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With over 300 training programs in neuroscience currently in existence, demand is great for a comprehensive textbook that both introduces graduate students to the full range of neuroscience, from molecular biology to clinical science, but also assists instructors in offering an in-depth course in neuroscience to advanced undergraduates. The second edition of Fundamental Neuroscience

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accomplishes all this and more. The thoroughly revised text features over 25% new material including completely new chapters, illustrations, and a CD-ROM containing all the figures from the text. More concise and manageable than the previous edition, this book has been retooled to better serve its audience in the neuroscience and medical communities. Key Features *

- Logically organized into 7 sections, with uniform editing of the content for a "one-voice" feel throughout all 54 chapters
- * Includes numerous text boxes with concise,

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detailed descriptions of specific experiments, disorders, methodological approaches, and concepts * Well-illustrated with over 850 full color figures, also included on the accompanying CD-ROM

Exploit your offshore status to build a robust investment portfolio Most of the world's 200 million expats float in stormy seas. Few can contribute to their home country social programs. They're often forced to fend for themselves when they retire. The Global Expatriate's Guide to Investing is the

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world's only book showing expats how to build wealth overseas with index funds. Written by bestselling author, Andrew Hallam, it's a guide for everyone, no matter where they are from. Warren Buffett says you should buy index funds. Nobel prize winners agree. But dangers lurk. Financial advisors overseas can be hungry wolves. They don't play by the same set of rules. They would rather earn whopping commissions than follow solid financial principles. The Global Expatriate's Guide To Investing shows how to avoid

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these jokers. It explains how to find an honest financial advisor: one that invests with index funds instead of commission paying windfalls. You don't want an advisor? Fair enough. Hallam shows three cutting edge index fund strategies. He compares costs and services of different brokerages, whether in the U.S. or offshore. And he shows every nationality how to invest in the best products for them. Some people want stability. Some want strong growth. Others want a dash of both. This book also answers the following questions: How

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much money do I need to retire? How much should I be saving each month? What investments will give me both strong returns, and safety? The Global Expatriate's Guide To Investing also profiles real expats and their stories. It shows the mistakes and successes that they want others to learn from. It's a humorous book. And it demonstrates how you can make the best of your hard-earned money.

In this paper we critically examine the novel concept of fundamental indexation. We argue that fundamental

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indexation is by definition nothing more than an (elegant) value strategy, because the weights of stocks in a fundamental index and a market capitalization-weighted index only differ as a result of differences in valuation ratios. Moreover, fundamental indices more resemble active investment strategies than classic passive indices, because (i) they appear to be at odds with market equilibrium, (ii) they do not represent a buy-and-hold strategy and (iii) they require several subjective choices. Last but not least, because

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fundamental indices are primarily designed for simplicity and appeal, they are unlikely to be the most efficient way of benefiting from the value premium. Compared to more sophisticated, multi-factor quantitative strategies, fundamental indexation is likely to be an even more inferior proposition.

Since the first edition of The Financial Times Guide to ETFs was published in 2009, the number of ETFs in issue has doubled and ETFs are now common both on investor platforms and increasingly amongst financial advisors.

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This massive increase in demand has highlighted an urgent debate – just how dangerous are ETFs and how much do investors and advisers understand about the structure of the index tracker? The second edition of this book attempts to answer this debate and is the indispensable bible on trackers for professional advisers and serious private investors. This new edition also features a chapter based around the theme of Due Diligence and a new chapter on How to use ETFs and Index Funds for the Long-term, as

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well as a new Jargon busting section and a-new appendix looking at new ideas beginning to emerge.

