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**Doing What Matters** - James M. Kilts  
2010-01-05

When Warren Buffett was asked why the Gillette board of directors chose Jim Kilts to be CEO, he said, "Jim made as much sense in terms of talking about business as anybody I've ever talked to. If you listen to Jim analyze a business situation you get absolutely no baloney. And, frankly, finding someone like that is a rarity." There is only one CEO in recent times who has faced—and succeeded at—the extraordinary challenges of leading three major companies—Gillette, Nabisco, and Kraft—into prosperous futures by doing what matters on the fundamentals. That CEO is Jim Kilts. In this vivid first-person account he reveals his system for success that is both cutting-edge and back-to-basics. **Doing What Matters**—the action plan for identifying and tackling what's important and ignoring the rest—is the key to winning in a warp-speed world where the need for revolutionary speed and decisiveness increases by the day. Kilts illustrates his ideas with colorful stories, such as "that little red razor." A new product idea he proposed early on at Gillette, it was initially shelved because "everyone knew you couldn't sell a red razor," but went on to become one of Gillette's biggest marketing successes ever. Jim Kilts's focus on both business fundamentals and personal attributes provides the

"complete package," showing how to get results that make a difference through:

- Intellectual integrity: The ability to face the unvarnished truth about yourself and your business and using what you see as the basis for action.
- Generating emotional engagement and enthusiasm: Using the force of your personality and ideas to infuse people and an entire organization with a sense of purpose and mission.
- Action: Gillette, with just five product lines, had over 20,000 SKUs. After studying the issue for over two years, there were still 20,000. How Kilts got Gillette off the dime to pare down the number to 7,000 almost overnight is an astonishing example of getting the rubber to meet the road—with enormous benefits to the business.
- Understanding the right things through an overarching concept to frame and filter issues: For Jim Kilts it was Total Brand Value, the framework he used in the consumer products industry for achieving better, faster, and more complete results than the competition. Whether you're CEO of a multibillion-dollar global company, the brand manager for a product, an entrepreneur starting a small business, or just beginning a career, **Doing What Matters** provides the practical ideas that get results—ranging from a day one action plan for starting a new job to a chorus of cheers and support to a program of total innovation that involves everyone in changes from

small to "big bang."

Value - McKinsey & Company Inc.

2010-10-26

An accessible guide to the essential issues of corporate finance While you can find numerous books focused on the topic of corporate finance, few offer the type of information managers need to help them make important decisions day in and day out. Value explores the core of corporate finance without getting bogged down in numbers and is intended to give managers an accessible guide to both the foundations and applications of corporate finance. Filled with in-depth insights from experts at McKinsey & Company, this reliable resource takes a much more qualitative approach to what the authors consider a lost art.

Discusses the four foundational principles of corporate finance Effectively applies the theory of value creation to our economy Examines ways to maintain and grow value through mergers, acquisitions, and portfolio management Addresses how to ensure your company has the right governance, performance measurement, and internal discussions to encourage value-creating decisions A perfect companion to the Fifth Edition of Valuation, this book will put the various issues associated with corporate finance in perspective.

*A Dozen Lessons for Entrepreneurs* - Tren Griffin 2017-11-21

*A Dozen Lessons for Entrepreneurs* shows how the insights of leading venture capitalists can teach readers to create a unique approach to building a successful business. Through profiles and interviews of figures such as Bill Gurley of Benchmark Capital, Marc Andreessen and Ben Horowitz of Andreessen Horowitz, and Jenny Lee of GGV Capital, Tren Griffin draws out the fundamental lessons from their ideas and experiences. Entrepreneurs should learn from past successes but also be prepared to break new ground. While there are best practices, there is no single recipe they should follow. By better understanding the views and experiences of a wide range of

successful venture capitalists and entrepreneurs, readers can discern which of many possible paths will lead to success. With insight and verve, Griffin argues that innovation and best practices are discovered by the experimentation of entrepreneurs as they establish the evolutionary fitness of their business. The products and services created through this experimentation that have greater fitness survive, and less-fit products and services die. Entrepreneurs have always experimented when creating or altering a business. What is different today is the existence of modern tools and systems that allow experiments to be conducted more cheaply and rapidly than ever before. Griffin shows that listening to what the best venture capitalists have to say is invaluable for entrepreneurs. Their experiences, if studied carefully, teach bedrock methods and guiding principles for approaching business.

**Computational Finance** - Argimiro Arratia 2014-05-08

The book covers a wide range of topics, yet essential, in Computational Finance (CF), understood as a mix of Finance, Computational Statistics, and Mathematics of Finance. In that regard it is unique in its kind, for it touches upon the basic principles of all three main components of CF, with hands-on examples for programming models in R. Thus, the first chapter gives an introduction to the Principles of Corporate Finance: the markets of stock and options, valuation and economic theory, framed within Computation and Information Theory (e.g. the famous Efficient Market Hypothesis is stated in terms of computational complexity, a new perspective). Chapters 2 and 3 give the necessary tools of Statistics for analyzing financial time series, it also goes in depth into the concepts of correlation, causality and clustering. Chapters 4 and 5 review the most important discrete and continuous models for financial time series. Each model is provided with an example program in R. Chapter 6 covers the essentials of

Technical Analysis (TA) and Fundamental Analysis. This chapter is suitable for people outside academics and into the world of financial investments, as a primer in the methods of charting and analysis of value for stocks, as it is done in the financial industry. Moreover, a mathematical foundation to the seemingly ad-hoc methods of TA is given, and this is new in a presentation of TA. Chapter 7 reviews the most important heuristics for optimization: simulated annealing, genetic programming, and ant colonies (swarm intelligence) which is material to feed the computer savvy readers. Chapter 8 gives the basic principles of portfolio management, through the mean-variance model, and optimization under different constraints which is a topic of current research in computation, due to its complexity. One important aspect of this chapter is that it teaches how to use the powerful tools for portfolio analysis from the RMetrics R-package. Chapter 9 is a natural continuation of chapter 8 into the new area of research of online portfolio selection. The basic model of the universal portfolio of Cover and approximate methods to compute are also described.

