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**The Handbook of Electronic  
Trading** - Joe Rosen

2009-06-18

This book provides a

comprehensive look at the challenges of keeping up with liquidity needs and technology advancements. It is also a sourcebook for understandable, practical solutions on trading and technology.

### **Brokers of Public Trust -**

Laurie Nussdorfer 2009-11-16

This magisterial new work brings fresh insight into the essential functions of early modern Roman society and the development of the modern state.

### *More Money Than God -*

Sebastian Mallaby 2011-05-03

Wealthy, powerful, and potentially dangerous, hedge-fund managers have emerged as the stars of twenty-first century capitalism. Based on unprecedented access to the industry, *More Money Than God* provides the first authoritative history of hedge funds. This is the inside story of their origins in the 1960s and 1970s, their explosive battles with central banks in the 1980s and 1990s, and finally their role in the financial crisis of 2007-9. Hedge funds

reward risk takers, so they tend to attract larger-than-life personalities. Jim Simons began life as a code-breaker and mathematician, co-authoring a paper on theoretical geometry that led to breakthroughs in string theory. Ken Griffin started out trading convertible bonds from his Harvard dorm room. Paul Tudor Jones happily declared that a 1929-style crash would be 'total rock-and-roll' for him. Michael Steinhardt was capable of reducing underlings to sobs. 'All I want to do is kill myself,' one said. 'Can I watch?' Steinhardt responded. A saga of riches and rich egos, this is also a history of discovery. Drawing on insights from mathematics, economics and psychology to crack the mysteries of the market, hedge funds have transformed the world, spawning new markets in exotic financial instruments and rewriting the rules of capitalism. And while major banks, brokers, home lenders, insurers and money market funds failed or were bailed out during the crisis of 2007-9, the

hedge-fund industry survived the test, proving that money can be successfully managed without taxpayer safety nets. Anybody pondering fixes to the financial system could usefully start here: the future of finance lies in the history of hedge funds.

Economic Success of Chinese Merchants in Southeast Asia -

Janet Tai Landa 2016-11-30

This book provides an original analysis of the economic success of Overseas Chinese merchants in Southeast Asia: The ethnically homogeneous group of Chinese middlemen is an informal, low-cost organization for the provision of club goods, e.g. contract enforcement, that are essential to merchants' success. The author's theory - and various extensions, with emphasis on kinship and other trust relationships - draws on economics and the other social sciences, and beyond to evolutionary biology. Empirical material from her fieldwork forms the basis for developing her unique, integrative and transdisciplinary theoretical

framework, with important policy implications for understanding ethnic conflict in multiethnic societies where minority groups dominate merchant roles.

**Die with Zero** - Bill Perkins 2020

"A ... new philosophy and ... guide to getting the most out of your money--and out of life--for those who value memorable experiences as much as their earnings"--

Secrets of the Moneylab - Kay-Yut Chen 2010-09-02

Taking the findings of behavioral economics from the cocktail party to the boardroom. Experimental economist Kay-Yut Chen leads an economics lab at Hewlett-Packard-the first of its kind at any company. His groundbreaking research into human behavior has turned into tangible results for HP. He has saved the company millions of dollars, simply by explaining why people really do the things they do. MoneyLab offers practical lessons being put to use right now at HP and other leading companies. It explains,

for instance, how to: ? Use incentives to influence employees, suppliers, and buyers ? Determine whom to trust, and how much ? Reduce the negative effects of irrational behavior by noticing patterns that don't seem logical ? Take advantage of the human tendency to game the system In the spirit of Predictably Irrational, but with a more practical approach, Chen shows how to translate the findings of behavioral economics into concrete actions to achieve new levels of success.

### **Capital without Borders -**

Brooke Harrington 2016-09-12

“A timely account of how the 1% holds on to their wealth...Ought to keep wealth managers awake at night.”

—Wall Street Journal

“Harrington advises governments seeking to address inequality to focus not only on the rich but also on the professionals who help them game the system.” —Richard Cooper, Foreign Affairs “An insight unlike any other into how wealth management

works.” —Felix Martin, New Statesman “One of those rare books where you just have to stand back in awe and wonder at the author’s

achievement...Harrington offers profound insights into the world of the professional people who dedicate their lives to meeting the perceived needs of the world’s ultra-wealthy.”

