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An obscured vanguard in hip hop Filipino Americans have been innovators and collaborators in hip hop since the culture's early days. But despite the success of artists like Apl.de.Ap of the Black Eyed Peas and superstar producer Chad Hugo, the genre's significance in Filipino American communities is often overlooked. Mark R. Villegas considers sprawling coast-to-coast hip hop networks to reveal how Filipino Americans have used music, dance, and visual art to create their worlds. Filipino Americans have been exploring their racial position in the world in embracing hip hop's connections to memories of colonial and racial violence. Villegas scrutinizes practitioners' language of defiance, placing the cultural grammar of hip hop within a larger legacy of decolonization. An important investigation of hip hop as a movement of racial consciousness, Manifest Technique shows how the genre has inspired Filipino Americans to envision and enact new ideas of their bodies, their history, and their dignity.

This book presents answers to some of the key questions about the economics of imperialism.

In their international bestseller *Empire*, Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri presented a grand unified vision of a world in which the old forms of imperialism are no longer effective. But what of *Empire* in an age of "American empire"? Has fear become our permanent condition and democracy an impossible dream? Such pessimism is profoundly mistaken, the authors argue. *Empire*, by interconnecting more areas of life, is actually creating the possibility for a new kind of democracy, allowing different groups to form a multitude, with the power to forge a democratic alternative to the present world order. Exhilarating in its optimism and depth of insight, *Multitude* consolidates Hardt and Negri's stature as two of the most important political philosophers at work in the world today.

This vividly detailed revisionist history opens a new vista on the great Ottoman Empire in the early nineteenth century, a key period often seen as the eve of Tanzimat westernizing reforms and the beginning of three distinct histories—ethnic nationalism in the Balkans, imperial modernization from Istanbul, and European colonialism in the Middle East. Christine Philliou brilliantly shines a new light on imperial crisis and change in the 1820s and 1830s by unearthing the life of one man. Stephanos Vogorides (1780–1859) was part of a network of Christian elites known as phanariots, institutionally excluded from power yet intimately bound up with Ottoman governance. By tracing the contours of the wide-ranging networks—crossing ethnic, religious, and institutional boundaries—in which the phanariots moved, Philliou provides a unique view of Ottoman power and, ultimately, of the Ottoman legacies in the Middle East and Balkans today. What emerges is a wide-angled analysis of governance as a lived experience at a moment in which there was no clear blueprint for power.

A Taste of Empire is a wacky, one-chef, culinary exploration of global food domination and the conquest of our appetites.

Book reveals the transfer of property from the population to a minority ruling elite comprised of Supreme Leader Khamenei's office & the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), using 14 powerhouses. The money ends up funding terrorism around the world. The book also reveals, to do business with Iran is to do business with Khamenei & the IRGC.

A thorough and authoritative study of Athenian finance both before and during the Peloponnesian War. Loren Samons tackles the complexities of Athenian revenue and state expenditure, drawing on a range of literary and historical source material which survives in varying degrees of detail. Rents, taxes, tribute, fines, slave sales, fees and so forth formed the basis for state income which were then used to run the Athenian 'machine', to pay various people for their services to the state and for beautifying their towns and cities.

This is the definitive and essential text on creating and sponsoring real estate investment groups. Written by a nationally renowned attorney whose practice is limited to the complex legal aspects of these kinds of securities; it is a concise, easily understood and practical guide on how to proceed. It contains all the basics you need to grasp in the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations governing this kind of investment. The text includes details of the SEC's rules governing the Jobs Act. Long term, this federal legislation is likely to be a game-changer in the syndication of commercial real estate. Regulation A+, finalized just before publication, may provide an important new capital-raising option for smaller companies. The portion of the Act that has been in force since September 2013, allowing for public advertising of fundraising, is also thoroughly examined. Author Gene Trowbridge, Esq., CCIM, works as a lawyer for and consultant to individuals and organizations engaged in group sponsorships and conducts seminars and workshops throughout the country. He has also been a distinguished and popular member of the CCIM faculty since 1979, helping to shepherd exceptional practitioners to a professional designation that has been called the Ph.D. of commercial real estate. He has been a group sponsor representing over 850 investors in sixteen real estate syndications.