*More Than You Know* - Michael J. Mauboussin 2013-06-11

Since its first publication, Michael J. Mauboussin's popular guide to wise investing has been translated into eight languages and has been named best business book by BusinessWeek and best economics book by Strategy+Business. Now updated to reflect current research and expanded to include new chapters on investment philosophy, psychology, and strategy and science as they pertain to money management, this volume is more than ever the best chance to know more than the average investor. Offering invaluable tools to better understand the concepts of choice and risk, *More Than You Know* is a unique blend of practical advice and sound theory, sampling from a wide variety of sources and disciplines. Mauboussin builds on the ideas of visionaries, including Warren Buffett and E. O. Wilson, but also finds wisdom in a

broad and deep range of fields, such as casino gambling, horse racing, psychology, and evolutionary biology. He analyzes the strategies of poker experts David Sklansky and Puggy Pearson and pinpoints parallels between mate selection in guppies and stock market booms. For this edition, Mauboussin includes fresh thoughts on human cognition, management assessment, game theory, the role of intuition, and the mechanisms driving the market's mood swings, and explains what these topics tell us about smart investing. *More Than You Know* is written with the professional investor in mind but extends far beyond the world of economics and finance. Mauboussin groups his essays into four parts—Investment Philosophy, Psychology of Investing, Innovation and Competitive Strategy, and Science and Complexity Theory—and he includes substantial references for further reading. A true eye-opener, *More Than You Know* shows how a multidisciplinary approach that pays close attention to process and the psychology of decision making offers the best chance for long-term financial results.

**Millennial Money** - Patrick O'Shaughnessy 2014-10-14

A portfolio manager highlights the most common money mistakes that can hurt the Millennial generation's long term investment returns and introduces strategies to build wealth and overcome financial and investing shortcomings geared specifically for their age group.

Corporate Valuation for Portfolio Investment - Robert A. G. Monks 2010-11-09

A detailed guide to the discipline of corporate valuation Designed for the professional investor who is building an investment portfolio that includes equity, *Corporate Valuation for Portfolio Investment* takes you through a range of approaches, including those primarily based on assets, earnings, cash flow, and securities prices, as well as hybrid techniques. Along the way, it discusses the importance of qualitative measures such as governance, which go well beyond generally accepted accounting

principles and international financial reporting standards, and addresses a variety of special situations in the life cycle of businesses, including initial public offerings and bankruptcies. Engaging and informative, *Corporate Valuation for Portfolio Investment* also contains formulas, checklists, and models that the authors, or other experts, have found useful in making equity investments. Presents more than a dozen hybrid approaches to valuation, explaining their relevance to different types of investors. Charts stock market trends, both verbally and visually, enabling investors to think like traders when needed. Offers valuation guidance based on less quantitative factors, namely management quality and factors relating to the company and the economy. *Corporate Valuation for Portfolio Investment* puts this dynamic discipline in perspective and presents proven ways to determine the value of corporate equity securities for the purpose of portfolio investment.

**Investing** - Robert Hagstrom  
2013-01-08

In this updated second edition, well-known investment author Hagstrom explores basic and fundamental investing concepts in a range of fields outside of economics, including physics, biology, sociology, psychology, philosophy, and literature.

**Summary of Michael J. Mauboussin & Alfred Rappaport's Expectations**

**Investing** - Everest Media,  
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Please note: This is a companion version & not the original book. Sample Book Insights: #1 The central theme of this book is that the ability to read market expectations and anticipate revisions of those expectations is the springboard for earning superior long-term returns. Stock prices express the collective expectations of investors, and changes in those expectations determine investment success. #2 Expectations investing is a practical application of corporate finance principles that many companies have used for decades. It incorporates the

concepts of value creation and competitive strategy analysis. #3 The disappointing performance of professionally managed funds is not an indictment of active management, but rather reflects the suboptimal strategies used by many active professionals. #4 Expectations investing draws from finance theory to pinpoint the market's expectations. It then taps appropriate competitive strategy frameworks to help investors anticipate revisions in expectations. Key Management Ratios - Ciaran Walsh  
2010-04-08

With over 33,000 copies sold, *Key Management Ratios* is a market "classic". This new edition is re-packaged with a new jacket design to revitalise the *Key Management* brand and new two-colour internals make it more readable and visually appealing. *Key Management Ratios* is an antidote to any fear of finance. Drawing data from 200 companies worldwide, the book brings clarity and simplicity to its explanation of every measure and shows how they all link together to drive your business. From cash flow and profit to ROI and ROTA, its unique approach remains as classic as ever, bringing a simple and visual understanding to a complex subject. *Investing for Growth* - Terry Smith  
2020-10-27

