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Praise for *The Financial Numbers Game* "So much for the notion 'those who can, do-those who can't, teach.' Mulford and Comiskey function successfully both as college professors and real-world financial mercenaries. These guys know their balance sheets. *The Financial Numbers Game* should serve as a survival manual for both serious individual investors and industry pros who study and act upon the interpretation of financial statements. This unique blend of battle-earned scholarship and quality writing is a must-read/must-have reference for serious financial statement analysis." --Bob Acker, Editor/Publisher, *The Acker Letter* "Wall Street's unforgiving attention to quarterly earnings presents ever increasing pressure on CFOs to manage earnings and expectations. *The Financial Numbers Game* provides a clear explanation of the ways in which management can stretch, bend, and break accounting rules to reach the desired bottom line. This arms the serious investor or financial analyst with the healthy skepticism required to drive beyond reported results to a clear understanding of a firm's true performance." --Mark Hurley, Managing Director, Training and Development, Global Corporate and Investment Banking, Bank of America "After reading *The Financial Numbers Game*, I feel as though I've taken a master's level course in financial statement analysis. Mulford and Comiskey's latest book should be required reading for anyone who is serious about fundamentally analyzing stocks." --Harry Domash, San Francisco Chronicle investing columnist and investment newsletter publisher

"What would happen to dogs if humans simply disappeared? Would dogs be able to survive on their own without the help of humans? Many people assume that dogs are so dependent on people that they could not and would not survive in a world without us. But is this true? And why does it matter to contemplate such a scenario? In this book, the authors argue that dogs would, as a species, survive without us and that imagining a world for dogs without humans allows us to explore a number of fascinating questions about the past, present, and future of dogs. The book opens by presenting the current state of dogs, including the surprising fact that of the c. 500 million dogs in the world only 20% are pets while the rest are street dogs, feral dogs, or strays, suggesting diversity in the ways which dogs exploit human habitats and by extension how they would fare without us. From there, the authors explore what is known about dog origins and their co-evolution with humans. The heart of the book draws on evolutionary biology to imagine what dogs might become, biologically, absent humans. For example, if dogs were no longer subjected to artificial selection pressures what would their evolutionary path look like? Would dogs become like their wolf ancestors? Would dogs maintain the evolved socio-cognitive skills that facilitate communication with humans? How would they interact with other animals? The authors conclude the book by asking whether dogs would be better or worse without humans, as imagining a world in which dogs are "wild" raises questions about pet keeping practices and about the costs of captivity for dogs. Ultimately, as the authors say, in thinking about who dogs might become without us we gain fresh insight into who dogs are on their own terms are and how our relationships with them can best benefit us both"--

Most people return to business school for an M.B.A. degree to increase their marketability in a highly competitive business environment. How well they achieve their goal depends in large measure on how the business world views the schools they attended. For the first time ever, *The Wall Street Journal*, the world's most respected business publication, along with Harris Interactive, the organization that created the well-known Harris poll, tells you what corporate recruiters from a wide variety of fields think about the M.B.A. programs they know so intimately. Nearly two years in the making, this is the only major survey that focuses exclusively on the opinions of recruiters -- the buyers of M.B.A. talent. Twenty-seven variables for each school were evaluated, variables that drive a recruiter to hire a particular graduate, such as their company's long-term success with a school's M.B.A. graduates and the students' communication and interpersonal skills, analytical and problem-solving abilities and leadership potential. This groundbreaking volume used the evaluations of more than sixteen hundred recruiters, appraising twenty-seven variables for more than two hundred schools in order to arrive at statistically valid ratings for fifty U.S. and international M.B.A. programs, as well as recruiters' observations on thirty-five more business schools and brief profiles on an additional seventy schools. In addition to the overall rankings, *The Wall Street Journal Guide to Business Schools* ranks the best public and private schools, the top schools by region, the top large and small schools, the top schools on top attributes, schools that are "hidden gems" and business schools by industry. Also evaluated are schools' academic excellence, the collegiality (and competitiveness) of each school and the most important school attributes. The corporate recruiters even list their personal favorites...and go on the record with extremely candid observations about both the business schools and their graduates. The first guide to business schools published exclusively as an e-book, *The Wall Street Journal Guide to Business Schools* will prove to be an invaluable resource for prospective students, school faculty and administrators -- and recruiters themselves.