Maximizing Portfolio Performance and Minimizing Risk Through Global Index Strategies

The Bogleheads' Guide to Investing

Rethinking Humanity, Social Life, and the Moral Good from the Person Up

How to Invest Like the Top Endowments and Avoid Bear Markets

House of Debt

A New Route to Long-Term Investment Success

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The Global Expatriate's Guide
to Investing

A recommended, proven way to
broaden portfolios and profits
Recommended by finance experts
and used extensively by
institutional investors, index funds
and exchange-traded funds (ETFs)
provide unmanaged, diversified
exposure to a variety of asset
classes. Index Investing For
Dummies shows active investors
how to add index investments to
their portfolios and make the most
of their money, while protecting
their assets. It features plain-
English information on the different
types of index funds and their
advantage over other funds, getting
started in index investing, using

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index funds for asset allocation, understanding returns and risk, diversifying among fund holdings, and applying winning strategies for maximum profit.

Grasp and apply the basic principles of technical analysis Savvy traders know that the best way to maximize return is to interpret real-world market information for themselves rather than relying solely on the predictions of professional analysts. This straightforward guide shows you how to put this into profitable action—from basic principles and useful formulas to current theories on market trends and behavioral economics—to make the most lucrative decisions for your

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portfolio. The latest edition of Technical Analysis for Dummies includes a brand-new chapter on making the right decisions in a bull or bear market, an updated look at unique formulas and key indicators, as well as refreshed and practical examples that reflect today's financial atmosphere. Become an expert in spotting market trends and key indicators Get the skinny on the latest research on behavioral economics Take a deep dive into how to read market sentiment and make it work for you Get a look at the first innovation in charting for decades—straight from Japan With comprehensive coverage from charting basics to the cutting edge, Technical Analysis for Dummies

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includes everything you need to the make informed independent market decisions that will maximize your profits. Happy trading!

What is a person? This fundamental question is a perennial concern of philosophers and theologians. But, Christian Smith here argues, it also lies at the center of the social scientist's quest to interpret and explain social life. In this ambitious book, Smith presents a new model for social theory that does justice to the best of our humanistic visions of people, life, and society. Finding much current thinking on personhood to be confusing or misleading, Smith finds inspiration in critical realism and personalism. Drawing on these

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ideas, he constructs a theory of personhood that forges a middle path between the extremes of positivist science and relativism. Smith then builds on the work of Pierre Bourdieu, Anthony Giddens, and William Sewell to demonstrate the importance of personhood to our understanding of social structures. From there he broadens his scope to consider how we can know what is good in personal and social life and what sociology can tell us about human rights and dignity. Innovative, critical, and constructive, *What Is a Person?* offers an inspiring vision of a social science committed to pursuing causal explanations, interpretive understanding, and general

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knowledge in the service of truth and the moral good.

Do you feel stuck in life, not knowing how to make it more successful? Do you wish to become more popular? Are you craving to earn more? Do you wish to expand your horizon, earn new clients and win people over with your ideas? *How to Win Friends and Influence People* is a well-researched and comprehensive guide that will help you through these everyday problems and make success look easier. You can learn to expand your social circle, polish your skill set, find ways to put forward your thoughts more clearly, and build mental strength to counter all hurdles that you may come across

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on the path to success. Having helped millions of readers from the world over achieve their goals, the clearly listed techniques and principles will be the answers to all your questions.

Active Index Investing

The Better Angels of Our Nature

The Book of Samurai

INDICATIVE MOOD

Technical Analysis For Dummies

How to Win Friends and Influence
People

The Fearful Rise of Markets

105 Essential or Fundamental French

Verbs is a bilingual French-English

manual which presents an innovative

learning method for those who wish to

master the French indicative mood. By

classing the verbs in terms of frequency of

use, both oral and written, the teacher or

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student is able to progress logically and at his own rhythm. In order to help English speakers learn the correct French pronunciation, a simple color coding has been applied to signal complex sounds and to indicate silent letters. To reinforce a cumulative learning experience, each new element is subsequently recapitulated through diagrams and tables that show how it is used in the different tenses, as well as how these are formed.

MARIANNE YAYANE VERBUYT is a teacher and educator with a passion for transmitting knowledge. After more than two decades working within some of the most renowned scholoastic institutions in Europe and the United States, as a co-author of the book, "Apprendre malgré le handicap ou la maladie" and as the primary educator highlighted in the acclaimed documentary, "Sur la route couleur de sable," Marianne decided to

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apply all of her pedagogical experience to understanding the mechanisms of learning. Integrating feedback from her many students, she figured out a coherent and innovative way to communicate the complexities of the French language to a non-Frenchspeaker. The simple and graphic aesthetic of this manual is intended to transform the student into a powerful participant in his or her own learning process."