Buy good companies. Don't overpay. Do nothing. Some people love to make successful investing seem more complicated than it really is. In this anthology of essays and letters written between 2010-20, leading fund manager Terry Smith delights in debunking the many myths of investing - and making the case for simply buying the best companies in the world. These are businesses that generate serious amounts of cash and know what to do with it. The result is a powerful compounding of returns that is almost impossible to beat. Even better, they aren't going anywhere. Most have survived the Great Depression and two world wars. With his trademark razor-sharp wit, Smith not only reveals what these high-quality companies really look like and where to find them (as well as how to discover impostors), but

also: - why you should avoid companies that abuse the English language - how most share buybacks actually destroy value - what investors can learn from the Tour de France - why ETFs are much riskier than most realise - how ESG investors often end up with investments that are far from green or ethical - his ten golden rules for investment - and much, much more. Backed up by the analytical rigour that made his name with the cult classic, *Accounting for Growth* (1992), the result is a hugely enjoyable and eye-opening tour through some of the most important topics in the world of investing - as well as a treasure trove of practical insights on how to make your money work for you. No investor's bookshelf is complete without it.

**Best-Practice EVA** - Bennett Stewart  
2013-02-19

Best-Practice EVA tells the new EVA story from the ground up. Stewart covers EVA essentials—the classic economic profit version of EVA—in the first three chapters of the book. He shows readers how simple and intuitive EVA really is, how it is defined, and why it is better than all other measures of corporate profit. You discover how it naturally guides managers into making all the right decisions—the ones that will truly maximize value. You see how to use it in profit-sharing bonus plans that create the powerful incentives of an owner. Later, Stewart introduces new ratios that make EVA much more powerful and much easier to use than ever before. The pinnacle of the new ratio framework is EVA Momentum, calculated by taking the change in EVA versus the prior period, and dividing by the revenues in the prior period. It measures the growth rate in EVA, scaled to the sales size of the business. It is the only corporate performance ratio where bigger always is better, because it gets bigger when EVA does, which means it should be every company's most important financial goal, the one ratio metric that everyone aims to maximize as the key measure of corporate success. Stewart then walks through the nuts and bolts of Best-Practice EVA, kicking off

with an in-depth look at EVA Margin, or EVA as a percent of sales. It's a key productivity metric, and Stewart's candidate to replace ROI. The last link in the Best-Practice program is PRVit—the EVA market score report. Stewart shows how to read and interpret the report, how the score is determined, and why investors are turning to it to screen and rate stocks. He also shows why it is finding a home with CFOs and IR directors who want insights into how the market is pricing their stock. The book concludes with battle-tested tips from the firing line, practical suggestions for how you can test drive and adopt Best-Practice EVA at your company.

**The Success Equation** - Michael J. Mauboussin 2012

In this provocative book, Michael Mauboussin offers the structure needed to analyze the relative importance of skill and luck, offering concrete suggestions for making these insights work to your advantage by making better decisions. *The Acquirer's Multiple* - Tobias E. Carlisle 2017-10-16

*The Acquirer's Multiple: How the Billionaire Contrarians of Deep Value Beat the Market* is an easy-to-read account of deep value investing. The book shows how investors Warren Buffett, Carl Icahn, David Einhorn and Dan Loeb got started and how they do it. Carlisle combines engaging stories with research and data to show how you can do it too. Written by an active value investor, *The Acquirer's Multiple* provides an insider's view on deep value investing. *The Acquirer's Multiple* covers: How the billionaire contrarians invest How Warren Buffett got started The history of activist hedge funds How to Beat the Little Book That Beats the Market A simple way to value stocks: *The Acquirer's Multiple* The secret to beating the market How Carl Icahn got started How David Einhorn and Dan Loeb got started The 9 rules of deep value *The Acquirer's Multiple: How the Billionaire Contrarians of Deep Value Beat the Market* provides a simple summary of the way deep value investors find stocks that beat the



market.

**Nothing But Net: 10 Timeless Stock-Picking Lessons from One of Wall Street's Top Tech Analysts** - Mark Mahaney 2021-11-09

Find the winners, avoid the losers, and build a solid Tech portfolio for the long run—with proven methods from legendary analyst Mark Mahaney. The Tech industry is the stock market's hottest, most profitable sector, but it can be a roller coaster ride. Companies with great ideas can end up going nowhere, and some that dominate today will be sold at fire-sale prices in five years. "Sure things" can become "sore things" very rapidly. Nothing But Net provides the knowledge and insights you need to understand what's really hot, to know what's not, and to outperform other investors consistently and decisively. Famous for his smart, savvy and unique approach to Tech stock investing, Mark Mahaney provides his 10 proven rules for succeeding as a long-term Tech stock investor—explaining everything he's learned during almost 25 years of analyzing internet stocks, including: Why revenue growth and customer metrics—not earnings—are what matter most to Tech investors How to invest—not trade—in the great growth opportunities that lie ahead How to determine when high valuations are a warning sign and when they signal an opportunity "I've watched the rise of some of the leading companies of today—Facebook, Amazon, Netflix, Google—and the fall of some of the leading companies of yesterday—Yahoo!, eBay, and AOL..." Mahaney writes. "[F]iguring out which companies really are going to be dominant franchises is an extremely hard thing to do. But those who accomplished this were arguably able to generate some of the best portfolio returns in the stock market over the past generation." Nothing But Net provides powerful advice for the next two decades—lessons you can start applying today and use for years to come.