Do neoliberals hate the state? In the first intellectual history of neoliberal globalism, Quinn Slobodian follows neoliberal thinkers from the Habsburg Empire's fall to the creation of the World Trade Organization to show that neoliberalism emerged less to shrink government and abolish regulations than to deploy them globally to protect capitalism.

NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER • A grand, devastating portrait of three generations of the Sackler family, famed for their philanthropy, whose fortune was built by Valium and whose reputation was destroyed by OxyContin. From the prize-winning and bestselling author of *Say Nothing*, as featured in the HBO documentary *Crime of the Century*. The Sackler name adorns the walls of many storied institutions—Harvard, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Oxford, the Louvre. They are one of the richest families in the world, known for their lavish donations to the arts and the sciences. The source of the family fortune was vague, however, until it emerged that the Sacklers were responsible for making and marketing a blockbuster painkiller that was the catalyst for the opioid crisis. *Empire of Pain* begins with the story of three doctor brothers, Raymond, Mortimer and the incalculably energetic Arthur, who weathered the poverty of the Great Depression and appalling anti-Semitism. Working at a barbaric mental institution, Arthur saw a better way and conducted groundbreaking research into drug treatments. He also had a genius for marketing, especially for pharmaceuticals, and bought a small ad firm. Arthur devised the marketing for Valium, and built the first great Sackler fortune. He purchased a drug manufacturer, Purdue Frederick, which would be run by Raymond and Mortimer. The brothers began collecting art, and wives, and grand residences in exotic locales. Their children and grandchildren grew up in luxury. Forty years later, Raymond's son Richard ran the family-owned Purdue. The template Arthur Sackler created to sell Valium—co-opting doctors, influencing the FDA, downplaying the drug's addictiveness—was employed to launch a far more potent product: OxyContin. The drug went on to generate some thirty-five billion dollars in revenue, and to launch a public health crisis in which hundreds of thousands would die. This is the saga of three generations of a single family and the mark they would leave on the world, a tale that moves from the bustling streets of early twentieth-century Brooklyn to the seaside palaces of Greenwich, Connecticut, and Cap d'Antibes to the corridors of power in Washington, D.C. *Empire of Pain* chronicles the multiple investigations of the Sacklers and their company, and the scorched-earth legal tactics that the family has used to evade accountability. The history of the Sackler dynasty is rife with drama—baroque personal lives; bitter disputes over estates; fistfights in boardrooms; glittering art collections; Machiavellian courtroom maneuvers; and the calculated use of money to burnish reputations and crush the less powerful. *Empire of Pain* is a masterpiece of narrative reporting and writing, exhaustively documented and ferociously compelling. It is a portrait of the excesses of America's second Gilded Age, a study of impunity among the super elite and a relentless investigation of the naked greed and indifference to human suffering that built one of the world's great fortunes.

Scholars have recently begun to pay renewed attention to the economics of empire, focusing in particular on the requirements of metropolitan Britain's economy and on the activities of imperial businesses. Within this broad field, financial questions, not least the subject of investment overseas or the 'export of capital', have long had a prominent place, and have been equally affected by the development of new

approaches. The consensus as to the volume and direction of Britain's overseas investments is being vigorously challenged. Technological advances have encouraged on a greatly enlarged scale the compilation and analysis of information about British investments and shareholdings abroad. The gradual easing of restrictions on business records has increased facilities for the study, especially, of imperial and colonial banking. Work on the financial policies of central governments is revealing much of interest to students of twentieth-century colonial rule and decolonization. This collection of essays brings together a selection of the latest research on these and other themes, and, for comparative purposes, includes examples of recent continental work.

