
The incredible true story of the card-counting mathematics professor who taught the world how to beat the dealer and, as the first of the great quantitative investors, ushered in a revolution on Wall Street.


The definitive treatment of “Fortune’s Formula,” also described as “The Kelly Criterion,” used by gamblers and investors alike to determine the optimal size of a series of bets.


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Thorp says: The author decided to see if experts could better predict the future than the average person could, but the experts were people with hammers looking for nails. It makes you very circumspect about reacting to the flurry of claims from so-called experts, which is very important for financial markets.


Thorp says, “You might not think it is a book about finance. It is a book about world history, which many possible paths about how our future might unfold. This has huge implications for financial markets. The central idea is that nations that are politically and economically inclusive grow and thrive, while those that are exclusive stagnate and decline.”


Thorp says, “The central idea that nearly all the financial news and much of the other news we receive doesn’t matter. It is just “noise.”


Thorp says, “It has a collection of ideas for synthesizing areas of the world around you. For example: show me the incentives and I’ll show you the outcome; incentives are a powerful driver of human behavior. It’s full of wise principles and mental shortcuts. It’s handy to have a stockpile of those to help you process more quickly.”


Thorp says, “It’s an entertaining account of historical speculative bubbles and their disastrous results. The perspective is valuable for us today.”

*** All quotes are from an interview conducted by Annette Buckley in Newport Beach, California on July 29, 2019.