**The Success Equation** - Michael J. Mauboussin 2012-10-16

"Much of what we experience in life results from a combination of skill

and luck." – From the Introduction  
The trick, of course, is figuring out just how many of our successes (and failures) can be attributed to each—and how we can learn to tell the difference ahead of time. In most domains of life, skill and luck seem hopelessly entangled. Different levels of skill and varying degrees of good and bad luck are the realities that shape our lives—yet few of us are adept at accurately distinguishing between the two. Imagine what we could accomplish if we were able to tease out these two threads, examine them, and use the resulting knowledge to make better decisions. In this provocative book, Michael Mauboussin helps to untangle these intricate strands to offer the structure needed to analyze the relative importance of skill and luck. He offers concrete suggestions for making these insights work to your advantage. Once we understand the extent to which skill and luck contribute to our achievements, we can learn to deal with them in making decisions. The Success Equation helps us move toward this goal by:

- Establishing a foundation so we better understand skill and luck, and can pinpoint where each is most relevant
- Helping us develop the analytical tools necessary to understand skill and luck
- Offering concrete suggestions about how to take these findings and put them to work

Showcasing Mauboussin's trademark wit, insight, and analytical genius, The Success Equation is a must-read for anyone seeking to make better decisions—in business and in life.

**Creating Shareholder Value** - Alfred Rappaport 1999-10-13

The ultimate test of corporate strategy, the only reliable measure, is whether it creates economic value for shareholders. Now, in this substantially revised and updated edition of his 1986 business classic, *Creating Shareholder Value*, Alfred Rappaport provides managers and investors with the practical tools needed to generate superior returns. After a decade of downsizings frequently blamed on shareholder value decision making, this book

presents a new and indepth assessment of the rationale for shareholder value. Further, Rappaport presents provocative new insights on shareholder value applications to: (1) business planning, (2) performance evaluation, (3) executive compensation, (4) mergers and acquisitions, (5) interpreting stock market signals, and (6) organizational implementation. Readers will be particularly interested in Rappaport's answers to three management performance evaluation questions: (1) What is the most appropriate measure of performance? (2) What is the most appropriate target level of performance? and (3) How should rewards be linked to performance? The recent acquisition of Duracell International by Gillette is analyzed in detail, enabling the reader to understand the critical information needed when assessing the risks and rewards of a merger from both sides of the negotiating table. The shareholder value approach presented here has been widely embraced by publicly traded as well as privately held companies worldwide. Brilliant and incisive, this is the one book that should be required reading for managers and investors who want to stay on the cutting edge of success in a highly competitive global economy.

*Richer, Wiser, Happier* - William Green 2021-04-20

From William Green, a financial journalist who has written for *The New Yorker*, *Time*, and *Fortune*, comes a fresh and unexpectedly profound book that draws on interviews with more than 40 of the worlds super-investors to demonstrate that the keys for building wealth hold other life lessons as well.

**Saving Capitalism From Short-Termism: How to Build Long-Term Value and Take Back Our Financial Future** - Alfred Rappaport 2011-08-19

Conquering the obsession with short-term profits is critical to the future of business, society, and capitalism itself—Alfred Rappaport presents a game plan every business leader should read “As Rappaport keeps on speaking out for the

realities surrounding investment and speculation, our society will profit as it builds on his keen insights.” John C. Bogle, founder of The Vanguard Group (from the Foreword) About the Book: Alfred Rappaport, who first introduced the principles and practical application of "shareholder value" in his groundbreaking 1986 classic *Creating Shareholder Value*, reiterated the basic message in his 2006 Harvard Business Review article: Focusing on Wall Street quarterly earnings expectations rather than on creating long-term value is an invitation to disaster. Rappaport shows how deeply flawed short-term performance incentives for corporate and investment managers were an essential cause of the recent global financial crisis. In *Saving Capitalism from Short-Termism*, Rappaport examines the causes and consequences of “short-termism” and offers specific recommendations for how publicly traded companies and the investment management community can overcome it. Whether you're a corporate manager, money manager, public policymaker, business-school student, or simply concerned about your financial future, *Saving Capitalism from Short-Termism* provides valuable insights and practical ideas to change the course of your organization—and contribute to a healthier economy that benefits all.

**Creating Shareholder Value** - Alfred Rappaport 1986

Begins with dramatic proof of the shortcomings of accounting numbers as earnings per share, return on investment, and return on equity, and explains to develop value-creating business strategies and how to ...

**Undiversified** - Ellen Carr 2021-08-03  
Diversification is a core principle of investing. Yet money managers have not applied it to their own ranks. Only around 10 percent of portfolio managers—the people most directly responsible for investing your money—are female, and the numbers are even worse at the ownership level. What are the causes of this underrepresentation, and what are its consequences—including for firms' and clients' bottom lines? In

Undiversified, experienced practitioners Ellen Carr and Katrina Dudley examine the lack of women in investment management and propose solutions to improve the imbalance. They explore the barriers that subtly but effectively discourage women from entering and staying in the industry at each point in the pipeline. At the entry level, the lack of visible role models discourages students from considering the field, and those who do embark on an investment management career face many obstacles to retention and promotion. Carr and Dudley highlight the importance of informal knowledge about how to navigate career tracks, without which women are left at a disadvantage in an industry that lionizes confidence. They showcase a diverse constellation of successful female portfolio managers to demystify the profession. Drawing on wide-ranging research, interviews with prospective, current, and former industry practitioners, and the authors' own experiences, Undiversified makes a compelling case that increasing the number of women could help transform active investment management at a time when it is under threat from passive strategies and technological innovation.