How finance and politics have caused the global housing crisis The most comprehensive survey of the current crisis, *Urban Warfare* charts how the financial crisis and wider urban politics have left millions homeless and in financial desperation across the world. The financialization of housing has become a global catastrophe, leaving millions desperate and homeless. Since the 2008 financial collapse, models of home ownership, originating in the US and UK, are being exported around the world. Using examples from across the globe, Rolnik shows how our cities have been sold to construction companies and banks, while supported by government-facilitated schemes, such as "the right to buy" subsidies and micro-financing. Our homes and neighbourhoods have become the "last subprime frontiers of capitalism," organised by those who benefit the most.

The *Duly Diligent Stock Investor* is a practical, step-by-step guide to investing in stocks as if you were buying a business that you intend to own for a very long time. Long-term investing in fine companies is not the only way to make money but it happens to be the way very rich and famous investor Warren Buffett has made his billions. But how do you know if a company is worthy of your investment? How do you know if becoming a part-owner will help you achieve your financial goals? How do you know you're not putting your money into a company headed for failure? Isn't Wall Street your enemy, just waiting to pick your pocket of all your hard-earned savings? The *Duly Diligent Stock Investor* gives you the answers and takes the mystery out of investing in stocks. Some books you buy to read. A book like this you buy to use. Granted, there are hundreds of books on the market that address every aspect of investing imaginable, many claiming to be the sure way or the fast way to riches, but *The Duly Diligent Stock Investor* is different. It's an easy-to-read, easy-to-understand book that walks you through a process called due diligence, leading you to a solid understanding of a company before you invest in it. The author used this process during a 25-year career financing private companies and has successfully refined it over 15 years of personally investing in public companies. He wrote this book so that if you have a \$2.99 calculator and access to the internet you can do exactly what he does before he buys stock in a company. You may have been led to believe that only financial advisors and mutual fund managers have the special skills necessary to evaluate a business. You may have heard that it's just too hard for an individual to make his or her own investment decisions. Are you discouraged by those claims or do they challenge you to prove them wrong? Yes, there's some work to being a *Duly Diligent Stock Investor*, but it's not hard work. Certainly not as hard as completing a *New York Times* crossword puzzle. By following the steps outlined in this book, you will feel confident in your ability to invest in some of America's finest companies, even if you have never thought of yourself as sophisticated in financial matters.

"If you want to get beyond gestures and slogans and to the truth, this is the book to get you there" Russell Brand "Kehinde Andrews is a crucial voice walking in a proud tradition of Black radical criticism and action" Akala "An uncompromising account of the roots of racism today" Kimberlé Crenshaw "This clear-eyed analysis insists upon the revolutionary acts of freedom we will need to break out of these systems of violence" Ibram X. Kendi *The New Age of Empire* takes us back to the beginning of the European Empires, outlining the deliberate terror and suffering wrought during every stage of the expansion, and destroys the self-congratulatory myth that the West was founded on the three great revolutions of science, industry and politics. Instead, genocide, slavery and colonialism are the key foundation stones upon which the West was built, and we are still living under this system today: America is now at the helm, perpetuating global inequality through business, government, and institutions like the UN, the IMF, the World Bank and the WTO. The West is rich because the Rest is poor. Capitalism is racism. The West congratulates itself on raising poverty by increments in the developing world while ignoring the fact that it created these conditions in the first place, and continues to perpetuate them. The Enlightenment, which underlies every part of our foundational philosophy today, was and is profoundly racist. This colonial logic was and is used to justify the ransacking of Black and brown bodies and their land. The fashionable solutions offered by the white Left in recent years fall far short of even beginning to tackle the West's place at the helm of a racist global order. Offering no easy answers, *The New Age of Empire* is essential reading to understand our profoundly corrupt global system. A work of essential clarity, *The New Age of Empire* is a groundbreaking new blueprint for taking Black Radical thought into the twenty-first century and beyond.