An immersive account of the New Deal project that created state-by-state guidebooks to America, in the midst of the Great Depression—and employed some of the biggest names in American letters
Can a boy be “trapped” in a girl’s body? Can modern medicine “reassign” sex? Is our sex “assigned” to us in the first place? What is the most loving response to a person experiencing a conflicted sense of gender? What should our law say on matters of “gender identity”? When Harry Became Sally provides thoughtful answers to questions arising from our transgender moment. Drawing on the best insights from biology, psychology, and philosophy, Ryan Anderson offers a nuanced view of human embodiment, a balanced approach to public policy on gender identity, and a sober assessment of the human costs of getting human nature wrong. This book exposes the contrast between the media’s sunny depiction of gender fluidity and the often sad reality of living with gender dysphoria. It gives a voice to people who tried to “transition” by changing their bodies, and found themselves no better off. Especially troubling are the stories told by adults who were encouraged to transition as children but later regretted subjecting themselves to those drastic procedures. As Anderson shows, the most beneficial therapies focus on helping people accept themselves and live in harmony with their bodies. This understanding is vital for parents with children in schools where counselors may steer a child toward transitioning behind their backs. Everyone has something at stake in the controversies over transgender ideology, when misguided “antidiscrimination” policies allow biological men into women’s restrooms and penalize Americans who hold to the truth about human nature. Anderson offers a strategy for pushing back with principle and prudence, compassion and grace.

A fascinating look at the difficulties involved in merging health-care institutions

A retrospective on the Federal Reserve, these essays by leading historians and economists investigate how financial infrastructure shapes economic outcomes.

In the waning years of the Cold War, the United States and China began to cautiously engage in cultural, educational, and policy exchanges, which in turn strengthened new security and economic ties. These links have helped shape the most important bilateral relationship in the late-twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. This book explores the dynamics of cultural exchange through an in-depth historical investigation of three organizations at the forefront of U.S.-China non-governmental relations: the Hopkins-Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies, the National Committee on United States-China Relations, and The 1990 Institute. Norton Wheeler reveals the impact of American non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on education, environment, fiscal policy, and civil society in contemporary China. In turn, this book illuminates the important role that NGOs play in complementing formal diplomacy and presents a model of society-to-society relations that moves beyond old debates over cultural imperialism. Finally, the book highlights the increasingly significant role of Chinese Americans as bridges

between the two societies. Based on extensive archival research and interviews with leading American and Chinese figures, this book will be of interest to students and scholars of Chinese politics and history, international relations and transnational NGOs.

In *Strategic Management: Theory and Practice, Fourth Edition*, John A. Parnell leads readers through detailed, accessible coverage of the strategic management field. Concise and easy to understand chapters address concepts sequentially, from external and internal analysis to strategy formulation, strategy execution, and strategic control. Rather than relegating case analysis to a chapter at the end of the book, Parnell aligns each chapter's key concepts with 25 case analysis steps. Current examples and high interest real-time cases, largely drawn from *The Wall Street Journal* and *Financial Times*, illustrate the key role of strategic management in the United States and around the world.

Applied Sport Management Skills, Third Edition With Web Study Guide, takes a unique and effective approach to teaching students how to become strong leaders and managers in the world of sport. Organized around the central management functions—planning, organizing, leading, and controlling—this third edition addresses the Common Professional Component topics outlined by the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA). The text explains important concepts but then takes the student beyond theories, to applying those management principles and developing management skills. This practical how-to approach, accompanied by unmatched learning tools, helps students put concepts into action as sport managers—developing the skills of creative problem solving and strategic planning, and developing the ability to lead, organize, and delegate. *Applied Sport Management Skills, Third Edition*, has been heavily revised and touts a full-color format with 1,300 new references. Content updates keep pace with industry trends, including deeper discussions of legal liability, risk management and equipment management, servant leadership, sport culture, and social media. Particularly valuable are the special elements and practical applications that offer students real opportunities to develop their skills: Features such as *Reviewing Their Game Plan* and *Sport Management Professionals @ Work* (new to this edition) provide a cohesive thread to keep students focused on how sport managers use the concepts on the job. *Applying the Concept* and *Time-Out* sidebars offer opportunities for critical thinking by having the student think about how specific concepts relate to a sport situation or to the student's actual experiences in sports, including part-time jobs, full-time jobs, internships, and volunteer work. *Self-Assessment* exercises offer insight into students' strengths and weaknesses and how to address shortcomings. An enhanced web study guide is integrated with the text to facilitate a more interactive setting with which to complete many of the learning activities. Several of the exercises require students to visit a sport organization and answer questions to gain a better understanding of sport management. *Skill-Builder Exercises* present a variety of scenarios and provide step-by-step guidance on handling day-to-day situations such as setting priorities, conducting job interviews, handling conflict, and coaching employees to better performance. *Sports and Social Media Exercises* offer Internet-based activities that expose students to the role of social media in managing a sport organization. Students are required to use popular social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn and visit sport websites. *Game Plan for Starting a Sport Business* cases put students in the driver's seat and ask them to perform managerial activities such as developing an organization structure and formulating ideas on how to lead their employees. The web study guide allows students to complete most of the learning activities online or download them and then submit them to the instructor. Instructors will also have access to a suite of ancillaries: an instructor guide, test package, and presentation package. *Applied Sport Management Skills, Third Edition*, is a critical resource that provides students with a thorough understanding of the management principles used in sport organizations while also helping students developing their practical skills. Students will appreciate the opportunity to begin building a solid foundation for a fulfilling career in sport management.