—Times Higher Education How do the ultra-rich keep getting richer, despite taxes on income, capital gains, property, and inheritance? Capital without Borders tackles this tantalizing question through a groundbreaking multi-year investigation of the men and women who specialize in protecting the fortunes of the world’s richest people. Brooke Harrington followed the money to the eighteen most popular tax havens in the world, interviewing wealth managers to understand how they help their high-net-worth clients dodge taxes, creditors, and disgruntled heirs—all while staying just within the letter of the law. She even trained to become a wealth manager

herself in her quest to penetrate the fascinating, shadowy world of the guardians of the one percent. *Developing Relationships in Business Networks* - Håkan Håkansson 1995

### **Introduction to e-Business** -

Colin Combe 2012-07-26  
An Introduction to e-Business provides the contemporary knowledge of the key issues affecting the modern e-business environment and links theory and practice of management strategies relating to e-business. This book brings together the most cogent themes for an introduction to e-business and constitutes a valuable contribution to formalising common themes for teaching the subject in higher education. It brings together theoretical perspectives based on academic research and the application of e-business strategies. These concepts are further explored in the six case studies that follow the set chapters. This new textbook integrates the main themes to

provide a complete picture of the key elements relevant to an introductory text in e-business. To fully appreciate the e-business environment it is necessary to understand the links between the different disciplines that come together to form

*Master Universal Economics* - Armen Albert Alchian 2018

Universal Economics is a new work that bears a strong resemblance to its two predecessors, *University Economics* (1964, 1967, 1972) and *Exchange and Production* (1969, 1977, 1983).

Collaborating again, Professors Alchian and Allen have written a fresh presentation of the analytical tools employed in the economic way of thinking. More than any other principles textbook, *Universal Economics* develops the critical importance of property rights to the existence and success of market economies. The authors explain the interconnection between goods prices and productive-asset prices and how market-determined interest rates bring about the

allocation of resources toward the satisfaction of consumption demands versus saving/investment priorities. They show how the crucial role of prices in a market economy cannot be well understood without a firm grasp of the role of money in a modern world. The Alchian and Allen application of information and search-cost analysis to the subject of money, price determination, and inflation is unique in the teaching of economic principles. No one has ever done price theory better than Alchian that is, no one has ever excelled Alchian's ability to explain the reason, role, and nuances of prices, of competition, and of property rights. And only a precious few I can count them on my fingers have a claim for being considered to have done price theory as well as he did it. Donald Boudreaux, George Mason University. Armen A. Alchian (1914-2013), one of the twentieth century's great teachers of economic science, taught at UCLA from 1958 to 1984. Founder of the UCLA

tradition in economics, he has become recognized as one of the most influential voices in the areas of market structure, property rights, and the theory of the firm. William R. Allen taught at Washington University prior to joining the UCLA faculty in 1952. Along with research primarily in international economics and the history of economic theory, he has concentrated on teaching economics. Universal Economics is his third textbook collaboration with Armen Alchian. Jerry L. Jordan wrote his doctoral dissertation under the direction of Armen Alchian. He was Dean of the School of Management at the University of New Mexico, a member of President Reagan's Council of Economic Advisors and of the U.S. Gold Commission, Director of Research of the Federal Reserve Bank of Saint Louis, and President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

**Tracking and Disrupting the Illicit Antiquities Trade with Open Source Data** - Matthew Sargent 2020-05-12

The illicit antiquities market is fueled by a well-documented rise in looting at archaeological sites and a fear that the proceeds of such looting may be financing terrorism or rogue states. In this report, the authors compile evidence from numerous open sources to outline the major policy-relevant characteristics of that market and to propose the way forward for developing policies intended to disrupt illicit networks.