From the end of the nineteenth century until the onset of the Great Depression, Wall Street embarked on a stunning, unprecedented, and often bloody period of international expansion in the Caribbean. A host of financial entities sought to control banking, trade, and finance in the region. In the process, they not only trampled local sovereignty, grappled with domestic banking regulation, and backed US imperialism—but they also set the model for bad behavior by banks, visible still today. In *Bankers and Empire*, Peter James Hudson tells the provocative story of this period, taking a close look at both the institutions and individuals who defined this era of American capitalism in the West Indies. Whether in Wall Street minstrel shows or in dubious practices across the Caribbean, the behavior of the banks was deeply conditioned by bankers' racial views and prejudices. Drawing deeply on a broad range of sources, Hudson reveals that the banks' experimental practices and projects in the Caribbean often led to embarrassing failure, and, eventually, literal erasure from the archives.

We admire them. We want to be them. But we don't understand how they do it. How do commercial real estate investors create portfolios worth billions? As an experienced investor, you know that patience and hard work are equally as important as trying to take your available cash and leverage it toward your next deal. But according to real estate advisor Brent Sprenkle, building a substantial portfolio requires a unique drive to weather any storm and keep pushing forward. In *Billion Dollar Portfolio*, Brent shows you how to purchase multiple investment properties and maximize your growth by leveraging your resources—even the ones you didn't know you had. You'll learn how to find the right properties, finance and reposition them, increase their value, and sell or refinance them for a profit. With the stories of his most successful investors, you'll see how you too can endure the ups and downs of the business to ultimately build your own billion-dollar portfolio.

"Laurent Dubois mines the history of French soccer for fascinating theories and riveting stories. His understanding of the relationship between the game and politics is subtle, leading readers deep into important discussions about race and national identity. For those of us who admired the poetics of *Les Bleus* this is essential reading."—Franklin Foer, author of *How Soccer Explains the World* "Laurent Dubois is historian, fan and graceful writer all in one. In soccer, he has found an innovative way to explore France and its empire. A serious book and an excellent read."—Simon Kuper, author of *Soccernomics* "Beautifully lyrical and authoritative. We meet a host of players, colonized and colonizer,

following them from their original playing fields—a vast lawn, a concrete lot—to their triumphs in national and international play." —Alice Kaplan, author of *The Interpreter* "This book is a brilliant, beautifully written, and unique history of French colonialism and post-coloniality through the lens of football/soccer. Dubois weaves an eminently readable and engaging narrative that tracks tensions around race and national identity through the biographies of key football players and officials who became iconic of the aspirations of peripheral subjects of the French empire. More than a simple history of French football, the book amounts to a description of France's imperial project and an incisive reflection on the race question in contemporary France. It will please both fans of the 'beautiful game' and those inclined to dismiss sports as but the opium of the masses."—Paul Silverstein, author of *Algeria in France: Transpolitics, Race and Nation*

"I'm not a businessman-I'm a business, man." --Jay-Z Some people think Jay-Z is just another rapper. Others see him as just another celebrity/mega-star. The reality is, no matter what you think Jay-Z is, he first and foremost a business. And as much as Martha Stewart or Oprah, he has turned himself into a lifestyle. You can wake up to the local radio station playing Jay-Z's latest hit, spritz yourself with his 9IX cologne, slip on a pair of his Rocawear jeans, lace up your Reebok S. Carter sneakers, catch a Nets basketball game in the afternoon, and grab dinner at The Spotted Pig before heading to an evening performance of the Jay-Z-backed Broadway musical *Fela!* and a nightcap at his 40/40 Club. He'll profit at every turn of your day. But despite Jay-Z's success, there are still many Americans whose impressions of him are foggy, outdated, or downright incorrect. Surprisingly to many, he honed his business philosophy not at a fancy B school, but on the streets of Brooklyn, New York and beyond as a drug dealer in the 1980s. *Empire State of Mind* tells the story behind Jay-Z's rise to the top as told by the people who lived it with him- from classmates at Brooklyn's George Westinghouse High School; to the childhood friend who got him into the drug trade; to the DJ who convinced him to stop dealing and focus on music. This book explains just how Jay-Z propelled himself from the bleak streets of Brooklyn to the heights of the business world. Zack O'Malley Greenburg draws on his one-on-one interviews with hip-hop luminaries such as DJ Clark Kent, Questlove of The Roots, Damon Dash, Fred "Fab 5 Freddy" Brathwaite, MC Serch; NBA stars Jamal Crawford and Sebastian Telfair; and recording industry executives including Craig Kallman, CEO of Atlantic Records. He also includes new information on Jay-Z's various business dealings, such as: *The feature movie about Jay-Z and his first basketball team that was filmed by Fab 5 Freddy in 2003 but never released. *The Jay-Z branded Jeep that was scrapped just before going into production. *The real story behind his association with Armand de Brignac champagne. *The financial ramifications of his marriage to Beyonce. Jay-Z's tale is compelling not just because of his celebrity, but because it embodies the rags-to-riches American dream and is a model for any entrepreneur looking to build a commercial empire.

