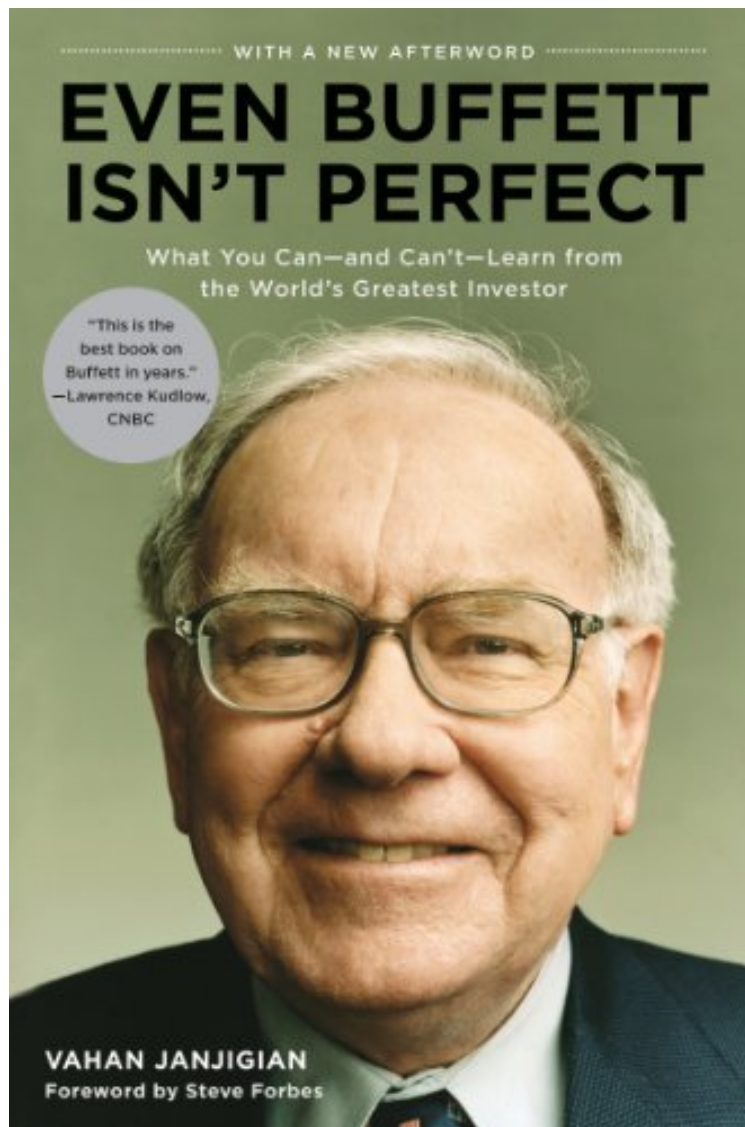


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Show TrialBy N. ShanskeThe picture on the cover is certainly Buffett, but the thoughts inside are purely the authors. Where possible, the author claims, despite statements to the