Edge Strategy - Alan Lewis 2015-12-29  
Are you missing opportunities for growth that are right in front of you? In today's volatile economic environment, filled with uncertainty and sudden change, the forces pushing you to stay focused on the core business are extremely powerful. Profiting from the core is crucial, but the danger is that overfocus on the core can blind companies. Scanning the horizon for new markets and new products can also be tempting, but risky. Fixating too much on either strategy can cause you to miss the substantial opportunities for growth that are often hidden in plain sight, at the edge of the core business. In this insightful yet practical book, strategy experts Alan Lewis and Dan McKone articulate a mindset that helps leaders recognize and capitalize on these opportunities. The Edge Strategy framework challenges how the

boundaries of your existing products and services map to your customers' views of the world and then provides three different lenses through which you can see and leverage value:

- Product edge. How to capture incremental profits and other benefits by slightly altering the elements and composition of a core offering
- Journey edge. How to create and capture extra value by adjusting your role in supporting the customer's journey to and through your offering
- Enterprise edge. How to unlock additional value from resources and capabilities that support your core offering by applying them in a different context, for a different offering or different set of customers

With engaging examples across many industries, Lewis and McKone coach you on how to identify and assess each of the different "edges" and then provide concrete insights and advice on applying edge strategy and tactics to use in specific business contexts. The book concludes with a ten-step process to help executives and managers find and leverage the edges in their own companies. Edge Strategy is the concise, hands-on guide for growing your business by getting more yield from assets already in place, relationships already established, and investments already made.

Expectations Investing - Alfred Rappaport 2001

About 75 percent of active investors consistently deliver returns below those of passive index funds. Why? In part, it's because proven methods for valuing assets are too complex to apply-causing investors to rely on commonly used benchmarks such as current earnings and price-earnings multiples that simply don't reflect how the market prices stocks. Now, leading valuation experts Alfred Rappaport and Michael J. Mauboussin argue that the secret to beating the market stands in plain sight. Embedded in the stock price-the most accessible piece of information in the investment arena-lies all investors need to know about how the market expects a company to perform. By correctly decoding that information, say the authors,



investors are on the way to anticipating changes in a company's competitive position that the current stock price doesn't reflect—and making informed buy, hold, or sell decisions before the rest of the crowd. This proven approach, expectations investing, holds the potential to change the rules and improve the odds of the stock selection game forever. The beauty of expectations investing is that it harnesses the power of the market's own tried-and-true pricing model—discounted cash flow—without requiring difficult and often dubious long-term forecasting. Highly practical, the book provides a strategic framework and corresponding tools for using price-implied expectations (PIE) to: Interpret current prices and anticipate revisions in expectations. Monitor signals from managerial actions such as mergers and acquisitions and share buybacks and estimate their impact on shareholder value. Devise, adjust, and communicate management strategy in light of shareholder expectations. In addition, a unique expectations infrastructure helps track value creation from the initial triggers that shape performance to the resulting impact on sales, operating profit margins, and investment efficiency. Universally applicable to public companies across the economic landscape, Expectations Investing will enable professional investors, analysts, and executives to translate heightened uncertainty into lucrative opportunity. Alfred Rappaport is the Leonard Spacek Professor Emeritus at Northwestern's Kellogg School and is Shareholder Value Adviser to L.E.K. Consulting. He originated the Shareholder Scoreboard for the Wall Street Journal. He can be contacted at [al.rappaport@expectationsinvesting.com](mailto:al.rappaport@expectationsinvesting.com). Michael J. Mauboussin is a Managing Director and Chief U.S. Investment Strategist at Credit Suisse First Boston. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Columbia Business School. He can be contacted at [michael.mauboussin@expectationsinvesting.com](mailto:michael.mauboussin@expectationsinvesting.com). Visit the book's dedicated

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[www.expectationsinvesting.com](http://www.expectationsinvesting.com)  
*Think Twice* – Michael J. Mauboussin  
2012-11-06

No matter your field, industry, or specialty, as a leader you make a series of crucial decisions every single day. And the harsh truth is that the majority of decisions—no matter how good the intentions behind them—are mismanaged, resulting in a huge toll on organizations, the people they employ, and even the people they serve. So why is it so hard to make sound decisions? In *Think Twice*, now in paperback, Michael Mauboussin argues that we often fall victim to simplified mental routines that prevent us from coping with the complex realities inherent in important judgment calls. Yet these cognitive errors are preventable. In this engaging book, Mauboussin shows us how to recognize and avoid common mental missteps. These include misunderstanding cause-and-effect linkages, not considering enough alternative possibilities in making a decision, and relying too much on experts. Through vivid stories, the author presents memorable rules for avoiding each error and explains how to recognize when you should “think twice”—questioning your reasoning and adopting decision-making strategies that are far more effective, even if they seem counterintuitive. Armed with this awareness, you'll soon begin making sounder judgment calls that benefit (rather than hurt) your organization.

