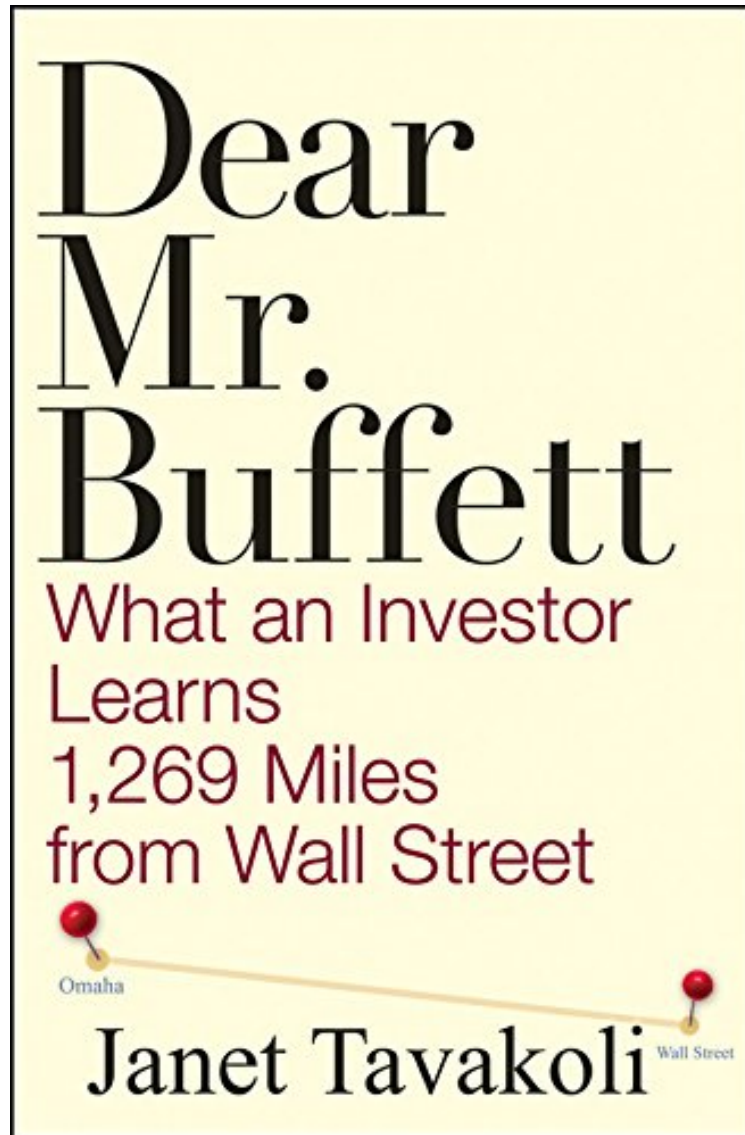


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyed it immensely. By John C Woods Warren Buffett has identified permanent values in the most important areas of life. By scouring the world he has identified "deep value" in more than simply financial markets. But he has also discovered values in terms of his teachers, colleagues, friends and

family as well as his outlook on life in general. This book is the story of Janet Tavakoli who dedicated many years of her professional life to acquire a deep understanding of the credit derivatives market down to the smallest details. So then it is no wonder that since Warren Buffett understood in his gut that these instruments could be extremely risky and could be the cause of the next major financial crisis, that he wanted to engage with Janet because she had a front row seat to the action and understood what was about to take place. This book is the story of those exchanges and it is very enlightening. I am always delighted to hear Ms. Tavakoli's thoughts when they are available to the public.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Recipe for stability and prosperityBy Tony SnapeGreat exposeacute; of what caused the financial crisis. It is clear that little has been done to correct the causes. The role of the Fed in appeasing the fraudsters culpable of plunging the taxpayer, ordinary consumer, guy on the sidewalk into debt, difficulties and depression is shocking. Janet Tavakoli is a courageous writer and her opinions matter. I follow her on the Huffington Post - especially her relentless pursuit of truth concerning the Facebook IPO - and align myself with hers and Buffett's way of thinking. The only reason I didn't give her five stars is that my electronic version of this book contained quite a lot of grammatical errors and it finishes a bit too suddenly. It needs updating at the next edition and requires a better conclusion (she has the ammunition and a perceptive brain to be more authoritative in making coherent recommendations in the sum-up). As for Warren Buffett, thank God his like still exist..3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Tart, witty, and brilliant: by one who saw disaster comingBy M. D. HEALYThe great market crash should not have been such a big surprise: some people saw it coming, including Janet Tavakoli. It is easy to be wise after the event, but she had published many warnings about the exiguous clothing of the financial emperors long beforehand. This book is only partly about Warren Buffett; mostly it's about how his homespun wisdom combined with her technical expertise to improve her understanding of market fundamentals.I myself can hardly claim to be any kind of expert in high finance, my own training is in scientific research; I began to worry about the housing market in late 2006 when I noticed half the books in the personal-finance section at local bookstores were "make money fast by flipping houses" and actually exclaimed out loud, "it's the Dutch Tulip Bubble all over again!"But although I saw a crash coming, I had no idea just how much worse it would become due to games being played on Wall Street. After reading with JT and some others have to say about the meltdown I have gone from being saddened to being enraged. And relieved that my wife and I went into this crisis with little debt.Anyway, Tavakoli's book is highly recommended.For a sample of her warnings before the collapse, see:[...]

Janet Tavakoli takes you into the world of Warren Buffett by way of the recent mortgage meltdown. In correspondence and discussion with him over 2 years, they both saw the writing on the wall, made clear by the implosion of Bear Stearns. Tavakoli, in clear and engaging prose, explains how the credit mess happened beginning with the mortgage lending Ponzi schemes funded by investment banks, the Fed bailout and its impact on the dollar. Through her narrative, we hear from Warren Buffett and learn how his enduring principles caused him to see the mess that was coming well in advance and kept him and his investors well out of the way.