From the "guru to Wall Street's gurus" comes the fundamental techniques of value investing and their applications. Bruce Greenwald is one of the leading authorities on value investing. Some of the savviest people on Wall Street have taken his Columbia Business School executive education course on the subject. Now this dynamic and popular teacher, with some colleagues, reveals the fundamental principles of value investing, the one

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investment technique that has proven itself consistently over time. After covering general techniques of value investing, the book proceeds to illustrate their applications through profiles of Warren Buffett, Michael Price, Mario Gabellio, and other successful value investors. A number of case studies highlight the techniques in practice. Bruce C. N. Greenwald (New York, NY) is the Robert Heilbrunn Professor of Finance and Asset Management at Columbia University. Judd Kahn, PhD (New York, NY), is a member of Morningside Value Investors. Paul D. Sonkin (New York, NY) is the investment manager of the Hummingbird Value Fund. Michael van Biema (New York, NY) is an Assistant Professor at the Graduate School of Business, Columbia University.

"[The Shadow Drawing] reorients our perspective, distills a life and brings it into

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focus—the very work of revision and refining that its subject loved best."

—Parul Sehgal, *The New York Times* | Editors' Choice
An entirely new account of Leonardo the artist and Leonardo the scientist, and why they were one and the same man Leonardo da Vinci has long been celebrated for his consummate genius. He was the painter who gave us the Mona Lisa and *The Last Supper*, and the inventor who anticipated the advent of airplanes, hot air balloons, and other technological marvels. But what was the connection between Leonardo the painter and Leonardo the scientist? Historians of Renaissance art have long supposed that Leonardo became increasingly interested in science as he grew older and turned his insatiable curiosity in new directions. They have argued that there are, in effect, two Leonardos—an artist and an inventor. In this pathbreaking new interpretation, the

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art historian Francesca Fiorani offers a different view. Taking a fresh look at Leonardo's celebrated but challenging notebooks, as well as other sources, Fiorani argues that Leonardo became familiar with advanced thinking about human vision when he was still an apprentice in a Florence studio—and used his understanding of optical science to develop and perfect his painting techniques. For Leonardo, the task of the painter was to capture the interior life of a human subject, to paint the soul. And even at the outset of his career, he believed that mastering the scientific study of light, shadow, and the atmosphere was essential to doing so. Eventually, he set down these ideas in a book—*A Treatise on Painting*—that he considered his greatest achievement, though it would be disfigured, ignored, and lost in subsequent centuries. Ranging from the teeming

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streets of Florence to the most delicate brushstrokes on the surface of the Mona Lisa, *The Shadow* vividly reconstructs Leonardo's life while teaching us to look anew at his greatest paintings. The result is both stirring biography and a bold reconsideration of how the Renaissance understood science and art—and of what was lost when that understanding was forgotten.

#1 New York Times Bestseller

“ Significant... The book is both instructive and surprisingly moving. ”

—The New York Times Ray Dalio, one of the world's most successful investors and entrepreneurs, shares the unconventional principles that he's developed, refined, and used over the past forty years to create unique results in both life and business—and which any person or organization can adopt to help achieve their goals. In 1975, Ray Dalio founded an

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investment firm, Bridgewater Associates, out of his two-bedroom apartment in New York City. Forty years later, Bridgewater has made more money for its clients than any other hedge fund in history and grown into the fifth most important private company in the United States, according to Fortune magazine. Dalio himself has been named to Time magazine's list of the 100 most influential people in the world. Along the way, Dalio discovered a set of unique principles that have led to Bridgewater's exceptionally effective culture, which he describes as “an idea meritocracy that strives to achieve meaningful work and meaningful relationships through radical transparency.” It is these principles, and not anything special about Dalio—who grew up an ordinary kid in a middle-class Long Island neighborhood—that he believes are the reason behind his success.