**The Complete Financial History of Berkshire Hathaway** – Adam J. Mead  
2021-04-13

For the first time the complete financial history of Berkshire Hathaway is available under one cover in chronological format. Beginning at the origins of the predecessor companies in the textile industry, the reader can examine the development of the modern-day conglomerate year-by-year and decade-by-decade, watching as the struggling textile company morphs into what it has become today. This comprehensive analysis distills over 10,000 pages of research material, including

Buffett's Chairman's letters, Berkshire Hathaway annual reports and SEC filings, annual meeting transcripts, subsidiary financials, and more. The analysis of each year is supplemented with Buffett's own commentary where relevant, and examines all important acquisitions, investments, and other capital allocation decisions. The appendices contain balance sheets, income statements, statements of cash flows, and key ratios dating back to the 1930s, materials brought together for the first time. The structure of the book allows the new student to follow the logic, reasoning, and capital allocation decisions made by Warren Buffett and Charlie Munger from the very beginning. Existing Berkshire shareholders and long-time observers will find new information and refreshing analysis, and a convenient reference guide to the decades of financial moves that built the modern-day respected enterprise that is Berkshire Hathaway.

**The Family Office** - William I. Woodson 2021-08-10

Family offices are private organizations that assume the daily administration and management of a wealthy family's personal and financial affairs. Historically, these repositories of great wealth were shrouded in secrecy, their activities conducted behind closed doors. Recently, family offices have acquired a considerably higher public profile: they represent a mere 7 percent of the world's ultra-high-net-worth population—yet control a staggering 50 percent of the wealth. As only a select few families now hold a disproportionate amount of global wealth, there are significant social implications to how such assets are managed and used. This book provides an insider's view for anyone looking to understand family offices and how to best serve and advise them. The veteran practitioners William I. Woodson and Edward V. Marshall offer a thorough guide to family offices: why wealthy families create them, what they do, and how to manage them effectively. They present these insights through a series of problem-based learning

cases that follow a single family's journey from the time of a significant liquidity event; through the creation, staffing, and management of their family office; and on to its succession. Each case study is supported by detailed background reference material. The cases and background materials are drawn from the authors' practical knowledge, network of industry experts, and experience advising family offices large and small. They shed light on the unique issues that ultrawealthy families face and the solutions they adopt to address them throughout the life cycle of a family office. This book is the definitive resource for practitioners and students, as well as family principals, advisers, service providers, and all others who engage with the world of family offices.

*The Quest for Value* - G. Bennett Stewart 1991-02-12

In this bestselling classic of financial management, G. Bennett Stewart, III, raises and answers these provocative questions: Do dividends matter? Are earnings per share really accurate measures of corporate performance? What is the engine that really drives share prices? More than that, Stewart lays the foundation for EVAR, the financial management and incentive system now in place at nearly 300 companies around the world, and which is rapidly becoming the global standard for corporate governance. Managers, confused about what investors really want, often find it difficult to reach informed decisions regarding business strategy, acquisitions and divestitures, financial structure, dividend policy, and executive compensation. But now an EVAR-based revolution is providing a practical framework that managers can use to build a premium-valued company. At the forefront of this revolution is the consulting firm of Stern Stewart & Co., of which G. Bennett Stewart, III, author of *The Quest for Value*, is senior partner and cofounder. *The Quest for Value* is written for senior management, key operating people, and planning and financial staff. This

bible of financial management will assist managers in goal setting, resource allocation, strategy development, valuation of acquisitions, financial policy setting, incentive compensation planning, and building shareholder value. The Quest for Value cuts sharply through the myths that to this day misinform corporate strategists in their pursuit of shareholder value. Laying waste to inaccurate yet widely used methods of performance, Stewart demonstrates how the Stern Stewart EVAr approach not only creates greater shareholder value but also provides a powerful framework for the broadest range of corporate decision making.

*High Performing Investment Teams* - Jim Ware 2012-06-28

High Performing Investment Teams "Although most leaders agree teamwork is important, few businesses effectively build collaborative, synchronized teams. High Performing Investment Teams is an excellent guidepost for any manager striving to create a winning team and develop bench strength for the future." -John W. Rogers Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Ariel Capital Management, LLC "Turning individual talent into team performance is the ultimate challenge for an investment organization, but also the key to building a sustainable investment franchise. Focus Consulting has captured the essence of how to leverage your intellectual capital for maximum and enduring success."

-Michelle R. Seitz, CFA, Principal, Head of Investment Management, Executive Committee Member, William Blair & Company, LLC "Focus Consulting's work on behaviors of top teams is clear, effective, and practical. We recommend it highly for investment firms that are serious about world-class collaboration."

-Terry Toth, President, Northern Trust Global Investments "Focus Consulting really understands that attracting and motivating talented people makes all the difference for asset managers. Their work is based on years of experience helping investment firms build strong cultures with productive behaviors."

