-White, Wall Street Journal

With staffs that are collectively larger than the Russian

army and combined revenues of over \$130 billion a year, the Big Four accounting firms—Deloitte, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Ernst & Young, and KPMG—are a keystone of global commerce. But leading scholar Ian Gow and award-winning author Stuart Kells warn that a house of cards may be about to fall. Stretching back to the Medicis in Renaissance Florence, this book is a fascinating story of wealth, power, and luck. The founders of the Big Four lived surprisingly colorful lives. Samuel Price, for example, married his own niece. Between the world wars, Nicholas Waterhouse collected postage stamps while also hosting decadent parties in his fashionable London home. All four firms have endured major calamities in recent decades. There

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have been hundreds of court cases and legal prosecutions for failed audits, tax scandals, and breaches of independence. The firms have come so close to “extinction level events” that regulators have required them to prepare “living wills.” And today, the Big Four face an uncertain future—thanks to their push into China, their vulnerability to digital disruption and competition, and the hazards of providing traditional services in a new era of transparency. This account of the past, present, and likely future of the Big Four is essential reading for anyone perplexed or fascinated by professional services, working or considering working in the industry, or simply curious about the fate of the global economy.

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Praise for Financial Statement
Gimmicks, Fraud In Financial
Analysis A Practitioner's Guide
Third Edition "This is an

illuminating and insightful tour of financial statements, how they can be used to inform, how they can be used to mislead, and how they can be used to analyze the financial health of a company." -Professor Jay O. Light Harvard Business School "Financial Statement Analysis should be required reading for anyone who puts a dime to work in the securities markets or recommends that others do the same." -Jack L. Rivkin Executive Vice President (retired) Citigroup Investments "Fridson and Alvarez provide a valuable practical guide for understanding, interpreting, and critically assessing financial reports put out by firms. Their discussion

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of profits-'quality of earnings'-is particularly insightful given the recent spate of reporting problems encountered by firms. I highly recommend their book to anyone interested in getting behind the numbers as a means of predicting future profits and stock prices."

-Paul Brown Chair-Department of Accounting Leonard N. Stern School of Business, NYU "Let this book assist in financial awareness and transparency and higher standards of reporting, and accountability to all stakeholders."

-Patricia A. Small Treasurer Emeritus, University of California Partner, KCM Investment Advisors "This book is a polished gem covering the analysis of financial statements. It is thorough, skeptical and extremely practical in its

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review." -Daniel J. Fuss Vice
Chairman Loomis, Sayles &
Company, LP

According to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, accounting fraud cost more than 994 billion in recent years, and the average organization lost 7 percent of its total revenue to fraud. So how can you prevent this from happening?

Jim Paul's meteoric rise took him from a small town in Northern Kentucky to governor of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, yet he lost it all--his fortune, his reputation, and his job--in one fatal attack of excessive economic hubris. In this honest, frank analysis, Paul and Brendan Moynihan revisit the events that led to Paul's disastrous decision and

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examine the psychological factors behind bad financial practices in several economic sectors. This book--winner of a 2014 Axiom Business Book award gold medal--begins with the unbroken string of successes that helped Paul achieve a jet-setting lifestyle and land a key spot with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. It then describes the circumstances leading up to Paul's \$1.6 million loss and the essential lessons he learned from it--primarily that, although there are as many ways to make money in the markets as there are people participating in them, all losses come from the same few sources. Investors lose money in the markets either because of errors in their analysis or because of psychological barriers

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preventing the application of analysis. While all analytical methods have some validity and make allowances for instances in which they do not work, psychological factors can keep an investor in a losing position, causing him to abandon one method for another in order to rationalize the decisions already made. Paul and Moynihan's cautionary tale includes strategies for avoiding loss tied to a simple framework for understanding, accepting, and dodging the dangers of investing, trading, and speculating.

A Practitioner's Guide
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Gimmicks and Fraud in Financial
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Detecting Accounting Fraud Before
It's Too Late

Techniques to uncover and avoid accounting frauds and scams Inflated profits . . . Suspicious write-offs . . . Shifted expenses . . . These and other dubious financial maneuvers have taken on a contemporary twist as companies pull out the stops in seeking to satisfy Wall Street. Financial Shenanigans pulls back the curtain on the current climate of accounting fraud. It presents tools that anyone who is potentially affected by misleading business valuations from investors and lenders to

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managers and auditors can use to research and read financial reports, and to identify early warning signs of a company's problems. A bestseller in its first edition, Financial Shenanigans has been thoroughly updated for today's marketplace. New chapters, data, and research reveal contemporary "shenanigans" that have been known to fool even veteran researchers.

Praise for The Financial Numbers Game "So much for the notion 'those who can, do those who can't, teach.' Mulford and Comiskey function successfully both as college professors and real-world financial mercenaries.