### Defending the Undefendable -

*Friend & Foe* - Adam Galinsky  
2015-09-29

What does it take to succeed? This question has fueled a long-running debate. Some have argued that humans are fundamentally competitive, and that pursuing self-interest is the best way to get ahead. Others claim that humans are born to cooperate and that we are most successful when we collaborate with others. In *FRIEND AND FOE*, researchers Galinsky and Schweitzer explain why this debate misses the mark. Rather

than being hardwired to compete or cooperate, we have evolved to do both. In every relationship, from co-workers to friends to spouses to siblings we are both friends and foes. It is only by learning how to strike the right balance between these two forces that we can improve our long-term relationships and get more of what we want. Here, Galinsky and Schweitzer draw on original, cutting edge research from their own labs and from across the social sciences as well as vivid real-world examples to show how to maximize success in work and in life by deftly navigating the tension between cooperation and competition. They offer insights and advice ranging from: how to gain power and keep it, how to build trust and repair trust once it's broken, how to diffuse workplace conflict and bias, how to find the right comparisons to motivate us and make us happier, and how to succeed in negotiations - ensuring that we achieve our own goals and satisfy those of our

counterparts. Along the way, they pose and offer surprising answers to a number of perplexing puzzles: when does too much talent undermine success; why can acting less competently gain you status and authority, where do many gender differences in the workplace really come from, how can you use deception to build trust, and why do you want to go last on American Idol and in many interview situations, but make the first offer when negotiating the sale of a new car. We perform at our very best when we hold cooperation and competition in the right balance. This book is a guide for navigating our social and professional worlds by learning when to cooperate as a friend and when to compete as a foe—and how to be better at both.

### The 200 Best Home Businesses

- Katina Z Jones 2005-07-01

Turn your career dreams into a profitable reality! Tired of your humdrum workday routine? Looking for a new and exciting career path that allows you to be your own boss and make

your own rules? The 200 Best Home Businesses, Second Edition is the book for you.

This completely revised and updated second edition profiles 200 of the best and most profitable businesses that you can run from your home.

Inside, you'll find jobs for your every interest, from computer programming to being a personal chef. Each business provides you with all the information you need to choose the business that's right for you: The pros and cons of each business Estimated startup costs Skills needed Advertising tips Expert advice from home business entrepreneurs No matter what your interest or level of experience, you can take charge of your life, tap into your unique background and talents, and build a solid career for the future. The 200 Best Home Businesses, Second Edition shows you how!

### **The Startup Game** - William

H. Draper, III 2011-01-04

Entrepreneurs drive the future, and the last several decades have been a thrilling ride of astounding, far-reaching

innovation. Behind this transformative progress are also the venture capitalists - who are at once the investors, coaches and allies of the entrepreneurs. William H. Draper III knows this story first-hand, because as a venture capitalist, he helped write it. For more than 40 years, Bill Draper has worked with top entrepreneurs in fabled Silicon Valley, where today's vision is made into tomorrow's reality. *The Startup Game* is the first up-close look at how the relationship between venture capitalists and entrepreneurs is critical to enhancing the success of any economy. From a venture capitalist who saw the potential of Skype, Apollo Computer, Hotmail, OpenTable, and many other companies, come firsthand stories of success. In these pages, Draper explores how to evaluate innovative ideas and the entrepreneurs behind those ideas, and he shares lessons from Yahoo, Zappos, Baidu, Tesla Motors, Activision, Measurex, and more. Also, in revealing his on-

the-ground account of how Deng Xiaoping brought China roaring into the modern world and how Manmohan Singh unlocked the creative genius of Indian entrepreneurs, Draper stresses the essential value of farsighted political leadership in creating opportunity. The author also discusses his efforts to bring best practices of the venture capitalist/entrepreneur partnership to the social sector. Written in an engaging narrative, and incorporating many of the author's personal experiences, this book provides a much-needed look at how the world of venture capital and entrepreneurship works.