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In *Principles*, Dalio shares what he's learned over the course of his remarkable career. He argues that life, management, economics, and investing can all be systemized into rules and understood like machines. The book's hundreds of practical lessons, which are built around his cornerstones of "radical truth" and "radical transparency," include Dalio laying out the most effective ways for individuals and organizations to make decisions, approach challenges, and build strong teams. He also describes the innovative tools the firm uses to bring an idea meritocracy to life, such as creating "baseball cards" for all employees that distill their strengths and weaknesses, and employing computerized decision-making systems to make believability-weighted decisions. While the book brims with novel ideas for organizations and institutions, *Principles* also offers a clear,

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straightforward approach to decision-making that Dalio believes anyone can apply, no matter what they 're seeking to achieve. Here, from a man who has been called both “ the Steve Jobs of investing ” and “ the philosopher king of the financial universe ” (CIO magazine), is a rare opportunity to gain proven advice unlike anything you ' ll find in the conventional business press.

How They (and You) Caused the Great Recession, and How We Can Prevent It from Happening Again

Unconventional Success

Cash-Rich Retirement

Notes from the Book

FT Guide to Exchange Traded Funds and Index Funds

A Better Way to Invest

From Graham to Buffett and Beyond

The Fearful Rise of

Markets will help readers

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achieve clarity over what mattered most in creating this crisis, helping them to understand what investment strategies may now start to work. And it will achieve, for them, a clear grasp of the remaining risks that confront us. • •Written by an award winning Financial Times journalist who has been commenting on the events of Wall Street and the City, day-by-day for the last 13 years.

•Written with a journalist's style and skill and reading like a fast-paced thriller, this

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book tells readers all they need to know about how the economic and financial crisis of 2008 hit. •This book is a unique take on what happened in 2008, as the author presents his historical take on events, arguing that the crisis of 2008 was inevitable and had been since 1954. Greed had much to do with the implosion of the world financial system in 2008. Capitalism expects and needs people to be greedy but that greed has to be counterbalanced by fear; get it right and you will

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be rich, get it wrong and you will lose it all. Over many decades, many decisions, that sometimes seemed small at the time, helped to rob financiers of their fear. They did not fear a reckoning if their decisions went awry. Instead they were left with greed and overconfidence. And that is what allowed the crisis to happen. Using where we are today as a finishing point, Financial Times journalist and market's commentator John Authers, takes a uniquely longer view of what happened.

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Picking up the story in 1954, when stock markets finally recovered from the Great Crash of 1929, chapter by chapter, and piece by piece, John leads the reader through the decades, years, months and then days that led to the inevitable and escalating crisis. John Authers was the Financial Times' investment editor and principal market commentator from 2006 to 2010. Based in New York he watched the global financial crisis unfold and provided daily analysis, in both written

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and video form, in his popular column *The Short View*. A veteran of 20 years with the *FT*, he recently took over as head of its flagship *Lex* column.

The first installment in a multi-volume guide on the lost arts of the samurai—presented in the English language for the very first time Antony Cummins and Yoshie Minami have brought the teachings of the famed samurai school Natori-Ryu back to life through *The Book of Samurai* series. This first installment is a

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translation of two secret scrolls and establishes the Fundamental Teachings of a samurai student, revealing the basic traditions of Natori-Ryu. The first scroll, Heika Jodan, contains 290 lessons that define the baseline for samurai during times of peace—a time which is considered as preparation for war. It focuses each student on expanding their own ability and conduct, giving them the mind-set needed for any battles to come. The second scroll, Ippei Yoko, moves the

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student onto the field of battle. It provides them with an understanding of what is expected during a campaign of war and the necessary guidance for samurai who are to take up arms for the first time.

These first two Natori-Ryu documents are an in-depth and detailed account of the practicality of samurai warfare, opening up the lost world of these Japanese warriors to all modern readers.