These guys know their balance sheets. The Financial Numbers Game should serve as a survival manual for both serious individual investors and industry pros who study and act upon the interpretation of financial statements. This unique blend of battle-earned scholarship and quality writing is a must-read/must-have reference for serious financial statement analysis." --Bob Acker, Editor/Publisher, The Acker Letter "Wall Street's unforgiving attention to quarterly earnings presents ever increasing pressure on CFOs to manage earnings and expectations. The Financial Numbers Game provides a

clear explanation of the ways in which management can stretch, bend, and break accounting rules to reach the desired bottom line. This arms the serious investor or financial analyst with the healthy skepticism required to drive beyond reported results to a clear understanding of a firm's true performance." --Mark Hurley, Managing Director, Training and Development, Global Corporate and Investment Banking, Bank of America

"After reading The Financial Numbers Game, I feel as though I've taken a master's level course in financial statement analysis. Mulford and Comiskey's latest book

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should be required reading for anyone who is serious about fundamentally analyzing stocks." --Harry Domash, San Francisco Chronicle investing columnist and investment newsletter publisher

Praise for Financial Statement Analysis FOURTH EDITION "I love this book. It helps to develop the questioning mind—the mind of a financial detective. It teaches the art of skepticism and critical thinking. Readers go beyond definition and calculation and learn interpretation." —Philip L. Cooley, PhD, Prassel Distinguished Professor of Business, Trinity University
"Over my decades of

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involvement with high-yield bonds, Marty Fridson has been the leading speaker of truth. As he so accurately states in Financial Statement Analysis, the credit investor is required to engage in a game of cat-and-mouse with company management's intent on minimizing their cost of capital by putting a positive gloss on their financial statements. The Fourth Edition of Marty's terrific book is the bible on how to detect and deal with these efforts." —Howard Marks, Chairman, Oaktree Capital Management
"Financial Statement Analysis is a unique text; it combines great academic work with

numerous real-life examples to form a highly useful reference for equity investors, debt holders, and investors who straddle both asset classes. Whether you are an investor, an investment advisor, or a teacher, *Financial Statement Analysis* will prove very valuable." —Margaret M. Cannella, former head of Global Credit Research, J.P. Morgan and Adjunct Professor, Columbia Business School "Marty has seen it all! He has had a front-row seat to see the birth, death, and rebirth of the high-yield bond market . . . several times over! In the Fourth Edition of *Financial Statement Analysis*,

Marty clearly demonstrates that despite the enactment of Sarbanes-Oxley in 2002, and other attempts to curtail abuse of the system, one needs a critical analytical eye to be certain that management is not trying to obfuscate the truth. The case studies provide excellent and timely examples of some of the techniques that companies have used to mislead investors." —Edward Z. Emmer, former global head of Corporate and Government Ratings and Equity Research, Standard & Poor's "Those who read financial statements without understanding the strategic context in which they are written will land on

the losing end of the gripping episodes with which bond-market legend Marty Fridson illustrates in the Fourth Edition of his classic reference, Financial Statement Analysis. And all of us who depend on the markets sending capital to its best use should hope that investors read this book first." —David Musto, Professor of Finance, the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania "This book rightly urges resolute skepticism when inspecting financial statements. Its great value, though, is in the plain-spoken stripping down of real-world and illustrative examples that

show how to see past the numbers to the practicalities and incentives behind

them—and so help analysts and journalists alike ask the right questions." —Richard

Beales, Assistant Editor, Reuters Breakingviews

The Art of Company Valuation and Financial Statement

Analysis: A value investor's guide with real-life case studies covers all quantitative and qualitative approaches needed to evaluate the past

and forecast the future performance of a company in a practical manner. Is a given stock over or undervalued?

How can the future prospects of a company be evaluated?

How can complex valuation

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Valuation and Financial
Statement Analysis answers
each of these questions and
conveys the principles of
company valuation in an
accessible and applicable
way. Valuation theory is
linked to the practice of
investing through financial
statement analysis and
interpretation, analysis of
business models, company
valuation, stock analysis,
portfolio management and
value Investing. The book's
unique approach is to
illustrate each valuation
method with a case study of
actual company performance.
More than 100 real case

studies are included, supplementing the sound theoretical framework and offering potential investors a methodology that can easily be applied in practice.

Written for asset managers, investment professionals and private investors who require a reliable, current and comprehensive guide to company valuation, the book aims to encourage readers to think like an entrepreneur, rather than a speculator, when it comes to investing in the stock markets. It is an approach that has led many to long term success and consistent returns that regularly outperform more opportunistic approaches to

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investment.

**Tools and Techniques for
Intelligent Investment**

**Confessions from Inside
History's Biggest Accounting
Fraud : the Collapse of MCI
Worldcom**

**The Curious Past and Perilous
Future of the Global
Accounting Monopoly
The Manual of Ideas
How Your Money is Managed**

Business scandals are
always with us from the
South Sea Bubble to
Enron and Parmalat. As
accounting forms a
central element of any
business success or
failure, the role of

accounting is crucial in understanding business scandals. This book aims to explore the role of accounting, particularly creative accounting and fraud, in business scandals. The book is divided into three parts. In Part A the background and context of creative accounting and fraud is explored. Part B looks at a series of international accounting scandals and Part C draws some themes and implications from the country studies.