Packed with cases, exercises, simulations, and practice tests, the market-leading *BUSINESS ETHICS: ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND CASES, 11th Edition*, thoroughly covers the complex environment in which managers confront ethical decision-making. Using a proven managerial framework, this accessible, applied text addresses the overall concepts, processes, and best practices associated with successful business ethics programs --?helping you see how ethics can be integrated into key strategic business decisions. Thoroughly revised, this edition incorporates coverage of new legislation affecting business ethics, the most up-to-date examples, and the best practices of high-profile organizations. It also includes 20 new or updated original case studies. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

A tale about big business, an imploding dynasty, a mogul at war, and a deal that epitomized an era of change While working at the *Wall Street Journal*, Sarah Ellison won praise for covering the \$5 billion acquisition that transformed the pride of Dow Jones and the estimable but eccentric Bancroft family into the jewel of Rupert Murdoch's kingdom. Here she expands that story, using her knowledge of the paper and its people to go deep inside the landmark transaction, as no outsider has or can, and also far beyond it, into the rocky transition when Murdoch's crew tussled with old *Journal* hands and geared up for battle with the *New York Times*. With access to all the players, Ellison moves from newsrooms to estates and shows Murdoch, finally, for who he is—maneuvering, firing, undoing all that the Bancrofts had protected. Her superlative account transforms news of the deal into a timeless chronicle of American life and power.

This book traces the evolution of Japanese business networks from the prewar period to the end of the century.

More than two millennia ago the famous Chinese general Sun Tzu wrote the classic work on military strategy, *The Art of War*. Now, in a new edition of *Sun Tzu and the Art of Business*, Mark McNeilly shows how Sun Tzu's strategic principles can be applied to twenty-first century business. Here are two books in one: McNeilly's synthesis of Sun Tzu's ideas into six strategic principles for the business executive, plus the text of Samuel B. Griffith's popular translation of *The Art of War*. McNeilly explains how to gain market share without inciting competitive retaliation, how to attack competitors' weak points, and how to maximize market information for competitive advantage. He demonstrates the value of speed and preparation in throwing the competition off-balance, employing strategy to beat the competition, and the need for character in leaders. Lastly, McNeilly presents a practical method to put Sun Tzu's principles into practice. By using modern examples throughout the book from Google, Zappos, Amazon, Dyson, Aflac, Singapore Airlines, Best Buy, the NFL, Tata Motors, Starbucks, and many others, he illustrates how, by following the wisdom of history's most respected strategist, executives can avoid the pitfalls of management fads and achieve lasting competitive advantage.

A blistering courtroom drama featuring *The Lincoln Lawyer's* Mickey Haller from the master of the genre. In tough times, crime is one of the few things that still pays, but even criminals are having to make cutbacks. So for defence lawyer Mickey Haller, most of his new business is not about keeping people out of jail; it's about keeping a roof over their heads as the foreclosure business is booming. Lisa Trammel has been a client of Mickey's for eight months, and so far he's stopped the bank from taking her house. But now the bank's CEO has been found beaten to death - and Lisa is about to be indicted for

murder . . .