Secrets of the Temple - William Greider 1989-01-15

Reveals how the Federal Reserve under Paul Volcker engineered changes in America's economy

Business Organization and Combination - Lewis Henry Haney 1914

*Economics: A Very Short Introduction* - Partha Dasgupta 2007-02-22

Economics has the capacity to offer us deep insights into some of the most formidable problems of life, and offer solutions to them too. Combining a global approach with examples from everyday life, Partha Dasgupta describes the lives of two children who live very different lives in different parts of the world: in the Mid-West USA and in Ethiopia. He compares the obstacles facing them, and the processes that shape their lives, their families, and their futures. He shows how economics uncovers these processes, finds explanations for them, and how it forms policies and solutions. Along the way, Dasgupta provides an intelligent and accessible introduction to key economic factors and concepts such as individual choices, national policies, efficiency, equity, development, sustainability, dynamic equilibrium, property rights, markets, and public goods. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of

titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

### **Making Things Move DIY Mechanisms for Inventors, Hobbyists, and Artists -**

Dustyn Roberts 2010-12-06  
Get Your Move On! In Making Things Move: DIY Mechanisms for Inventors, Hobbyists, and Artists, you'll learn how to successfully build moving mechanisms through non-technical explanations, examples, and do-it-yourself projects--from kinetic art installations to creative toys to energy-harvesting devices. Photographs, illustrations, screen shots, and images of 3D models are included for each project. This unique resource emphasizes using off-the-shelf components, readily available materials, and accessible fabrication techniques. Simple projects give you hands-on

practice applying the skills covered in each chapter, and more complex projects at the end of the book incorporate topics from multiple chapters. Turn your imaginative ideas into reality with help from this practical, inventive guide. Discover how to: Find and select materials Fasten and join parts Measure force, friction, and torque Understand mechanical and electrical power, work, and energy Create and control motion Work with bearings, couplers, gears, screws, and springs Combine simple machines for work and fun Projects include: Rube Goldberg breakfast machine Mousetrap powered car DIY motor with magnet wire Motor direction and speed control Designing and fabricating spur gears Animated creations in paper An interactive rotating platform Small vertical axis wind turbine SADbot: the seasonally affected drawing robot Make Great Stuff! TAB, an imprint of McGraw-Hill Professional, is a leading publisher of DIY technology

books for makers, hackers, and electronics hobbyists.

### **The Economic and Social Impact of Electronic**

**Commerce** - OECD. Published by : OECD Publishing 1999

Electronic commerce has the potential to radically alter some economic activities and the surrounding social environment. It changes the business environment, accelerates changes under way, increases interactivity, encourages openness, and alters the notion of time. This book examines such issues as the potential for growth of electronic commerce, its impact on the efficiency of the economy, its effects on how business is organized, and on markets, on jobs, and on society. It points out that countries will dismantle barriers to global electronic commerce at different rates, and that this may raise competitive concerns. It also discusses the electronic commerce's impacts on the costs of owning a "store," carrying inventory, conducting sales, placing and processing

orders, customer support, and product distribution.

Men Is Cheap - Brian P. Luskey  
2020-02-13

When a Civil War substitute broker told business associates that "Men is cheap here to Day," he exposed an unsettling contradiction at the heart of the Union's war effort. Despite Northerners' devotion to the principles of free labor, the war produced rampant speculation and coercive labor arrangements that many Americans labeled fraudulent. Debates about this contradiction focused on employment agencies called "intelligence offices," institutions of dubious character that nevertheless served the military and domestic necessities of the Union army and Northern households. Northerners condemned labor agents for pocketing fees above and beyond contracts for wages between employers and employees. Yet the transactions these middlemen brokered with vulnerable Irish immigrants, Union soldiers and

veterans, former slaves, and Confederate deserters defined the limits of independence in the wage labor economy and clarified who could prosper in it. Men Is Cheap shows that in the process of winning the war, Northerners were forced to grapple with the frauds of free labor. Labor brokers, by helping to staff the Union military and Yankee households, did indispensable work that helped the Northern state and Northern employers emerge victorious. They also gave rise to an economic and political system that enriched the managerial class at the expense of laborers--a reality that resonates to this day.

**The Economics of Electronic Commerce** - Andrew B.

Whinston 1997

"The Economics of Electronic Commerce applies standard microeconomic analyses to an entirely new industry - laying the foundation for the development of radically new business models. With detailed analysis to those involved in the actual production, marketing, and distribution of

digital information products as well as professionals doing business in the electronic marketplace, this valuable reference demonstrates that businesses that achieve early success from applying these theories will enjoy a distinct competitive advantage in this newly defined world of business."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

**Networks, Crowds, and Markets** - David Easley  
2010-07-19

Are all film stars linked to Kevin Bacon? Why do the stock markets rise and fall sharply on the strength of a vague rumour? How does gossip spread so quickly? Are we all related through six degrees of separation? There is a growing awareness of the complex networks that pervade modern society. We see them in the rapid growth of the Internet, the ease of global communication, the swift spread of news and information, and in the way epidemics and financial crises

develop with startling speed and intensity. This introductory book on the new science of networks takes an interdisciplinary approach, using economics, sociology, computing, information science and applied mathematics to address fundamental questions about the links that connect us, and the ways that our decisions can have consequences for others.