Paths to Wealth through
Common Stocks contains
one original concept
after another, each
designed to greatly
improve the results of
those who self-manage
their investments --
while helping those who
rely on professional
investment advice select
the right advisor for
their needs. Originally
written by investment
legend Philip A. Fisher
in 1960, this timeless
classic is now
reintroduced by his well-
known and respected son,

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successful money manager Ken Fisher, in a new Foreword. Filled with in-depth insights and expert advice, Paths to Wealth through Common Stocks expands upon the innovative ideas found in Fisher's highly regarded Common Stocks and Uncommon Profits -- summarizing how worthwhile profits have been and will continue to be made through common stock ownership, and revealing why his method can increase profits while reducing

risk. Many of the ideas found here may depart from conventional investment wisdom, but the impressive results produced by these concepts -- which are still relevant in today's market environment -- will quickly remind you why Philip Fisher is considered one of the greatest investment minds of our time. Get practical insights on the psychology of white-collar criminals—and how to

outsmart them Understand how the psychologies of fraudsters and their victims interact as well as what makes auditors/investigators/regulators let down their guard.

Learn about the psychology of fraud victims, including boards of directors and senior management, and what makes them want to believe fraudsters, and therefore making them particularly vulnerable to deception. Just as IT experts gave us computer forensics, we now have a

uniquely qualified team immersed in psychology, sociology, psychiatry as well as accounting and auditing, introducing the emerging field of behavioral forensics to address the phenomenon of fraud. Ever wonder what makes a white-collar criminal tick? Why does she or he do what they do? For the first time ever, see the mind of the fraudster laid bare, including their sometimes twisted rationalizations; think like a crook to catch a

takes you there, with expert advice from a diverse but highly specialized authoring team of professionals (three out of the four are Certified Fraud Examiners): a former accounting firm partner who has a PhD in psychology, a former FBI special agent who has been with investigative practices of two of the Big Four firms, an industrial psychiatrist who has worked closely

with the C-level suite of large and small companies, and an accounting professor who has interviewed numerous convicted felons. Along with a fascinating exploration of what makes people fall for the common and not-so-common swindles, the book provides a sweeping characterization of the ecology of fraud using The A.B.C.'s of Behavioral Forensics paradigm: the bad Apple (rogue executive), the bad Bushel (groups that

collude and behave like gangs), and the bad Crop (representing organization-wide or even societally-sanctioned cultures that are toxic and corrosive). The book will make you take a longer look when hiring new employees and offers a deeper more complex understanding of what happens in organizations and in their people. The A.B.C. model will also help those inside and outside organizations inoculate against fraud

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and make you reflect on instilling the core values of your organization among your people and create a culture of excellence and integrity that acts as a prophylactic against fraud.

Ultimately, you will discover that, used wisely, behavioral methods trump solely economic incentives. With business fraud on the rise globally, The A.B.C.'s of Behavioral Forensics is the must-have book for

investigators, auditors,
the C-suite and risk
management
professionals, the
boards of directors,
regulators, and HR
professionals. Examines
the psychology of fraud
in a practical way,
relating it to aspects
of fraud prevention,
deterrence, detection,
and remediation Helps
you understand that
trust violation—the
essence of fraud—is a
betrayal of behavioral
assumptions about
"trusted" people

Explains how good people go bad and how otherwise honest people cross the line Underscores the importance of creating a culture of excellence and integrity that inoculates an organization from fraud risk (i.e., honest behavior pays, while dishonesty is frowned upon) Provides key takeaways on what to look for when hiring new employees and in your current employees, as well as creating and maintaining a culture of

control consciousness
Includes narrative
accounts of interviews
with convicted white-
collar criminals, as
well as interpretive
insights and analysis of
their rationalizations
Furnishes ideas about
how to enhance
professional skepticism,
how to resist
fraudsters, how to see
through their schemes,
how to infuse internal
controls with the
people/behavioral
element, and make them
more effective in

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addressing behavior
Practical examples,
sample reports, best
practices and
recommendations to help
you deter, detect, and
prevent financial
statement fraud
Financial statement
fraud (FSF) continues to
be a major challenge for
organizations worldwide.
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Fraud: Prevention and
Detection, Second
Edition is a superior
reference providing you
with an up-to-date
understanding of

financial statement fraud, including its deterrence, prevention, and early detection. You will find A clear description of roles and responsibilities of all those involved in corporate governance and the financial reporting process to improve the quality, reliability and transparency of financial information. Sample reports, examples, and documents that promote a real-world understanding of incentives,

opportunities, and rationalizations
Emerging corporate governance reforms in the post-SOX era, including provisions of the SOX Act, global regulations and best practices, ethical considerations, and corporate governance principles Practical examples and real-world "how did this happen" discussions that provide valuable insight for corporate directors and executives, auditors, managers, supervisory

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personnel and other
professionals saddled
with anti-fraud
responsibilities Expert
advice from the author
of Corporate Governance
and Ethics and coauthor
of the forthcoming Wiley
textbook, White Collar
Crime, Fraud Examination
and Financial Forensics
Financial Statement
Fraud, Second Edition
contains recommendations
from the SEC Advisory
Committee to reduce the
complexity of the
financial reporting
process and improving

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the quality of financial reports.