contrary by Buffett, that Buffett would agree with his position. Where even this ploy is insufficient, he asserts Buffett is wrong. This book is a capsule of the author's philosophy with Buffett as a convenient prop to wrap it around. I have rarely found a book so displeasing and uninformative. There must be something redeeming in the book, but I have been unable to fathom what it might be. There are dozens of better books out there if you'd like to read on this topic. Don't make the mistake I did and waste several hours on this one. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Unusual for a Buffett book in that his misses are explained. By John Cain I own quite a few books about Buffett and I was looking for one that shows the mistakes that he has made. The author not only has a chapter that explains the mistakes, he also has other chapters that details the investments that were successful. The subtitle of the book, What You Can - and Can't - Learn from the World's Greatest Investor, perfectly describes the contents of the book. This is what I liked: - The mistakes are explained in great detail. - The successes are also explained in greater detail, so you know that this book, despite the title, is not all about trashing Buffett. - The author shows the discrepancies in what Buffett says versus what he does (taxes, for example: he is for the estate tax but is turning much of his estate over to foundations). - The book was very readable. The only thing I didn't like was that the author said that the Fama/French study showed spectacular monthly returns based on buying companies using price-to-book ratios. However, he doesn't explain the strategy that the study used. An explanation would have been very helpful. There is a note in the back of the book referencing the study, but I couldn't find anything more about it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Also flawed, but worth reading. By Richard Stoker You've probably some of them. Let's get rich by investing like Warren Buffett books. There's one big problem. You can't invest like Warren Buffett without having access to large amounts of capital (so you can buy up entire companies such as See's Candies and Geico Insurance). Also, you can't call up the company president and give him advice. That aside, this book says, let's invest even better than Buffett by avoiding his mistakes. The biggest problem is predicting or determining what Buffett is doing, deciding it's a mistake and then avoiding it. Mistakes are only easy to spot in retrospect, not while you're making them. Guess what? What you think is a mistake may turn out to be a brilliant move. The author goes after Buffett's political opinions, such as Buffett's stand on the estate tax. I agree Buffett is a hypocrite on this issue. However, analyzing political stances is useless for making money as an investor.

A contrarian look at how Warren Buffett thinks about investing and related issues Warren Buffett is the most successful and revered investor of all time. His ability to consistently find undervalued companies has made him one of the world's richest men. Despite many previous books about him, it's rare to find an objective assessment—one that praises him when appropriate, but also recognizes that even Buffett makes mistakes. For instance, is he right to call for higher taxes and an end to earnings guidance? Should Buffett fans copy his avoidance of technology stocks? In this penetrating look at how Buffett thinks, Vahan Janjigian shows readers how to learn from the master's best moves while avoiding strategies that don't apply to small investors. And he explains Buffett's favorite valuation methodology, the discounted cash flow model, and how it can significantly reduce the odds of overpaying for a stock.

From Publishers Weekly In his introduction, Janjigian notes that to become a successful investor you must be an educated investor, and the best place to start is by examining Buffett's strategies. The author—vice president and executive director of the Forbes Investors Advisory Institute—doggedly follows Buffett's investment trail, scrutinizing the successes and failures of the world's pre-eminent investment celebrity. Janjigian's readable, engaging style carries the reader painlessly through the fundamentals and finer points of investing, assaying Buffett's buying strategies and research methods, while clarifying investment terms and summarizing key points. Although frankly admiring, Janjigian is never fawning and takes pains to make his material clear and compelling; his book is a rounded evaluation of the investment guru's strategies and a useful primer for business neophytes. (May) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist It's refreshing to encounter a title about world-famous investment wizard Warren Buffett that doesn't paint him as a superhero. Despite his many successes, Buffett has made mistakes and not always taken the right steps, as recounted in this measured, objective account that scrutinizes Buffett's techniques and presents investment fundamentals and strategies. Unfortunately, Casella's reading is somewhat lackluster. His careful, almost phonetic enunciation of some phrases and sentences makes it seem as if he's seeing the text for the first time. Although monotonous might be too strong a word, his performance could use a little more spark. Casual listeners may tune out, but those who stick with this penetrating look at Buffett will gain insight into the respected businessman and learn more about investment strategies. --David Pitt "This is the best book on Buffett in years. Compelling, penetrating, and highly valuable." -Lawrence Kudlow, host, CNBC's Kudlow and Company "The author takes a contrarian - or at least mildly dissenting - view of Mr. Buffett's investing acumen. . . Mr. Janjigian also sheds light on Mr. Buffett's magic. Mr. Buffett has two large advantages that the average investor doesn't have, advantages that are often overlooked by those who try to mimic him." -The Wall Street Journal "This is exactly what has been missing from the litany of Buffett books. Vahan's razor sharp arguments make this book a unique- and important- work for

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