**Operational Excellence in Your Office** - Kevin J. Duggan  
2016-02-24

Operational Excellence is achieved when all employees in your organization can see the flow of value to your customers and can make adjustments to that flow before it breaks down. *Operational Excellence in Your Office: A Guide to Achieving Autonomous Value Stream Flow with Lean Techniques* presents nine time-tested guidelines for designing business process flow that enable Operational Excellence in the office. Each chapter describes one guideline by using text, illustrations, and practical examples to provide a

comprehensive understanding of why creating flow in the office is essential and how to achieve it. Accounting for the reality that most office employees are required to work on many different projects throughout the day, this book details a step-by-step methodology for leveraging traditional value stream flow to establish Operational Excellence in an office environment. In addition, it describes a more advanced form of flow called "self-healing" flow—in which employees are capable of identifying and fixing problems with the flow without requiring management intervention. Explaining how to achieve Operational Excellence and self-healing flow with the nine guidelines, the book also introduces new concepts such as part-time continuous flow processing cells, workflow cycles, takt capability, integration events, pitch in the office, and ways to tell whether your office is on time. With this book, you will be able to take the knowledge provided and

immediately apply it by following the step-by-step checklists included at the end of each chapter. In addition to the lists of action items for implementing each guideline, the book includes "acid tests" you can use to determine if you have implemented each guideline correctly. When finished, you will have designed an end-to-end flow for the services in your office as well as visual systems to help employees distinguish normal flow from abnormal flow so they can fix flow problems on their own, before they negatively impact your customers.

**Getting (More Of) What You Want** - Margaret A. Neale  
2015-07-02

Most of us worry that we're not very good negotiators - too quick to concede or too abrupt in our approach. But negotiation is present in almost every social interaction - we cannot avoid it. Neale and Lys present a practical new approach that will help you master this crucial everyday skill in every situation. Instead

of focusing on reaching agreement at any cost, Neale and Lys reveal how to overcome our psychological biases and assess the hidden value in any negotiation. They explain how to know what a good deal is; when to negotiate and when to walk away; why keeping a straight face can prevent you from getting the best deal; when to make the first offer and when to wait; and why meeting in the middle can result in both sides being worse off. Drawing on three decades of ground-breaking research into behavioural economics, psychology and strategic thinking, *Getting (More of) What You Want* will revolutionise the way you approach negotiation. Whether you're looking for a better deal on your new car, asking for a pay rise, selling your company or just deciding who does the washing up, this book will help you become a more successful, more efficient negotiator - and get more of exactly what you want.

**Horse Trading in the Age of Cars** - Steven M. Gelber

2008-10

Gelber's highly readable and lively prose makes clear how this unique economic ritual survived into the industrial twentieth century, in the process adding a colorful and interesting chapter to the history of the automobile.

**The Middleman Economy** - Marina Krakovsky 2016-04-30

With the rise of the Internet, many pundits predicted that middlemen would disappear. But that hasn't happened. Far from killing the middleman, the Internet has generated a thriving new breed. In *The Middleman Economy*, Silicon Valley-based reporter Marina Krakovsky elucidates the six essential roles that middlemen play.