What's Behind the Numbers?: A Guide to Exposing Financial Chicanery and Avoiding Huge Losses in Your Portfolio
Paths to Wealth Through Common Stocks
The clues for investors that a company is heading for a fall
The Art of Short Selling
Financial Statement Analysis
Detecting Creative Accounting Practices

"As with his weekly column, James

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Montier's Value Investing is a must read for all students of the financial markets. In short order, Montier shreds the 'efficient market hypothesis', elucidates the pertinence of behavioral finance, and explains the crucial difference between investment process and investment outcomes. Montier makes his arguments with clear insight and spirited good humor, and then backs them up with cold hard facts. Buy this book for yourself, and for anyone you know who cares about their capital!" —Seth Klarman, President, The Baupost Group LLC

The seductive elegance of classical finance theory is powerful, yet value investing requires that we reject both the precepts of modern portfolio theory (MPT) and pretty much all of its tools and techniques. In this important new book, the highly respected and controversial value investor and behavioural analyst,

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James Montier explains how value investing is the only tried and tested method of delivering sustainable long-term returns. James shows you why everything you learnt at business school is wrong; how to think properly about valuation and risk; how to avoid the dangers of growth investing; how to be a contrarian; how to short stocks; how to avoid value traps; how to hedge ignorance using cheap insurance. Crucially he also gives real time examples of the principles outlined in the context of the 2008/09 financial crisis. In this book James shares his tried and tested techniques and provides the latest and most cutting edge tools you will need to deploy the value approach successfully. It provides you with the tools to start thinking in a different fashion about the way in which you invest, introducing the ways of over-

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riding the emotional distractions that will bedevil the pursuit of a value approach and ultimately think and act differently from the herd.

Accounting for Value teaches investors and analysts how to handle accounting in evaluating equity investments. The book's novel approach shows that valuation and accounting are much the same: valuation is actually a matter of accounting for value. Laying aside many of the tools of modern finance the cost-of-capital, the CAPM, and discounted cash flow analysis Stephen Penman returns to the common-sense principles that have long guided fundamental investing: price is what you pay but value is what you get; the risk in investing is the risk of paying too much; anchor on what you know rather than speculation; and beware of paying too much for speculative growth. Penman puts these ideas in touch with

the quantification supplied by accounting, producing practical tools for the intelligent investor. Accounting for value provides protection from paying too much for a stock and clues the investor in to the likely return from buying growth. Strikingly, the analysis finesses the need to calculate a "cost-of-capital," which often frustrates the application of modern valuation techniques. Accounting for value recasts "value" versus "growth" investing and explains such curiosities as why earnings-to-price and book-to-price ratios predict stock returns. By the end of the book, Penman has the intelligent investor thinking like an intelligent accountant, better equipped to handle the bubbles and crashes of our time. For accounting regulators, Penman also prescribes a formula for intelligent accounting reform, engaging with such controversial issues as fair value

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A revealing look at Wall Street, the financial media, and financial regulators by David Einhorn, the President of Greenlight Capital Could 2008's credit crisis have been minimized or even avoided? In 2002, David Einhorn-one of the country's top investors-was asked at a charity investment conference to share his best investment advice. Short sell Allied Capital. At the time, Allied was a leader in the private financing industry. Einhorn claimed Allied was using questionable accounting practices to prop itself up. Sound familiar? At the time of the original version of Fooling Some of the People All of the Time: A Long Short Story the outcome of his advice was unknown. Now, the story is complete and we know Einhorn was right. In 2008, Einhorn advised the same conference to short sell Lehman Brothers. And had the

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market been more open to his warnings, yes, the market meltdown might have been avoided, or at least minimized.

Details the gripping battle between Allied Capital and Einhorn's Greenlight Capital
Illuminates how questionable company practices are maintained and, at times, even protected by Wall Street
Describes the failings of investment banks, analysts, journalists, and government regulators
Describes how many parts of the Allied Capital story were replayed in the debate over Lehman Brothers
Fooling Some of the People All of the Time is an important call for effective government regulation, free speech, and fair play.