Perkins, a former chief economist at a Boston strategic-consulting firm, confesses he was an "economic hit man" for 10 years, helping U.S. intelligence agencies and multinationals cajole and blackmail foreign leaders into serving U.S. foreign policy and awarding lucrative contracts to American business.

"Paul Hirsch's revelatory book opens the archives to show the complex relationships between comic books and American foreign relations in the mid-twentieth century. Scourged and repressed on the one hand, yet co-opted and deployed as propaganda on the other, violent, sexist comic books were both vital expressions of American freedom and upsetting depictions of the American id. Hirsch draws on previously classified material and newly available personal records to weave together the perspectives of government officials, comic-book publishers and creators, and people in other countries who found themselves on the receiving end of American culture"--

Do you want to learn how to build your own Rental Property Empire? If that is exactly what you want then you are in luck. This book will teach you exactly how you can get started with Rental Property investing, but even more than that will act as a hand to hold in your journey. I personally know just how hard entering the Real Estate game can be, especially when you have 0 Experience and very little knowledge. What you need is guidance, and that is exactly what this book provides, quite simply it shows you step by step on how to get started on your journey towards financial freedom. A Rental Property is something that has the potential to provide you monthly cash flow, just imagine every month Thousands of dollars coming into your bank account from your Rental Property business, doesn't that just sound incredible to you? Not only that, but by building your Rental Property empire you are investing in Real Estate, Which has been the world's best investment over the last 150 years! So, what exactly is stopping you? It's time you learn exactly how to get started with Rental Properties and make your dream life a reality! In "Rental Property Investing" you will discover.... *Why You must invest in Rental Properties *The truth about Rental Property Investing and proven ways to overcome obstacles *The Secret that increases your chance of success in Real Estate! *The Sensational type of Rental Properties that provides the best of both worlds! (Profit and Ease!) *Proven strategies to pick the right properties from Day 1! *5 Must know tips for financing your Rental Properties! *Exactly how YOU can purchase your first rental property! *A sensational must know tip that will save you thousands of \$ on your Rental Property investments *Proven ways to find the right Tenants first time and save yourself hours of time and thousands of dollars! *How to invest in your first property WITH NO DOWN PAYMENT! *The 1 thing you must do in order to build your Real Estate Empire! *The simple strategy to make your Rental Property Empire FULLY PASSIVE! And much, much more! This book will guide you on your way to your first rental property and beyond! It dispels any objections you may have about getting started, and shows exactly how you can get started with No Experience and No Money! Simply, by procrastinating you're pushing your financial freedom further into the future, its over to you to take action! So, if you're ready to learn how to build your Rental Property Empire and transform your life click, "Buy now" in the top right corner! ?? Buy the Paperback version of this Book and get the E-Book for FREE ?? A rich and ambitious history reframing the Industrial Revolution, the expansion of the British empire, and the emergence of industrial capitalism as inextricable from the gun trade. From the seventeenth to the nineteenth century, the industrial revolution transformed Britain from an agricultural and artisanal economy to one dominated by industry, ushering in