-Scott Powers, Chief Executive Officer, Old Mutual Asset Management "Focus Consulting understands the people aspect of the investment business. They know the investment business and how to make collaboration work." -Harin de Silva, PhD, CFA, President, Analytic Investors

*Small Actions: Leading Your Career To Big Success* - Eric Sim 2021-11-26

The 'small actions' you take today can put you on the path to big career success tomorrow. If these actions are innovative, intelligent and well-timed, they can make a lasting impact and help you navigate your career journey in the face of uncertainty and disruptions. A key opinion leader on LinkedIn, Eric Sim shares practical and actionable tips to help you achieve your career goals. He draws these from his diverse real-life experience - from selling street food and training to be an engineer, to becoming a managing director at UBS Investment Bank. Arranged thematically into 66 bite-sized chapters, this book brings together a series of relatable stories and case studies. You'll learn valuable career lessons, such as why it's important to be a 'combo specialist', and how you can influence people and build your personal brand. Whether you're just starting out in the workforce or are looking to get further ahead, let this book inspire you to take powerful small actions of your own.

**Where Value Hides** - Stuart E. Jackson 2006-10-30

Where Value Hides introduces the Strategic Market Positioning theory, which accurately reveals a company's true health based on factors like market share. SMP helps your business define its markets, measure the real value of those markets, and correct bad assumptions. This book uses real-life examples to explain how to use SMP to directly and positively impact corporate health and profits.

**The Smart Money Method** - Stephen Clapham 2020-11-24

In The Smart Money Method, the stock-picking techniques used by top industry professionals are laid bare for investors. This is the inside track on how top hedge funds pick

stocks and build portfolios to make outsize returns. Stephen Clapham is a retired hedge fund partner who now trains stock analysts at some of the world's largest and most successful institutional investors. He explains step-by-step his research process for picking stocks and testing their market-beating potential. His methodology provides the tools and techniques to research new stock ideas, as well as maintain and eventually sell an investment. From testing your thesis and making investment decisions, to managing your portfolio and deciding when to buy and sell, *The Smart Money Method* covers everything you need to know to avoid common pitfalls and invest with confidence. Unique insight is presented in several specific areas, including how to:

- Find stock ideas
- Assess the quality of any business
- Judge management's ability
- Identify shady accounting and avoid dying companies
- Value any business to find bargain shares
- Navigate the consequences of COVID-19

And throughout, there are real-life investing examples and war stories from a 25-year career in stock markets. The message is clear - you can beat the market. To do so, you need to learn and apply the insider secrets contained within this book. *Expectations Investing* - Michael J. Mauboussin 2021-09-28

Most investment books try to assess the attractiveness of a stock price by estimating the value of the company. *Expectations Investing* provides a powerful and insightful alternative to identifying gaps between price and value. Michael J. Mauboussin and Alfred Rappaport suggest that an investor start with a known quantity, the stock price, and ask what it implies for future financial results. After showing how to read expectations, Mauboussin and Rappaport provide a guide to rigorous strategic and financial analysis to help investors assess the likelihood of revisions to these expectations. Their framework traces value creation from the triggers that shape a company's performance to the impact on the value drivers. This allows a practitioner of expectations

investing to determine whether a stock is an attractive buy or sell candidate. Investors who read this book will be able to evaluate stocks of companies in any sector or geography more effectively than those who use the standard approaches of most investors. Managers can use the book's principles to devise, adjust, and communicate their company's strategy in light of shareholder expectations. This revised and updated edition reflects the many changes in accounting and the business landscape since the book was first published and provides a wealth of new examples and case studies.

*Merger Masters* - Kate Welling  
2018-11-06

*Merger Masters* presents revealing profiles of monumentally successful merger investors based on exclusive interviews with some of the greatest minds to practice the art of arbitrage. Michael Price, John Paulson, Paul Singer, and others offer practical perspectives on how their backgrounds in the risk-conscious world of merger arbitrage helped them make their biggest deals. They share their insights on the discipline that underlies their fortunes, whether they practice the "plain vanilla" strategy of announced deals, the aggressive strategy of activist investment, or any strategy in between on the risk spectrum. *Merger Masters* delves into the human side of risk arbitrage, exploring how top practitioners deal with the behavioral aspects of generating consistent profits from risk arbitrage. The book also includes perspectives from the other side of the mergers and acquisitions divide in the form of interviews with a trio of iconic CEOs: Bill Stiritz, Peter McCausland, and Paul Montrone. All three took advantage of M&A opportunities to help build long-term returns but often found themselves at odds with the short-term focus of Wall Street and merger investors. Told in lively, accessible prose, with bonus facts and figures for transaction junkies, *Merger Masters* is an incomparable set of stories with plenty of unfiltered lessons from the best managers of our time.

## **Artificial Intelligence in Finance -**

Yves Hilpisch 2020-10-14

The widespread adoption of AI and machine learning is revolutionizing many industries today. Once these technologies are combined with the programmatic availability of historical and real-time financial data, the financial industry will also change fundamentally. With this practical book, you'll learn how to use AI and machine learning to discover statistical inefficiencies in financial markets and exploit them through algorithmic trading. Author Yves Hilpisch shows practitioners, students, and academics in both finance and data science practical ways to apply machine learning and deep learning algorithms to finance. Thanks to lots of self-contained Python examples, you'll be able to replicate all results and figures presented in the book. In five parts, this guide helps you: Learn central notions and algorithms from AI, including recent breakthroughs on the way to artificial general intelligence (AGI) and superintelligence (SI) Understand why data-driven finance, AI, and machine learning will have a lasting impact on financial theory and practice Apply neural networks and reinforcement learning to discover statistical inefficiencies in financial markets Identify and exploit economic inefficiencies through backtesting and algorithmic trading--the automated execution of trading strategies Understand how AI will influence the competitive dynamics in the financial industry and what the potential emergence of a financial singularity might bring about