As economic crimes continue to increase, accountants and law enforcement personnel must be vigilant in expanding their knowledge of ways to detect these clandestine operations. Written by a retired IRS agent with more than twenty

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Investigation and Forensic Accounting,
Third Edition offers a complete
examination of the current methods and
legal considerations involved in the
detection and prosecution of economic
crimes. Explores a range of crimes
Following an overview of the economic
cost of crime, the book examines
different types of offenses with a
financial element, ranging from arson to
tax evasion. It explores offshore activities
and the means criminals use to hide their
ill-gotten gains. The author provides a
thorough review of evidentiary rules as
well as the protocol involved in search
warrants. He examines the two modalities
used to prove financial crime: the Net
Worth Method and the Expenditure
Theory, and presents an example
scenario based on real-life incidents.
Organized crime and consumer fraud

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Additional topics include organized crime and money laundering — with profiles of the most nefarious cartels — consumer and business fraud and the different schemes that befall the unwary, computer crimes, and issues surrounding banking and finance. The book also presents focused and concrete advice on trial preparation and specific accounting and audit techniques. New chapters in the third edition New material enhances this third edition, including new chapters on investigative interview analysis and document examination, as well as advice for fraud examiners working on private cases, including the preparation of an engagement letter. For a successful prosecution, it is essential to recognize financial crime at its early stages. This practical text presents the nuts and bolts of fraud examination and forensic accounting, enabling investigators to stay

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ahead of an area that is increasingly
taking on global importance.

Tough-Minded Management 1st ed.

How To Use What You Already Know To
Make Money In

What I Learned Losing a Million Dollars
Stolen Without a Gun

Applying Psychology to Financial Fraud
Prevention and Detection

Auditing and Accounting Cases:
Investigating Issues of Fraud and
Professional Ethics

A one-of-a-kind resource
walking you through one
complete fraud investigation,
from the original tip to
conviction in court Anatomy of a
Fraud Investigation is an
engrossing read and a valuable
resource for fraud investigators,

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auditors, or anyone who suspects fraud may be occurring in their organizations and is unsure as to how to act. It details all phases of a fraud investigation from the first suspicion of fraud to the final judgment in court, through the eyes of a forensic accountant. In each phase, the author provides insights based on his twenty-two years as a forensic accountant from where to sit at the table when you bring the suspected fraudster in for questioning, to how you protect the key sources of information that the suspect will try to destroy once he or she realizes

they are under investigation. In-depth analysis of a fraud investigation Based on an actual investigation conducted by the author Each chapter contains valuable tips and key considerations, providing subtext for why decisions were made and bringing to light potential risks A fascinating, insider look at a fraud investigation, Anatomy of a Fraud Investigation helps you better understand fraud detection, investigation, and prevention-from the inside out. Explains the basics of security analysis, discussing the research report, the valuation,

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and the investment decision,
plus coverage of special cases

A guide to how your money is
managed, with foreword by
Nobel laureate Robert Shiller

The Fund Industry offers a
comprehensive look at mutual
funds and the investment
management industry, for fund
investors, those working in the
fund industry, service providers
to the industry and students of
financial institutions or capital
markets. Industry experts
Robert Pozen and Theresa
Hamacher take readers on a
tour of the business of asset
management. Readers will learn
how to research a fund and

assess whether it's right for them; then they'll go behind the scenes to see how funds are invested, sold and regulated. This updated edition expands coverage of the segments of the industry where growth is hottest, including hedge funds, liquid alternatives, ETFs and target date funds—and adds an introduction to derivatives. Mutual funds are a key component of financial planning for 96 million Americans. Nearly a quarter of U.S. household savings are invested in funds, which give individual investors affordable access to professional management. This

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book provides a detailed look at how firms in the industry: Invest those savings in stocks and bonds Evaluate the risks and returns of funds Distribute funds directly to consumers or through financial advisors or retirement plans Handle the complex operational and regulatory requirements of mutual funds Vote proxies at the annual meetings of public companies Expand their operations across borders Along the way, the authors describe the latest trends and discuss the biggest controversies—all in straightforward and engaging prose. The Fund Industry is the

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essential guide to navigating
the mutual fund industry.
Shining a light on the most
shocking frauds and financial
reporting offenders, this
unparalleled guide gives
investors the tools they need to
spot deceptive financial
reporting in the global markets.

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One Up On Wall Street
A Value Investor's Guide with
Real-life Case Studies
Prevention and Detection
Double Entry: How the
Merchants of Venice Created
Modern Finance
From Detection to Prosecution
Uncovering Sustainable

Financial Performance
*Successful methodology for
identifying earnings-related
reporting indiscretions
Creative Cash Flow
Reporting and Analysis
capitalizes on current
concerns with misleading
financial reporting on
misleading financial
reporting. It identifies the
common steps used to yield
misleading cash flow
amounts, demonstrates how
to adjust the cash flow
statement for more effective
analysis, and how to use
adjusted operating cash flow
to uncover earnings that*

have been misreported using aggressive or fraudulent accounting practices. Charles W. Mulford, PhD, CPA (Atlanta, GA), is the coauthor of three books, including the bestselling The Financial Numbers Game: Identifying Creative Accounting Practices. Eugene E. Comiskey, PhD, CPA, CMA (Atlanta, GA), is the coauthor of the bestselling The Financial Numbers Game: Identifying Creative Accounting Practices. The approach used by Thibodeau and Freier

emphasizes the substantial benefits of using real-life case examples in helping to impart knowledge related to the practice of auditing. This type of approach has long been acknowledged as a superior manner in which to teach. Since the authors present the concepts of auditing using actual corporate contexts, they seek to provided students with a real-life appreciation of these issues and clearly demonstrate the value of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the post-Sarbanes technical audit guidance.

