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Understand the ins and outs of today's surprisingly versatile bond marketplace As stocks continue their roller-coaster ride, nervous investors will be looking at bonds. FUNDAMENTALS OF THE BOND MARKET gives you the tools you need to master this complex market so you can diversify your portfolio, and get reliable income and safety of principal. Author Esme Faerber has packed this guide with examples, quizzes, checklists, and plain-English explanations to enhance your understanding of everything from the basics of buying and selling to bond ratings, government and international securities, call and convertible features, portfolio management, and more. Before you risk money in real-time trading, let this hands-on tool bring you up to speed on: *Three steps that determine the best bond mutual fund for any investor *Corporate, Municipal, Convertible and Zero-Coupon Bonds - which to buy for individual portfolios *Treasury securities - how and why to invest in T-bills, notes, and bonds *Tips of the Trade - techniques to calculate yields, buy and sell different types of bonds, and more

Bond Evaluation, Selection, and Management synthesizes fundamental and advanced topics in the field, offering comprehensive coverage of bond and debt management. This text provides readers with the basics needed to understand advanced strategies, and explanations of cutting edge advanced topics. Focusing on concepts, models, and numerical examples, readers are provided with the tools they need to select, evaluate, and manage bonds. Provides a comprehensive exposition of bond and debt management. Covers both the fundamental and advanced topics in the field, including bond derivatives. Focuses on concepts, models, and numerical examples. Reinforces important concepts through review questions, web exercises, and practice problems in each chapter.

Fixed income practitioners need to understand the conceptual frameworks of their field; to master its quantitative toolkit; and to be well-versed in its cash-flow and pricing conventions. Fixed Income Securities, Third Edition by Bruce Tuckman and Angel Serrat is designed to balance these three objectives. The book presents theory without unnecessary abstraction

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quantitative techniques with a minimum of mathematics; and conventions at a useful level of detail. The book begins with an overview of global fixed income markets and continues with the fundamentals, namely, arbitrage pricing, interest rates, risk metrics, and term structure models to price contingent claims. Subsequent chapters cover individual markets and securities: repo, rate and bond forwards and futures, interest rate and basis swaps, credit markets, fixed income options, and mortgage-backed securities. Fixed Income Securities, Third Edition is full of examples, applications, and case studies. Practically every quantitative concept is illustrated through real market data. This practice-oriented approach makes the book particularly useful for the working professional. This third edition is a considerable revision and expansion of the second. Most examples have been updated. The chapters on fixed income options and mortgage-backed securities have been considerably expanded to include a broader range of securities and valuation methodologies. Also, three new chapters have been added: the global overview of fixed income markets; a chapter on corporate bonds and credit default swaps; and a chapter on discounting with bases, which is the foundation for the relatively recent practice of discounting swap cash flows with curves based on money market rates. [FOR THE UNIVERSITY EDITION] This university edition includes problems which students can use to test and enhance their understanding of the text.

A comprehensive introduction to the key concepts of fixed income analytics The First Edition of Introduction to Fixed Income Analytics skillfully covered the fundamentals of this discipline and was the first book to feature Bloomberg screens in examples and illustrations. Since publication over eight years ago, the markets have experienced cathartic change. That's why authors Frank Fabozzi and Steven Mann have returned with a fully updated Second Edition. This reliable resource reflects current economic conditions, and offers additional chapters on relative value analysis, value-at-risk measures and information on instruments like TIPS (treasury inflation protected securities). Offers insights into value-at-risk, relative value

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measures, convertible bond analysis, and much more Includes updated charts and descriptions using Bloomberg screens Covers important analytical concepts used by portfolio managers Understanding fixed-income analytics is essential in today's dynamic financial environment. The Second Edition of Introduction to Fixed Income Analytics will help you build a solid foundation in this field.