Presents a controversial history of violence which argues that today's world is the most peaceful time

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in human existence, drawing on psychological insights into intrinsic values that are causing people to condemn violence as an acceptable measure. Effective visualization is the best way to communicate information from the increasingly large and complex datasets in the natural and social sciences. But with the increasing power of visualization software today, scientists, engineers, and business analysts often have to navigate a bewildering array of visualization

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choices and options. This practical book takes you through many commonly encountered visualization problems, and it provides guidelines on how to turn large datasets into clear and compelling figures. What visualization type is best for the story you want to tell? How do you make informative figures that are visually pleasing? Author Claus O. Wilke teaches you the elements most critical to successful data visualization. Explore the basic concepts of color as a tool to highlight,

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distinguish, or represent a value Understand the importance of redundant coding to ensure you provide key information in multiple ways Use the book's visualizations directory, a graphical guide to commonly used types of data visualizations Get extensive examples of good and bad figures Learn how to use figures in a document or report and how employ them effectively to tell a compelling story

*The Fundamental Index
A Primer on Making
Informative and Compelling*

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Figures

*A Practitioner's Guide to
Factor Models*

*Kiplinger's Personal
Finance*

Value Investing

*Why Some Companies Make
the Leap...And Others
Don't*

Index Funds

A companion volume to PBS's *The American Retirement Experiment* offers a new approach to investing for a financially sound retirement that uses six key steps--change your "automatic pilot," diversify holdings, build out your investment plan with funds, get professional help, build income streams with a

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ladder of annuities, and invest in long-term health-care insurance. Reprint. 20,000 first printing. 2008 American Publishers Awards for Professional and Scholarly Excellence (The PROSE Awards) Finalist/Honorable mention, Business, Finance & Management. The Fundamental Index examines a new approach to indexing that can overcome the structural return drag created by traditional capitalization-based indexing strategies, and in so doing, enhance the performance of your portfolio. Throughout this book, Robert Arnott and his colleagues outline this breakthrough strategy and explain how it can be used to improve investment returns,

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typically at lower risk and lower cost than most conventional investments.

The #1 New York Times bestseller.

Over 4 million copies sold! Tiny Changes, Remarkable Results No matter your goals, Atomic Habits offers a proven framework for improving--every day. James Clear, one of the world's leading experts on habit formation, reveals practical strategies that will teach you exactly how to form good habits, break bad ones, and master the tiny behaviors that lead to remarkable results. If you're having trouble changing your habits, the problem isn't you. The problem is your system. Bad habits repeat themselves again and again

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not because you don't want to change, but because you have the wrong system for change. You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems. Here, you'll get a proven system that can take you to new heights. Clear is known for his ability to distill complex topics into simple behaviors that can be easily applied to daily life and work. Here, he draws on the most proven ideas from biology, psychology, and neuroscience to create an easy-to-understand guide for making good habits inevitable and bad habits impossible. Along the way, readers will be inspired and entertained with true stories from Olympic gold

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medalists, award-winning artists, business leaders, life-saving physicians, and star comedians who have used the science of small habits to master their craft and vault to the top of their field. Learn how to: • make time for new habits (even when life gets crazy); • overcome a lack of motivation and willpower; • design your environment to make success easier; • get back on track when you fall off course; ...and much more. Atomic Habits will reshape the way you think about progress and success, and give you the tools and strategies you need to transform your habits--whether you are a team looking to win a championship, an organization

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hoping to redefine an industry, or simply an individual who wishes to quit smoking, lose weight, reduce stress, or achieve any other goal.

Acclaim for Joel Greenblatt's New York Times bestseller THE LITTLE BOOK THAT BEATS THE

MARKET "One of the best, clearest guides to value investing out there."