The Third Edition has been updated to reflect all of the major changes happening in today's society with actual companies such as Enron, WorldCom, Qwest, Sunbeam, that have become synonymous with the capital markets' crisis in confidence. With 45 different short cases, instructors can assign 8 to 9 different cases for each of four different semesters. Recent catastrophic business failures have caused some to rethink the value of the audit, with many demanding that

*auditors take
more responsibility for fraud*

*detection. This book
provides forensic accounting
specialists?experts in
uncovering fraud?with
new coverage on the latest
PCAOB Auditing Standards,
the Foreign Corrupt
Practices Act, options fraud,
as well as fraud in China
and its implications. Auditors
are equipped with the
necessary practical aids,
case examples, and skills for
identifying situations that
call for extended fraud
detection procedures.*

Learn how to detect any

corporate sleight of hand—and gain the upper hand with smart investing. Investing expert John Del Vecchio and “Motley Fool” Tom Jacobs offer a compelling argument that the secret to stock-market success today isn’t finding the next Google or eBay, but avoiding the next AIG or Enron. To that end, they offer simple, clear techniques for detecting when and how legitimate companies make their numbers look better than they are. What's Behind the Numbers? offers seven rules

for finding companies playing with—rather than by—the numbers and explains how to avoid losing money by determining exactly when a stock is about to head south. John Del Vecchio, CFA, serves as a Principal of Ranger Alternative Management and principal of Parabolix Research, Inc. Tom Jacobs is lead advisor for the Motley Fool Special Ops, a stock service where he manages a special situations and opportunistic portfolio. He is cofounder of Complete Growth Investor LLC.

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*Detecting Financial
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Accounting for Value

The bestselling classic from the “Sherlock Holmes of Accounting”—updated to reflect the key case studies and most important lessons from the past quarter century. This fourth edition of the classic guide shines a light on the most shocking

frauds and financial reporting offenders of the last twenty-five years, and gives investors the tools they need to detect:

- Corporate cultures that incentivize dishonest practices
- The latest tricks companies use to exaggerate revenue and earnings
- Techniques devised by management to manipulate cash flow as easily as earnings
- Companies that use misleading metrics to fool investors about their financial performance
- How companies use acquisitions

to hide deterioration in their underlying business This new edition focuses on the key case studies and most important lessons from the past quarter century, and brings you up to date on accounting chicanery in the global markets. Howard Schilit and his team of renowned forensic accounting experts expose financial reporting miscreants and unveil the latest methods companies use to mislead investors. You'll learn everything you need to know to unearth deceptive reporting and

avoid costly mistakes.

Detect accounting fraud
before it's too late

Accounting fraud is the deliberate manipulation of accounting records in order to make a company's financial performance seem better or worse than it actually is. Accounting scandals often have catastrophic consequences for shareholders and employees. Thus, analysts and auditors must be equipped to detect accounting fraud. This book is a comprehensive guide to detecting accounting fraud

for auditors investigating accounting fraud and analysts/managers seeking to prevent it. A wide variety of warning signs are described, as are several techniques for detecting and addressing fraud.

Understand the motivations and warning signs behind accounting fraud Get to know how accounting fraud is done and how to detect it Avoid the losses that often come from accounting fraud Benefit from case studies throughout to that help illustrate the author's points It's unfortunate that

managers, auditors, and analysts must be wary of accounting fraud—but this book equips you with the know-how to detect it before it's too late.

A one-of-a-kind book that shows you how to cash in on the latest investing trend--short selling "The Art of Short Selling is the best description of this difficult technique."--John Train, Train, Thomas, Smith Investment Counsel, and author of The New Money Masters "Kathryn Staley has done a masterful job explaining the

highly specialized art of short selling. Her approach to telling the true stories of famous investment 'scams' will keep the readers spellbound, while teaching the investor many crucial lessons."--David W. Tice, Portfolio Manager, Prudent Bear Fund "Selling short is still a misunderstood discipline, but even the most raging bull needs to know this valuable technique to master the ever-changing markets."--Jim Rogers, author, Investment Biker On the investment playing field, there is perhaps no game

more exciting than short selling. With the right moves, it can yield high returns; one misstep, however, can have disastrous consequences. Despite the risk, a growing number of players are anteing up, sparked in part by success stories such as that of George Soros and the billions he netted by short selling the British pound. In *The Art of Short Selling*, Kathryn Staley, an expert in the field, examines the essentials of this important investment vehicle, providing a