The Capital Markets: evolution of the financial ecosystem is the new standard providing practical text book style coverage of this dynamic market and its products. Written by the former President of BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC for both financial professionals and novices, The Capital Markets provides a comprehensive macro view of the marketplace and how its products operate. The subject matter offers an authoritative discussion of the fundamentals of both, the fixed income and equity markets, underwriting, securitizations, derivatives, currency among other products through the lens of leading industry practitioners. Key Learning Concepts Understand the impact of both global and domestic regulatory changes Learn about the products that holistically make up the capital markets Explore the components of the infrastructure that underpins these markets Examine the tools used for trading and managing risk Review new product innovations

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"The Chinese economy is now easily one of the most important and closely scrutinized economies in the world. Relatively minuscule changes in predictions of how the Chinese economy will perform can drive up or down stocks and the price of oil and other commodities. At the heart of how the Chinese economy works is its financial system but the Chinese financial system is vastly different than most people in the West can understand. How do house prices work, for example, in a country where the very concept of property ownership is significantly different than our own? This edited volume will serve as a standard reference guide to China's financial system. With eighteen

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chapters, the handbook features overviews on the banking sector-the core of China's financial system and the key channel for implementing China's monetary policy-China's ongoing reforms, and the quickly growing bond and money markets, among other topics. Each chapter is written by a leading expert in the field, and as a whole the list of contributors represents an impressive mix of leading scholars and high-level policy officials, some with first-hand knowledge of setting and carrying out Chinese financial policy. The handbook will serve as the first real authoritative volume of literature in the field, and will shed extensive new light on the links between China's financial system and the real economy"--

From Bloomberg, the authority on municipal bond valuation, this is the first book to give issuers (municipalities and their officers, attorneys, and other advisers) step-by-step tips on (1) lowering the cost of financing and (2) how to do it right and avoid trouble--with the press, with the market, with constituents, and with the Securities and Exchange Commission. With an insider's perspective, Joe Mysak debunks the myths and reveals the practical realities of today's municipal bond market. Fresh and clearly written, this excellent primer on issuing municipal bonds is a key to the market that no participant should be without.

How to build a framework for forecasting interest rate market movements With trillions of dollars worth of trades conducted every year in everything from U.S. Treasury bonds to mortgage-backed securities, the U.S. interest rate market is one of the largest fixed income markets in the world. Interest Rate Markets: A Practical Approach to Fixed Income details the typical quantitative tools used to analyze rates markets; the range of fixed income products on the cash side; interest rate movements; and, the derivatives side of the business. Emphasizes the importance of hedging and quantitatively managing risks inherent in interest rate trades Details the common trades which can be used by investors to take views on interest rate

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in an efficient manner, the methods used to accurately set up these trades, as well as common pitfalls and risks?providing examples from previous market stress events such as 2008 Includes exclusive access to the Interest Rate Markets Web site which includes commonly used calculations and trade construction methods Interest Rate Markets helps readers to understand the structural nature of the rates market and to develop a framework for thinking about these markets intuitively, rather than focusing on mathematical models

Fixed Income Mathematics is an easy-to-understand introduction to the mathematics of common fixed income instruments. This book offers explanations, exercises, and examples without demanding sophisticated mathematics from the reader. Not only does the author use his business and teaching experience to highlight the fundamentals of investment and management decision-making, but he also offers questions and exercises that suggest the applicability of fixed income mathematics. Written for the reader with a general mathematics background, this self-teaching book is suffused with examples that also make it a handy reference guide. It should serve as a gateway to financial mathematics and to increased competence in business analysis. International comparisons are used to illustrate how interest is compounded. This text will be a valuable resource for professional insurance and other actuaries who invest in bonds and who are concerned with inflation, asset-liability management, the time value of money, interest rates, rates of return, risk, and investment income. It will also appeal to MBA students and anyone seeking a general introduction or overview of the subject. * An easy-to-understand introduction to the mathematics of common fixed income instruments * Offers students explanations, exercises, and examples without demanding sophisticated mathematics * Uses international comparisons to illustrate how interest is compounded