—Wall Street Journal "Simply perfect. One of the most important investment books of the last fifty years!" —Michael Price "A landmark

book—a stunningly simple and low-risk way to significantly beat the market!" —Michael Steinhardt, the dean of Wall Street hedge-fund

managers "The best book on the subject in years." —Financial Times

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"The best thing about this book—
from which I intend to steal liberally
for the next edition of *The Only
Investment Guide You'll Ever Need*—
is that most people won't believe it. .
. . . That's good, because the more
people who know about a good
thing, the more expensive that thing
ordinarily becomes. . . ." —Andrew
Tobias, author of *The Only
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"This book is the finest simple
distillation of modern value
investing principles ever written. It
should be mandatory reading for all
serious investors from the fourth
grade on up." —Professor Bruce
Greenwald, director of the
Heilbrunn Center for Graham and

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Dodd Investing, Columbia Business
School

Spinning the Semantic Web

The Big Secret for the Small
Investor

The Little Book That Still Beats the
Market

Principles

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Atomic Habits

What Is a Person?

An exploration of why we play video games despite the fact that we are almost certain to feel unhappy when we fail at them. We may think of video games as being "fun," but in *The Art of Failure*, Jesper Juul claims that this is almost entirely mistaken. When we play video

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games, our facial expressions are rarely those of happiness or bliss. Instead, we frown, grimace, and shout in frustration as we lose, or die, or fail to advance to the next level. Humans may have a fundamental desire to succeed and feel competent, but game players choose to engage in an activity in which they are nearly certain to fail and feel incompetent. So why do we play video games even though they make us unhappy? Juul examines this paradox. In video games, as in tragic works of art, literature, theater, and cinema, it seems that we want to experience unpleasantness even if we also dislike it. Reader or audience reaction to tragedy is often explained as catharsis, as a purging

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of negative emotions. But, Juul points out, this doesn't seem to be the case for video game players. Games do not purge us of unpleasant emotions; they produce them in the first place. What, then, does failure in video game playing do? Juul argues that failure in a game is unique in that when you fail in a game, you (not a character) are in some way inadequate. Yet games also motivate us to play more, in order to escape that inadequacy, and the feeling of escaping failure (often by improving skills) is a central enjoyment of games. Games, writes Juul, are the art of failure: the singular art form that sets us up for failure and allows us to experience it and experiment with it. The Art of

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Failure is essential reading for anyone interested in video games, whether as entertainment, art, or education.

The Great American Recession resulted in the loss of eight million jobs between 2007 and 2009. More than four million homes were lost to foreclosures. Is it a coincidence that the United States witnessed a dramatic rise in household debt in the years before the recession—that the total amount of debt for American households doubled between 2000 and 2007 to \$14 trillion? Definitely not. Armed with clear and powerful evidence, Atif Mian and Amir Sufi reveal in *House of Debt* how the Great Recession and Great Depression, as well as the

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current economic malaise in Europe, were caused by a large run-up in household debt followed by a significantly large drop in household spending. Though the banking crisis captured the public's attention, Mian and Sufi argue strongly with actual data that current policy is too heavily biased toward protecting banks and creditors. Increasing the flow of credit, they show, is disastrously counterproductive when the fundamental problem is too much debt. As their research shows, excessive household debt leads to foreclosures, causing individuals to spend less and save more. Less spending means less demand for goods, followed by declines in production and huge job losses. How

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do we end such a cycle? With a direct attack on debt, say Mian and Sufi. More aggressive debt forgiveness after the crash helps, but as they illustrate, we can be rid of painful bubble-and-bust episodes only if the financial system moves away from its reliance on inflexible debt contracts. As an example, they propose new mortgage contracts that are built on the principle of risk-sharing, a concept that would have prevented the housing bubble from emerging in the first place.

Thoroughly grounded in compelling economic evidence, *House of Debt* offers convincing answers to some of the most important questions facing the modern economy today: Why do severe recessions happen? Could we

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have prevented the Great Recession and its consequences? And what actions are needed to prevent such crises going forward?

To invest successfully or trade in Stocks, Options, Forex, or even Mutual Funds, it is imperative to know AND understand price and market movements that can only be learned from Technical Analysis.