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War at the Wall Street Journal Inside the Struggle To Control an American Business Empire Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

In 2007, a stranger-than-fiction multibillion-dollar bidding war for the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) erupted between the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) and Atlanta's Intercontinental Exchange (ICE). Zero-Sum Game: The Rise of the World's Largest Derivatives Exchange takes readers behind the scenes of this battle to tell the gripping—and often comical—story of how the historic merger between CME and CBOT almost didn't happen. Author Erika S. Olson, a managing director at CBOT during the bidding war, delivers a blow-by-blow account of the fight for the world's oldest futures exchange, taking you inside CBOT's landmark Chicago Loop headquarters, onto the high-octane trading floor, and into executives' offices. Through the lens of the CME/CBOT deal, Zero-Sum Game: Introduces the colorful and outspoken personalities who call the shots in this close-knit and frequently misunderstood industry Details the reasons behind the recent, spectacular growth of a market that's existed for over 160 years Explains how derivatives affect the lives of average consumers worldwide by influencing everything from interest rates on credit cards to the cost of a cheeseburger to the price of a gallon of gas Reveals the inner workings of futures exchanges, and differentiates the various types of derivatives that are routinely lumped together and vilified by the media Erika S. Olson is a former managing director of the Chicago Board of Trade and spent over ten years working in and consulting to the financial services industry. She received her MBA from Harvard Business School and her BBA from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business.

Chronicles the dealings of four men who wreaked havoc with the American securities system--Michael Milken, Ivan Boesky, Martin Siegel, and Dennis Levine

Most small businesses cite lack of capital is a major constraint on growth. "Raising Capital" focuses on non-bank sources of capital since banks only lend to companies that fit a very narrow profile. The topics covered include: (i) capital sources entrepreneurs can tap when they are too small or unusual for banks, (ii) angel investors and venture capital, (iii) where to look for angels, venture capitalists and other capital sources, (iv) how to pitch your company and close the deal, (v) deal terms and issues that arise when negotiating a deal, (vi) going public through an IPO or little known small public offerings, (viii) asset based lenders, and (ix) other financing vehicles including: bond, commercial paper, PIPEs and securitization. The scope of the book ranges from capital for entrepreneurs who have little more than an idea, to capital for top rated companies.

Disfigured by the blow of an abusive husband, the widow Mary McAllister has spent almost sixty years secluded in a white marble mansion overlooking the town of Mill River, Vermont. Her links to the outside world are few: the mail, an elderly priest, and a bedroom window with a view of the town below. Most longtime residents of Mill River consider the marble house and its occupant peculiar, and few of them have ever seen Mary. But three newcomers - a police officer and his daughter and a new schoolteacher - are curious about the reclusive old woman. Only the town priest truly knows the Mill River recluse, and the secret she keeps . . . a secret that, once revealed, will change the town, and the lives of its residents, forever. In the tradition of Kim Edwards (The Memory Keeper's Daughter, The Lake of Dreams), The Mill River Recluse is a story of triumph over tragedy, one that reminds us of the value of friendship and the mysterious ways that love can come from the most unexpected places.

The inside story of how tech became personal, and pernicious, from the BBC's technology correspondent

Traces the history of money and discusses stocks, bonds, mutual funds, futures, and options.

Schiller explores how corporate domination is changing the political and social underpinnings of the Internet. He argues that the market driven policies which govern the Internet are exacerbating existing social inequalities.

Presents more than three hundred alphabetically-arranged entries covering all aspects of money and finance.

Named a Pick of the Month by Apple Books and a Best Book of Fall by Powell's and The Story Exchange "A gorgeous and revelatory blend of memoir, travelogue, and long-forgotten history."—Abbott Kahler Annabel Abbs's *Windswept: Walking the Paths of Trailblazing Women* is a beautifully written meditation on connecting with the outdoors through the simple act of walking. In captivating and elegant prose, Abbs follows in the footsteps of women who boldly reclaimed wild landscapes for themselves, including Georgia O'Keeffe in the empty plains of Texas and New Mexico, Nan Shepherd in the mountains of Scotland, Gwen John following the French River Garonne, Daphne du Maurier along the River Rhône, and Simone de Beauvoir—who walked as much as twenty-five miles a day in a dress and espadrilles—through the mountains and forests of France. Part historical inquiry and part memoir, the stories of these writers and artists are laced together by moments in Abb's own life, beginning with her poet father who raised her in the Welsh countryside as an "experiment," according to the principles of Rousseau. Abbs explores a forgotten legacy of moving on foot and discovers how it has helped women throughout history to find their voices, to reimagine their lives, and to break free from convention. As Abbs traces the paths of exceptional women, she realizes that she, too, is walking away from her past and into a radically different future. *Windswept* crosses continents and centuries in a provocative and poignant account of the power of walking in nature.

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