Maximize profits with the perfect balance between risk and reward
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investment while providing state and local governments with an essential tool for funding public infrastructure projects. Now, the threat of municipalities defaulting and dramatic changes to the muni market's fundamental operations have created an attractive hotbed of opportunity for today's top institutional investors. Investing in Municipal Bonds is the retail investor's road map to the lucrative market that is fueling the digital and physical highways of the future. Only Dr. Philip Fischer can offer such a brilliantly practical amalgam of big-picture financial theory and nuts-and-bolts bond calculations. His crystal-clear explanation of the muni market covers every aspect, including the various "personalities" and traits of different types of bonds. His hands-on strategies for earning more from your money will keep this book at your fingertips as you customize a profitable municipal bond portfolio to achieve your financial goals. Political and business leaders as well as financial professionals seek Dr. Fischer's knowledge and firsthand insights into municipal securities, from day-to-day trading to milestone events like the 2008 financial crisis. Investing in Municipal Bonds shows you how it's done on Wall Street, providing a wealth of pertinent examples from the real world. You can rely on this powerful guidebook for the know-how and skill set you need to confidently: Invest in fixed-rate and variable-rate bonds, including Variable Rate Demand Obligations (VRDOs) Identify different types of bonds and determine how they will be repaid Execute municipal bond-yield calculations Navigate the derivatives market, including LIBOR interest-rate swaps Weigh the benefits of taxable municipal bonds Research municipal securities using the online database of the Municipal Securities Rule Making Board (MSRB) Bond yields will eventually rebound from these historic lows and bring increased risk. Investing in Municipal Bonds will give you the knowledge you need to adjust your risk and balance profit for continued success toward your financial goals. Praise for Investing in Municipal Bonds: "In addition to an accessible discussion of this unique market's financial structures, Fischer provides the historical context for why the market evolved the way it did—and how that history may influence municipal bond investments in an era of slow economic growth and rising costs for retirees." —MICHAEL STANTON, Publisher, *The Bond Buyer* "If there were a graduate

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program in Municipal Finance, Dr. Fischer's treatise would quickly climb to the top of the syllabus." —JAMES T. COLBY III, Senior Municipal Strategist/Portfolio Manager, Van Eck Global "Dr. Fischer brings a 'what you need to know' approach to the novice and the experienced practitioner alike. He poignantly relates how the very nuanced market structure influences and prices this market. Even with my over 25 years in the business, this book earns a trophy spot on my muni reference shelf." —JOSEPH CAMPAGNA, Senior Vice President, BayernLB, Financial Institutions & Sovereigns "A well-written, thorough, and meticulous primer to the history, the instruments, and the segments that comprise the municipal bond market." —PROFESSOR JOHN CHALMERS, Abbott Keller Distinguished Research Scholar, Associate Professor of Finance, Charles H. Lundquist College of Business, University of Oregon "If you would like to learn more about municipal bonds so that you know how to check off each item on the checklist, I highly recommend buying Investing in Municipal Bonds." —DAVID WARING, LearnBonds

The revised and updated 7th edition of this highly regarded book brings the reader right up to speed with the latest financial market developments, and provides a clear and incisive guide to a complex world that even those who work in it often find hard to understand. In chapters on the markets that deal with money, foreign exchange, equities, bonds, commodities, financial futures, options and other derivatives, the book examines why these markets exist, how they work, and who trades in them, and gives a run-down of the factors that affect prices and rates. Business history is littered with disaster that occurred because people involved their firms with financial instruments they didn't properly understand. If they had had this book they might have avoided their mistakes. For anyone wishing to understand financial markets, there is no better guide.