You should NEVER attempt Trading or Investing without it! My 25 years experience has taught me that 'Every book on the market' regarding Charting and Technical Analysis are seemingly worthless! All seem to find yet another creative way to tell you to "Buy Low and Sell High!" And they offer NO in-depth understanding or analysis about

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WHO is buying and WHO is selling, and when. Point is, anyone, experienced or not, can show you a picture of a Chart and tell you to buy at the bottom and sell at the top. That is simple 'hindsight', and is always 20/20! This book is different! It is IN-DEPTH – EXPLAINED and you WILL learn price movements and technical analysis from this information! You will understand and recognize tops and bottoms in the market and in particular stocks, AS they are forming. This is highly valuable information, and you should NEVER attempt to trade or invest without this knowledge! Mutual Funds? Most people think they do not need this information because they have a

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Mutual Fund. That could not be farther from the truth. Investing your hard-earned money should be done with your own knowledge of market direction, when to buy, and when to move your money to safety. Without this knowledge you are at the mercy of a salesperson hungry to earn a commission. Thus, invariably entering the market at the wrong time and in the wrong investment. No one else has your best interest in mind, either learn to protect your money or keep it in the bank. It's that simple. The next move is yours. The most trustworthy source of information available today on savings and investments, taxes, money management, home ownership and many other personal

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finance topics.

Index Investing For Dummies

Fundamental Neuroscience

Bold Thinking on Investment

Management

Charting and Technical Analysis

How Science Taught Leonardo How
to Paint

How To Win Friends And Influence
People

New Kind of Science

The Challenge Built to Last, the defining management study of the nineties, showed how great companies triumph over time and how long-term sustained performance can be engineered into the DNA of an enterprise from the very beginning. But what about the company that is not born with great DNA? How can

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good companies, mediocre companies, even bad companies achieve enduring greatness? The Study For years, this question preyed on the mind of Jim Collins. Are there companies that defy gravity and convert long-term mediocrity or worse into long-term superiority? And if so, what are the universal distinguishing characteristics that cause a company to go from good to great? The Standards Using tough benchmarks, Collins and his research team identified a set of elite companies that made the leap to great results and sustained those results for at least fifteen years. How great? After the leap, the good-to-great companies generated cumulative stock returns that beat the

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general stock market by an average of seven times in fifteen years, better than twice the results delivered by a composite index of the world's greatest companies, including Coca-Cola, Intel, General Electric, and Merck. The Comparisons The research team contrasted the good-to-great companies with a carefully selected set of comparison companies that failed to make the leap from good to great. What was different? Why did one set of companies become truly great performers while the other set remained only good? Over five years, the team analyzed the histories of all twenty-eight companies in the study. After sifting through mountains of data and thousands of pages of

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interviews, Collins and his crew discovered the key determinants of greatness -- why some companies make the leap and others don't. The Findings The findings of the Good to Great study will surprise many readers and shed light on virtually every area of management strategy and practice. The findings include: Level 5 Leaders: The research team was shocked to discover the type of leadership required to achieve greatness. The Hedgehog Concept (Simplicity within the Three Circles): To go from good to great requires transcending the curse of competence. A Culture of Discipline: When you combine a culture of discipline with an ethic of entrepreneurship, you get the magical alchemy of great results.

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Technology Accelerators: Good-to-great companies think differently about the role of technology. The Flywheel and the Doom Loop: Those who launch radical change programs and wrenching restructurings will almost certainly fail to make the leap.

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The bestselling author of Pioneering Portfolio Management, the definitive template for institutional fund management, returns with a book that shows individual investors how to manage their financial assets. In Unconventional Success, investment legend David F. Swensen offers incontrovertible evidence that the for-profit mutual-fund industry consistently fails the average investor. From excessive management fees to the frequent "churning" of portfolios, the relentless pursuit of profits by mutual-fund management companies harms individual clients. Perhaps most destructive of all are the hidden

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In 2005, Joel Greenblatt published a book that is already considered one of the classics of finance literature. In *The Little Book that Beats the Market*—a New York Times bestseller with 300,000 copies in print—Greenblatt explained how investors can outperform the popular market averages by simply and systematically applying a formula that seeks

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