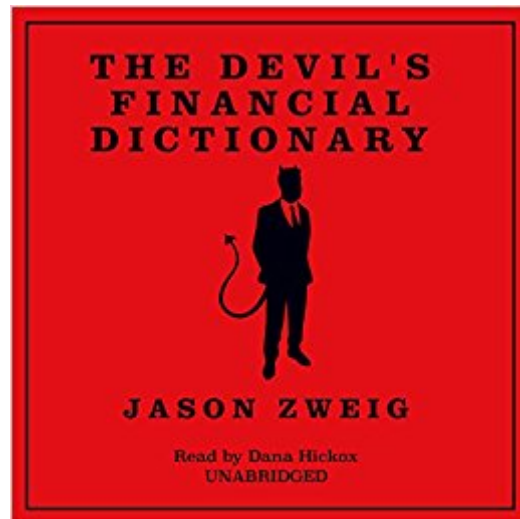




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Jason Zweig is the investing and personal finance columnist for the Wall Street Journal. Previously, he was a senior writer for Money magazine and a guest columnist for Time magazine and CNN.com. A frequent commentator on television and radio, Zweig is also a popular public speaker.

The book is excellent and the humor helps explain the concepts and the definitions. If you are giving this book as a gift -- there is a sticker on the back with what must be a new ISBN number. DON'T REMOVE IT as doing so will rip the surface of the cover. This is one of those books that you can pick up and put down at any time since it is a humorous dictionary. That means only one thing: there is a certain room of the house where this is especially appropriate :) This is also a good gift for college seniors who might be majoring in finance or accounting.

A fun book, that provides serious information about investing and stock markets in a easy-reading, light way. If you are an investor, this is as pleasant a way to learn more about the system -- and it's beneficial for both the do-it-yourself investor and for those using services of various "investment counselors."

Jason Zweig regularly gives his audience a good laugh while distilling the metamorphosing wisdom that anyone working in or interacting with the financial industry better gains sooner rather than later for his/her financial health. This education is a life-long process because of the evolving cynicism that permeates the industry. The financial industry thrives on hope, no matter how un-founded and transient. In summary, the book under review is a nice gift idea, no matter the timing. Cynicism on Wall Street, a convenient shortcut for the financial industry, does not know the difference among the seasons.

It is a dictionary, so if you are looking for an exciting read on the financial markets, this book is not it. Any conceivable word that a broker might use is in this book. You can tell by reading it Jason

doesn't have a high regard for most brokers and believes that most individuals should do their own investing using low fee funds such as Vanguard, etc. Even though it is a dictionary I found it entertaining and informative. If you don't do your own investing, after you read this book you just might start putting a portion of your money to self invest.

An exceptionally clever take that spells out the arcane terms used by the financial industry to confuse the rest of us but benefits the industry insiders themselves to get away with all the things that we hate about them!

It is a dictionary. It is excellent. Not a book that needs to be read from cover to cover. It can be opened randomly, a few choice nuggets gleaned and put down for another time.

Phenomenally funny, totally original and painfully accurate when it comes to telling the truth about the financial services industry. One of the best books written about the folly of Wall Street in decades.

Hilarious! The only reason I didn't give it a 5 is because the copies I got were incomplete. They end at letter "S"...It seems to be a broad issue, since I saw a similar review talking about it.

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