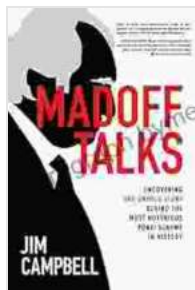


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In 'The Ponzi Scheme That Shocked the World,' author James Stewart tells the fascinating and unbelievable true story of Bernie Madoff's \$65 billion Ponzi scheme, the largest financial fraud in U.S. history.

Madoff's scheme was a pyramid scheme, in which investors were paid returns from the money invested by new investors, rather than from any actual profits. Madoff's scheme ran for over 20 years, and he was able to attract investors from all over the world, including celebrities, hedge funds, and banks.

Stewart's book tells the story of how Madoff was able to pull off his scheme, and how he was eventually caught. The book also explores the impact of Madoff's scheme on his victims, and on the financial world as a whole.

How Madoff Pulled Off His Scheme

Madoff was able to pull off his scheme for over 20 years by using a variety of techniques, including:

- **Lying to investors.** Madoff lied to investors about his investment strategy, and told them that he was making consistent returns of 10-12% per year. In reality, Madoff was not making any profits, and was simply paying investors back with the money invested by new investors.
- **Using complex financial products.** Madoff used complex financial products, such as options and derivatives, to make his scheme more difficult to detect. These products made it difficult for investors to understand how Madoff was generating such consistent returns.
- **Intimidating investors.** Madoff intimidated investors who questioned his investment strategy. He would often tell investors that they were lucky to have him managing their money, and that they should not ask questions.

How Madoff Was Caught

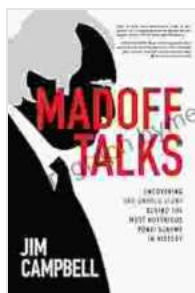
Madoff was eventually caught when the financial crisis of 2008 caused many investors to withdraw their money from his scheme. Madoff was unable to meet these withdrawals, and his scheme collapsed.

In 2009, Madoff was arrested and charged with fraud. He pleaded guilty to 11 federal felonies, and was sentenced to 150 years in prison.

The Impact of Madoff's Scheme

Madoff's scheme had a devastating impact on his victims. Many investors lost their life savings, and some even committed suicide. The scheme also damaged the reputation of the financial industry, and made investors more skeptical of investing.

James Stewart's book, 'The Ponzi Scheme That Shocked the World,' is a fascinating and important book that sheds light on one of the most notorious financial frauds in history. The book is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the financial world, or who wants to understand how Bernie Madoff was able to pull off his scheme.



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