comprehensive game plan with which you can effectively play--and win--the short selling game. Whether used as a means of hedging bets, decreasing the volatility of total returns, or improving returns, short selling must be handled with care--and with the right know-how. As Staley points out, "Short selling is not for the faint of heart. If a stock moves against the position holder, the effect on a portfolio and net worth can be devastating. Investors need to understand the impact on their accounts as

well as the consequences of getting caught before they indulge in short selling." The Art of Short Selling guides you--clearly and concisely--through the ins and outs of this high-risk, high-stakes game. The first--and most important--move in selling short is to identify flaws in a business before its share prices drop. To help you tackle this key step, Staley shows you how to evaluate company financial statements and balance sheets, make sense of return ratios, detect

inconsistencies in inventory, and analyze the statement of cash flows. Through real-world examples that illustrate the shorting of bubble, high multiple growth, and the most stocks, you'll proceed step by step through the complete process and learn to carry out all the essentials for a successful shortsell, including quantifying the risk factor and orchestrating correct timing, as well as implementing advanced valuation techniques to execute the sell/buy. Packed

with landmark, cutting-edge examples, up-to-the-minute guidelines, and pertinent regulations, *The Art of Short Selling* is a timely and comprehensive reference that arms you with the necessary tools to make a prepared and confident entrance onto the short selling playing field.

Reveals the proprietary framework used by an exclusive community of top money managers and value investors in their never-ending quest for untapped investment ideas

Considered

an indispensable source of cutting-edge research and ideas among the world's top investment firms and money managers, the journal The Manual of Ideas boasts a subscribers list that reads like a Who's Who of high finance. Written by that publication's managing editor and inspired by its mission to serve as an "idea funnel" for the world's top money managers, this book introduces you to a proven, proprietary framework for finding, researching, analyzing, and implementing the best value investing

opportunities. The next best thing to taking a peek under the hoods of some of the most prodigious brains in the business, it gives you uniquely direct access to the thought processes and investment strategies of such super value investors as Warren Buffett, Seth Klarman, Glenn Greenberg, Guy Spier and Joel Greenblatt. Written by the team behind one of the most read and talked-about sources of research and value investing ideas

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ideas and provides an original ranking methodology to help you zero-in on the three to five most compelling investments Delivers a finely-tuned, proprietary investment framework, previously available only to an elite group of TMI subscribers Step-by-step, it walks you through a proven, rigorous approach to finding, researching, analyzing, and implementing worthy ideas
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The Fund Industry, +
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A Guide to Forensic
Accounting Investigation

The highly experienced authors of the Essentials of Forensic Accounting define and explain the disciplined approaches to forensic accounting that lead to a thorough knowledge of the varied specialties within forensic accounting. Through illustrative examples and explanations, this book makes abstract concepts come to life for both seasoned professionals and students and it will help them understand and

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navigate successfully in this multifaceted area. The Essentials of Forensic Accounting is an indispensable resource delivering matchless knowledge to practitioners, financial managers and students in understanding the complex elements and factors that impact the forensic accounting practice areas. This vital reference resource focuses the elements that must come together to effectively diminish the incidence and impact of fraudulent activities. The book addresses the main themes of Professional Responsibilities and Practice Management Fundamental Forensic Knowledge, Laws, Courts, and Dispute Resolution Specialized Forensic Knowledge, Bankruptcy, Insolvency, and Reorganization Financial Shenanigans, Fourth Edition: How to Detect Accounting Gimmicks and Fraud in Financial Reports McGraw-Hill Education

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Gain a deeper understanding of Asian financial reporting and how to detect irregularities The Asian region, and particularly China, is becoming a hotbed of investment activity. There have been quite a few accounting scandals in Asia in the recent years – now rivaling those we have seen in the Americas and Europe.

Assessing potential or active overseas investments requires reliance on financial

statements, the full parameters of which may vary from region to region. To effectively analyze statements, it is necessary to first understand the framework underlying these financial statements and then lay out a protocol for detecting irregularities. It's impossible to create and implement a practical plan without a deeper knowledge of the various factors at play. *Asian Statement Analysis: Detecting Financial Irregularities* provides a framework for analysis that makes irregularities stand out. Authors Chin Hwee Tan and Thomas R. Robinson discuss international financial reporting standards, including characteristics particular to the Asian region. Tan and Robinson's combined background in academia and Asian finance give them a multi-modal perspective and position them as top authorities on the topic. In the book, they address issues such as: Detection of

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irregularities independent of particular accounting rules The most common irregularities in the Asian market Similarities and differences between U.S. and Asian accounting techniques An overarching framework for irregularity detection The book uses real-world examples to illustrate the concepts presented, with the focus on Asian companies. As the first ever in-depth study on manipulation and irregularities in the Asian market, Asian Financial Statement Analysis: Detecting Financial Irregularities is uniquely positioned to be a valuable resource in the move toward the next phase of global reporting standards.