*The Age of Cryptocurrency* - Paul Vigna 2016-01-12

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*Lombard Street: a description of the money market* - Walter Bagehot 1873

*Principles of Economics* - Alfred Marshall 1898

Wanting - Luke Burgis 2021-07

A groundbreaking exploration of why we want what we want, and a toolkit for freeing ourselves from chasing unfulfilling desires. Gravity affects every aspect of our physical being, but there's a psychological force just as powerful - yet almost nobody has heard of it. It's responsible for bringing groups of people together and pulling them apart, making certain goals attractive to some and not to others, and fueling cycles of anxiety and conflict. According to French polymath René Girard, humans don't desire anything independently. Human desire is mimetic - we imitate what other people want. This affects the way we choose partners, friends, careers, clothes, and vacation destinations. Mimetic desire is responsible for the formation of our very identities. It explains the enduring relevancy of Shakespeare's plays, why Peter Thiel decided to be the first investor in Facebook, and why our world is growing more divided as it becomes more

connected. Drawing on his experience as an entrepreneur, teacher, and student of classical philosophy and theology, Burgis shares tactics that help turn blind wanting into intentional wanting - not by trying to rid ourselves of desire, but by desiring differently. It's possible to be more in control of the things we want, to achieve more independence from trends and bubbles, and to find more meaning in our work and lives. The future will be shaped by our desires. Wanting shows us how to desire a better one.

*You Are What You Risk* - Michele Wucker 2021-04-06

The #1 international bestselling author of *The Gray Rhino* offers a bold new framework for understanding and re-shaping our relationship with risk and uncertainty to live more productive and successful lives. What drives a sixty-four-year-old woman to hurl herself over Niagara Falls in a barrel? Why do we often create bigger risks than the risks we try to avoid? Why are corporate boards newly

worried about risky personal behavior by CEOs? Why are some nations quicker than others to recognize and manage risks like pandemics, technological change, and climate crisis? The answers define each person, organization, and society as distinctively as a fingerprint. Understanding the often-surprising origins of these risk fingerprints can open your eyes, inspire new habits, catalyze innovation and creativity, improve teamwork, and provide a beacon in a world that seems suddenly more uncertain than ever. How you see risk and what you do about it depend on your personality and experiences. How you make these cost-benefit calculations depend on your culture, your values, the people in the room, and even unexpected things like what you've eaten recently, the temperature, the music playing, or the fragrance in the air. Being alert to these often-unconscious influences will help you to seize opportunity and avoid danger. You Are

What You Risk is a clarion call for an entirely new conversation about our relationship with risk and uncertainty. In this groundbreaking, accessible and eminently timely book, Michele Wucker examines why it's so important to understand your risk fingerprint and how to make your risk relationship work better in business, life, and the world. Drawing on compelling risk stories around the world and weaving in economics, anthropology, sociology, and psychology research, Wucker bridges the divide between professional and lay risk conversations. She challenges stereotypes about risk attitudes, re-frames how gender and risk are related, and shines new light on generational differences. She shows how the new science of "risk personality" is re-shaping business and finance, how healthy risk ecosystems support economies and societies, and why embracing risk empathy can resolve conflicts. Wucker shares insights, practical tools, and

proven strategies that will help you to understand what makes you who you are –and, in turn, to make better choices, both big and small.

**Essays on Some Unsettled Questions of Political Economy** - John Stuart Mill 1844

Making Commercial Law through Practice 1830-1970 - Ross Cranston 2021-05-27  
Draws on archival research to tell the story of the nineteenth and twentieth-century development of commercial law through practice.

Middlemen in English Business - Ray Bert Westerfield 1968

**Why Wall Street Matters** - William D. Cohan 2017-02-28  
A timely, counterintuitive defense of Wall Street and the big banks as the invisible—albeit flawed—engines that power our ideas, and should be made to work better for all of us  
Maybe you think the banks should be broken up and the bankers should be held accountable for the financial

crisis in 2008. Maybe you hate the greed of Wall Street but know that it’s important to the proper functioning of the world economy. Maybe you don’t really understand Wall Street, and phrases such as “credit default swap” make your eyes glaze over. Maybe you are utterly confused by the fact that after attacking Wall Street mercilessly during his campaign, Donald Trump has surrounded himself with Wall Street veterans. But if you like your smart phone or your widescreen TV, your car or your morning bacon, your pension or your 401(k), then—whether you know it or not—you are a fan of Wall Street. William D. Cohan is no knee-jerk advocate for Wall Street and the big banks. He’s one of America’s most respected financial journalists and the progressive bestselling author of *House of Cards*. He has long been critical of the bad behavior that plagued much of Wall Street in the years leading up to the 2008 financial crisis, and because he spent seventeen years as an