unprecedented growth in technology and trade and putting the country at the center of the global economy. But the commonly accepted story of the industrial revolution, anchored in images of cotton factories and steam engines invented by unfettered geniuses, overlooks the true root of economic and industrial expansion: the lucrative military contracting that enabled the country's near-constant state of war in the eighteenth century. Demand for the guns and other war materiel that allowed British armies, navies, mercenaries, traders, settlers, and adventurers to conquer an immense share of the globe in turn drove the rise of innumerable associated industries, from metalworking to banking. Bookended by the Glorious Revolution of 1688 and the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815, this book traces the social and material life of British guns over a century of near-constant war and violence at home and abroad. Priya Satia develops this story through the life of prominent British gun-maker and Quaker Samuel Galton Jr., who was asked to answer for the moral defensibility of producing guns as new uses like anonymous mass violence rose. Reconciling the pacifist tenet of his faith with his perception of the economic realities of the time, Galton argued that war was driving the industrial economy, making everyone inescapably complicit in it. Through his story, Satia illuminates Britain's emergence as a global superpower, the roots of the government's role in economic development, and the origins of our own era's debates over gun control and military contracting.

This book is intended to be a roadmap for new real estate investors who are looking to scale their business by injecting more private capital (other people's money) into their real estate future. These are real estate investors who want to become a rainmaker in their business.

Edmund Burke, long considered modern conservatism's founding father, is also widely believed to be an opponent of empire. However, Daniel O'Neill turns that latter belief on its head. This fresh and innovative book shows that Burke was a passionate supporter and staunch defender of the British Empire in the eighteenth century, whether in the New World, India, or Ireland. Moreover—and against a growing body of contemporary scholarship that rejects the very notion that Burke was an exemplar of conservatism—O'Neill demonstrates that Burke's defense of empire was in fact ideologically consistent with his conservative opposition to the French Revolution. Burke's logic of empire relied on two opposing but complementary theoretical strategies: Ornamentalism, which stressed cultural similarities between "civilized" societies, as he understood them, and Orientalism, which stressed the putative cultural differences distinguishing "savage" societies from their "civilized" counterparts. This incisive book also shows that Burke's argument had lasting implications, as his development of these two justifications for empire prefigured later intellectual defenses of British imperialism.

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Documents the burgeoning Chinese presence in Africa to examine China's potentially world-changing role in reshaping Africa's culture and economy.

An award-winning scholar and teacher explores how Shakespeare's greatest characters were built on a learned sense of empathyWhile exploring Shakespeare's plays with her students, Paula Marantz Cohen discovered that teaching and discussing his plays unlocked a surprising sense of compassion in the classroom. In this short and illuminating book, she shows how Shakespeare's genius lay with his ability to arouse empathy, even when his characters exist in alien contexts and behave in reprehensible ways.Cohen takes her readers through a selection of Shakespeare's most famous plays, including Hamlet, Othello, King Lear, and The Merchant of Venice, to demonstrate the ways in which Shakespeare thought deeply and clearly about how we treat "the other." Cohen argues that only through close reading of Shakespeare can we fully appreciate his empathetic response to race, class, gender, and age. Wise, eloquent, and thoughtful, this book is a forceful argument for literature's power to champion what is best in us.

Throughout time, from ancient Rome to modern Britain, the great empires built and maintained their domination through force of arms and political power. But not the United States. America has dominated the world in a new, peaceful, and pervasive way -- through the continued creation of staggering wealth. In this authoritative, engrossing history, John Steele Gordon captures as never before the true source of our nation's global influence: wealth and the capacity to create more of it. This P.S. edition features an extra 16 pages of insights into the book, including author interviews, recommended reading, and more.