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The Proven Framework for Finding the
Best Value Investments

Financial Investigation and Forensic
Accounting, Third Edition

A.B.C.'s of Behavioral Forensics

When companies suffer a dramatic even catastrophic drop in their share price, it is the investors who lose their shirts and employees their jobs. But often, a company's published accounts offer clues to impending disaster, providing you know where to look. Through the forensic examination of more than 20 recent stock market disasters, Tim Steer reveals how companies hide or disguise worrying facts about the robustness of their business. In his lively style, he looks at the themes that underlie the ways companies hide the truth and he stresses that in an assessment of a

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company's accounts, investors should always bear in mind that the only fact is cash; everything else - profit, assets, etc - is a matter of opinion. Full of invaluable lessons for investors, the book concludes with some trenchant observations on what is wrong in the worlds of investment, audit and financial regulation, and what changes should be introduced.

Describes the history of accounting and double-entry bookkeeping from Mesopotamia to the Renaissance to modern finance and explains how a system developed that could work across all trades and nations. 13,000 first printing.

Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book.

Sample Book Insights: #1 The lure of accounting gimmickry is particularly strong at struggling companies that

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are trying to keep up with their investors' expectations or competitors' performance. While investors have become more savvy to these gimmicks over the years, dishonest companies continue to innovate to find new tricks to fool shareholders. #2 The trash hauler Waste Management Inc. inflated its pretax earnings by \$1.7 billion over a six-year period starting in 1992. The company was notorious for finding ways to inflate profits by deferring expenses to a later period. #3 The practice of creating merger-related reserves continued in late 1997, when CUC was about to merge with HFS to form Cendant. In 1996 and 1997, investigators found more than \$500 million of bogus operating income. #4 Enron was a natural gas company that, within a few years, morphed into

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an enormous commodities trading company. Its revenues grew meteorically, but its net income grew much more slowly. The company's revenue was reported as if it were growth that was unprecedented, when in reality, it was just the company changing its business model.

More than one million copies have been sold of this seminal book on investing in which legendary mutual-fund manager Peter Lynch explains the advantages that average investors have over professionals and how they can use these advantages to achieve financial success. America's most successful money manager tells how average investors can beat the pros by using what they know. According to Lynch, investment opportunities are everywhere. From the supermarket to the workplace, we encounter products

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and services all day long. By paying attention to the best ones, we can find companies in which to invest before the professional analysts discover them. When investors get in early, they can find the “tenbaggers,” the stocks that appreciate tenfold from the initial investment. A few tenbaggers will turn an average stock portfolio into a star performer. Lynch offers easy-to-follow advice for sorting out the long shots from the no-shots by reviewing a company’s financial statements and knowing which numbers really count. He offers guidelines for investing in cyclical, turnaround, and fast-growing companies. As long as you invest for the long term, Lynch says, your portfolio can reward you. This timeless advice has made *One Up on Wall Street* a #1 bestseller and a classic book of investment know-how.

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Summary of Howard M. Schilit,
Jeremy Perler & Yoni Engelhart's
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Security Analysis on Wall Street

Complete Guide to Spotting

Accounting Fraud & Cover-ups

Value Investing

The Big Four

Walter Pavlo, Jr. was a young MBA rising quickly through the finance ranks at the nation's second largest telecom company. With a beautiful wife, two kids and a promising career, he epitomized the American dream. Pavlo's life took a dark turn when he became a willing participant in the company's efforts to hide from investors and potential acquirers a mountain of bad debt run up by mobsters and other unsavory

customers. Encouraged by higher-ups, Pavlo became accomplished at accounting gimmickry. Then the jaded young executive consorted with a colorful scam artist and others to use some of the same ploys he'd devised for his employer to enrich himself at its expense. A ruse born of disillusionment and greed turned into a nightmare for Pavlo after he was caught and forced to choose--rat on his buddies or spend decades rotting in prison. His crimes ultimately cost Pavlo his freedom, family, reputation and self-respect. Only later did he recognize that his original sins were part and parcel of the corruption that led to an historic collapse for his company, his industry and of public confidence in corporate America. With

humor and raw honesty, Pavlo and award-winning Forbes senior editor Neil Weinberg use this compelling personal story to portray in intimate detail the pressures millions of white-collar workers face every day.

In this book (originally published in 1963) author J. D. Batten, at the time himself the Chairman of the Board of a management consulting and human resources firm in Iowa, imparts sound advice and tips to aid managers and management in their important task of improving their effectiveness at all levels. The excellence of the book lies in the basic information it has to give to the relatively new manager. Personnel Psychology
Must reading for anyone who thinks all management books are just a rehash

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of planning, organizing, staffing,
controlling, etc....Especially
recommended...
NRHA Magazine "A
totally fresh description of how to turn
MBO into a "living system"...practical
and highly motivational."
Buffalo Law
Journal "Many useful suggestions to
offer the executive."
West Coast
Review of Books