investment banker on Wall Street, he is an expert on its inner workings as well. But in recent years he's become alarmed by the cheap shots and ceaseless vitriol directed at Wall Street's bankers, traders, and executives—the people whose job it is to provide capital to those who need it, the grease that keeps our economy humming. In this brisk, no-nonsense narrative, Cohan reminds us of the good these institutions do—and the dire consequences for us all if the essential role they play in making our lives better is carelessly curtailed. Praise for William D. Cohan “Cohan writes with an insider's knowledge of the workings of Wall Street, a reporter's investigative instincts and a natural storyteller's narrative command.”—The New York Times “[Cohan is] one of our most able financial journalists.”—Los Angeles Times “A former Wall Street man and a talented writer, [Cohan] has the rare gift not only of understanding the fiendishly complicated goings-

on, but also of being able to explain them in terms the lay reader can grasp.”—The Observer (London)

*Net Worth* - John Hagel 1999

Argues that in the future, customers will control and provide information about themselves only through intermediaries that work in their interest

*The Middleman Economy* - Marina Krakovsky 2015-09-15

Drew Rosenhaus, the most powerful agent in the NFL, infuriates team owners but manages to give clients what they want. In his own not-so-humble opinion, the NFL would fall apart without him. LaJuan Stoxstill-Diggs, an appliance flipper on Craigslist, jumps on opportunities to buy used washers and dryers, trading them at prices and times that make sellers and buyers happy. Julie McKenney, one of Colorado's most highly regarded wedding planners, not only helps her clients select the right florist, baker, and wedding-gown maker, but makes sure those vendors deliver their best work. What

do these very different businesspeople have in common? They are all middlemen, an indispensable part of our economy—and in *The Middleman Economy*, Silicon Valley author Marina Krakovsky argues that in our hyper-connected age they're more prevalent and more valuable than ever. Krakovsky contends that middlemen provide value by playing some combination of six roles, with each role solving a problem that, without the middleman, would inhibit mutually beneficial deals. The Bridge promotes trade by reducing distance; The Certifier separates the wheat from the chaff and gives buyers reassuring information about quality; The Enforcer makes sure buyers and sellers put forth full effort, cooperate, and stay honest. By showing how the most admirable brokers, agents, dealers, and other go-betweens play these and other roles, this book puts middlemen in a whole new light—and reveals how readers can become more valuable

players in any industry. If you're a literary agent offering a book to an editor, or an editor recommending that book to your publisher, or a sales rep in any field (as more than two million Americans are), you're not just pushing products. If you're worth your salt, you're a Certifier, staking your reputation on the quality of the goods you represent. Far from killing the middleman, the Internet has generated a thriving new breed. Between 1999 and 2010, just as the Internet was transforming the world, middlemen's contribution to the United States' GDP has actually grown - from a quarter to more than a third of our economy. In *The Middleman Economy*, Silicon Valley-based reporter Marina Krakovsky elucidates the six essential roles that middlemen play.

Deluxe - Dana Thomas  
2007-08-16

“With *Deluxe: How Luxury Lost Its Luster*, [Dana] Thomas—who has been the cultural and fashion writer for *Newsweek* in Paris for 12

years—has written a crisp, witty social history that's as entertaining as it is informative." —New York Times From the author of Fashionopolis: The Price of Fast Fashion and the Future of Clothes Once luxury was available only to the rarefied and aristocratic world of old money and royalty. It offered a history of tradition, superior quality, and a pampered buying experience. Today, however, luxury is simply a product packaged and sold by multibillion-dollar global corporations focused on growth, visibility, brand awareness, advertising, and, above all, profits. Award-winning journalist Dana

Thomas digs deep into the dark side of the luxury industry to uncover all the secrets that Prada, Gucci, and Burberry don't want us to know. Deluxe is an uncompromising look behind the glossy façade that will enthrall anyone interested in fashion, finance, or culture. *Getting Everything You Can Out of All You've Got* - Jay Abraham 2001-10-12 A consultant to some of America's leading corporations shares key insights and ideas on how to supercharge one's business and career, explaining how to create and develop new opportunities for wealth in any business, enterprise, or venture. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.