From the award-winning and bestselling author of Ghost Wars and Directorate S, an "extraordinary" and "monumental" exposé of Big Oil (The Washington Post) Includes a profile of current Secretary of State and former chairman and chief executive of ExxonMobil, Rex Tillerson In this, the first hard-hitting examination of ExxonMobil—the largest and most powerful private corporation in the United States—Steve Coll reveals the true extent of its power. Private Empire pulls back the curtain, tracking the corporation's recent history and its central role on the world stage, beginning with the Exxon Valdez accident in 1989 and leading to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. The action spans the globe—featuring kidnapping cases, civil wars, and high-stakes struggles at the Kremlin—and the narrative is driven by larger-than-life characters, including corporate legend Lee "Iron Ass" Raymond, ExxonMobil's chief executive until 2005, and current chairman and chief executive Rex Tillerson, President-elect Donald Trump's nomination for Secretary of State. A penetrating, news-breaking study, Private Empire is a defining portrait of Big Oil in American politics and foreign policy.

From the host of NPR's Planet Money, the deeply-investigated story of how one visionary, dogged investor changed American finance forever. Before Bill Gross was known among investors as the Bond King, he was a gambler. In 1966, a fresh college grad, he went to Vegas armed with his net worth (\$200) and a knack for counting cards. \$10,000 and countless casino bans later, he was hooked: so he enrolled in business school. The Bond King is the story of how that whiz kid made American finance his casino. Over the course of decades, Bill Gross turned the sleepy bond market into a destabilized game of high risk, high reward; founded Pimco, one of today's most powerful, secretive, and cutthroat investment firms; helped to reshape our financial system in the aftermath of the Great Recession—to his own advantage; and gained legions of admirers, and enemies,

along the way. Like every American antihero, his ambition would also be his undoing. To understand the winners and losers of today's money game, journalist Mary Childs argues, is to understand the bond market—and to understand the bond market is to understand the Bond King.

Empire of the Fund is an exposé and examination of the way we save now. With the rise of the 401(k) and demise of the pension, the United States has embarked upon the richest and riskiest experiment in our financial history. Over the next twenty years, nearly eighty million baby boomers will retire at a pace of ten thousand per day. The hypothesis of our experiment is that millions of ordinary, untrained, busy citizens can successfully manage trillions of dollars in a financial system dominated by wealthy, skilled, and powerful financial institutions, many of which have a record of treating individual investors shabbily. The key tools in our 401(k) plans and individual retirement accounts are mutual funds, which have ballooned to hold more than \$16 trillion. But these funds pose dangers to our savings in three ways: through structural vulnerabilities that give money managers the incentive to focus on marketing over investing; through the very human challenges of managing our savings decades into the future; and through the peril of financial professionals behaving badly, to our economic harm. Though Americans often hear of the importance of low fees in fund investing, few are aware of the astonishing panoply of ways that some financial advisers have illegally diverted money out of mutual funds: from abetting hedge funds to trade after the legal deadline, to inflating the assets on which they are paid a percentage, to paying kickbacks for brokers to sell their funds. This book will forewarn and forearm Americans by illustrating the structural flaws, perverse incentives, and litany of scandals that have bedeviled mutual funds. And by setting forth a pair of policy solutions to improve Americans' financial literacy and bargaining power, it will also attempt to safeguard our individual financial destinies and our nation's fiscal strength.

Some people spend more time planning their next vacation than they spend planning a comfortable financial life. You can do better with **BOTTOM LINE FINANCIAL PLANNING!** Learn key concepts from experienced professionals--from efficient investing to tax and debt management, from retirement -wish-list- planning to guarding your loved ones from financial hazards, from estate planning essentials to building the legacy you leave for your heirs. On your terms, and your timeline. Know what you can DIY...and how to assemble your expert team to handle the rest. Scan each chapter's introductory bullet list of -bottom line- planning necessities to see what you're already doing right--and what you may be missing. Concise, clear explanations follow, with helpful tips and stories from seasoned financial professionals focused on helping clients manage risk and fund their good life.

A highly-illustrated history and survey of centers of book production and use within the Holy Roman Empire over the course of seven hundred years.

Presents an expose of international corruption activities as reported by some of the world's top assassins, journalists, and activists, in a cautionary report that makes recommendations for safeguarding the world.

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