*The Clash of the Cultures* - John C. Bogle 2012-07-05

Recommended Reading by Warren Buffet in his March 2013 Letter to Shareholders How speculation has come to dominate investment--a hard-hitting look from the creator of the first index fund. Over the course of his sixty-year career in the mutual fund industry, Vanguard Group founder John C. Bogle has witnessed a massive shift in the culture of the financial sector. The prudent, value-adding

culture of long-term investment has been crowded out by an aggressive, value-destroying culture of short-term speculation. Mr. Bogle has not been merely an eye-witness to these changes, but one of the financial sector's most active participants. In *The Clash of the Cultures*, he urges a return to the common sense principles of long-term investing. Provocative and refreshingly candid, this book discusses Mr. Bogle's views on the changing culture in the mutual fund industry, how speculation has invaded our national retirement system, the failure of our institutional money managers to effectively participate in corporate governance, and the need for a federal standard of fiduciary duty. Mr. Bogle recounts the history of the index mutual fund, how he created it, and how exchange-traded index funds have altered its original concept of long-term investing. He also presents a first-hand history of Wellington Fund, a real-world case study on the success of investment and the failure of speculation. The book concludes with ten simple rules that will help investors meet their financial goals. Here, he presents a common sense strategy that "may not be the best strategy ever devised. But the number of strategies that are worse is infinite." *The Clash of the Cultures: Investment vs. Speculation* completes the trilogy of best-selling books, beginning with Bogle on *Investing: The First 50 Years* (2001) and *Don't Count on It!* (2011) [The Physics of Wall Street](#) - James Owen Weatherall 2013

A Harvard scholar argues that mathematical models can provide solutions to current economic challenges, explaining that the economic meltdown of 2008 was based on a misunderstanding of scientific models rather than on the models themselves.

*The Joys of Compounding* - Gautam Baid 2020-06-02

Value investing is not just a system for success in the market. It is also an intellectual toolkit for achieving a deeper understanding of the world. In *The Joys of Compounding*, the value investor Gautam Baid builds a holistic approach to value investing



and philosophy from his wide-ranging reading, combining practical approaches, self-cultivation, and business wisdom. Distilling investment and life lessons into a comprehensive guide, Baid integrates the strategies and wisdom of preeminent figures whose teachings have stood the test of time. Drawing on the work of investing greats like Warren Buffett, Charlie Munger, and Ben Graham, as well as philosophers and scholars, he artfully interweaves the lessons learned from his many teachers. Baid demonstrates their practical applications in the areas of business, investing, and decision making and also shows that these ideas can be applied to one's own life with just as much reward. A celebration of the value investing discipline, this book also recounts Baid's personal experiences, testifying to his belief that the best investment you can make is an investment in yourself. The Joys of Compounding offers curated reflections on life and learning for all investors, investment enthusiasts, and readers seeking a dose of practical wisdom. This revised and updated edition highlights Baid's distinctive voice.

*Stalking the Black Swan* - Kenneth A. Posner 2010-03-31  
Kenneth A. Posner spent close to two decades as a Wall Street analyst, tracking the so-called "specialty finance" sector, which included controversial companies such as Countrywide, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, CIT, and MasterCard many of which were caught in the subprime mortgage and capital markets crisis of 2007. While extreme volatility is nothing new in finance, the recent downturn caught many off guard, indicating that the traditional approach to decision making had let them down. Introducing a new framework for handling and evaluating extreme risk, Posner draws on years of experience to show how decision makers can best cope with the "Black Swans" of our time. Posner's shrewd assessment combines the classic fundamental research approach of Benjamin Graham and David Dodd with more recent

developments in cognitive science, computational theory, and quantitative finance. He outlines a probabilistic approach to decision making that involves forecasting across a range of scenarios, and he explains how to balance confidence, react accurately to fast-breaking information, overcome information overload, zero in on the critical issues, penetrate the information asymmetry shielding corporate executives, and integrate the power of human intuition with sophisticated analytics. Emphasizing the computational resources we already have at our disposal our computers and our minds Posner offers a new track to decision making for analysts, investors, traders, corporate executives, risk managers, regulators, policymakers, journalists, and anyone who faces a world of extreme volatility.

How to Start Building Your Wealth Investing in the Stock Market - Andrew Stotz 2016-08-09

Are you tired of being bombarded by people promoting get-rich-quick schemes? This book cuts through the nonsense, distilling 20 years of the author's experience down to what you really need to know. It shatters misconceptions and gives you a step-by-step plan to achieve financial independence.

**The (Mis)Behaviour of Markets** - Benoit B. Mandelbrot 2010-10-01

This international bestseller, which foreshadowed a market crash, explains why it could happen again if we don't act now. Fractal geometry is the mathematics of roughness: how to reduce the outline of a jagged leaf or static in a computer connection to a few simple mathematical properties. With his fractal tools, Mandelbrot has got to the bottom of how financial markets really work. He finds they have a shifting sense of time and wild behaviour that makes them volatile, dangerous - and beautiful. In his models, the complex gyrations of the FTSE 100 and exchange rates can be reduced to straightforward formulae that yield a much more accurate description of the risks involved.