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In today's volatile financial environment, growing numbers of investors are looking to flee the stock market in search of safer ground. While the bond market has often been a "safe haven," confusing new bonds and bond funds make it increasingly difficult for unfamiliar investors to choose the correct fixed income investments. The Bond Book provides investors with the information and tools they need to make bonds a comforting, important, and profitable component of their portfolios. Thoroughly revised, updated, and expanded from its bestselling first edition, this all-in-one sourcebook includes:

- *A new section on using the Internet to research, buy, and sell bonds
- *A new chapter devoted to increasingly popular foreign bonds
- *Detailed information on the inflation-linked Treasury bonds
- *Explanation of the new categories of bond funds
- *Tips on how to evaluate and buy bond funds

Debt Markets and Investments provides an overview of the dynamic world of markets, products, valuation, and analysis of fixed income

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and related securities. Experts in the field, practitioners and academics, offer both diverse and in-depth insights into basic concepts and their application to increasingly intricate and real-world situations. This volume spans the entire spectrum from theoretical to practical, while attempting to offer a useful balance of detailed and user-friendly coverage. The volume begins with the basics of debt markets and investments, including basic bond terminology and market sectors. Among the topics covered are the relationship between fixed income and other asset classes as well as the differences in fundamental risk. Particular emphasis is given to interest rate risk as well as credit risks as well as those associated with inflation, liquidity, reinvestment, and ESG. Authors then turn to market sectors, including government debt, municipal bonds, the markets for corporate bonds, and developments in securitized debt markets along with derivatives and private debt markets. The third section focuses on models of yield curves, interest rates, and swaps, including opportunities for arbitrage. The next two sections focus on bond and securitized products, from sovereign debt and mutual funds focused on bonds to how securitization has increased liquidity through such innovations as mortgaged-and asset- backed securities, as well as collateralized debt-, bond-, and loan obligations. Authors next discuss various methods of valuation of bonds and securities, including the use of options and derivatives. The volume concludes with discussion of how debt can play a role in financial strategies and portfolio creation. Readers interested in a broad survey will benefit as will those looking for more in-depth presentations of specific areas within this field of study. In summary, the book provides a fresh look at this intriguing and dynamic but often complex subject.

In *The Handbook of Municipal Bonds*, editors Sylvan Feldstein and Frank Fabozzi provide traders, bankers, and advisors—among other industry participants—with a well-rounded look at the industry of tax-exempt municipal bonds. Chapter by chapter, a diverse group of experienced contributors provide detailed explanations and a variety of relevant examples that illuminate essential elements of this area. With this book as your guide, you'll quickly become familiar with both buy side and sell side issues as well as important innovations in

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looking for the latest information on the fixed-income market and equities investors planning to diversify their holdings. Writing in plain English, Thau presents cutting-edge strategies for making the best bond-investing decisions, while explaining how to assess risks and opportunities. She also includes up-to-date listings of online resources with bond prices and other information. Look to this all-in-one guide for information on such critical topics as: Buying individual bonds or bond funds The ins and outs of open-end funds, closed-end funds, and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) The new landscape for municipal bonds: the changed rating scales, the near demise of bond insurance, and Build America Bonds (BABs) The safest bond funds Junk bonds (and emerging market bonds) Buying Treasuries without paying a commission From how bonds work to how to buy and sell them to what to expect from them, *The Bond Book*, third edition, is a must-read for individual investors and financial advisers who want to enhance the fixed-income allocation of their portfolios.

Today's investment markets can be daunting for anyone, but especially for those in the early stages of financial careers. *The Fundamentals of the Securities Industry* removes the guesswork, providing a broad-ranging introduction to how the securities industry works and how its components interact. Concepts presented in the book build upon each other, helping readers gain a fuller understanding of each element and financial instrument that is vital to the securities industry.

In the wake of the financial crisis and Great Recession, the health of state and local pension plans has emerged as a front burner policy issue. Elected officials, academic experts, and the media alike have pointed to funding shortfalls with alarm, expressing concern that pension promises are unsustainable or will squeeze out other pressing government priorities. A few local governments have even filed for bankruptcy, with pensions cited as a major cause. Alicia H. Munnell draws on both her practical experience and her research to provide abroad perspective on the challenge of state and local pensions. She shows that the story is big and complicated and cannot be viewed

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through a narrow prism such as accounting methods or the role of unions. By examining the diversity of the public plan universe, Munnell debunks the notion that all plans are in trouble. In fact, she finds that while a few plans are basket cases, many are functioning reasonably well. Munnell's analysis concludes that the plans in serious trouble need a major overhaul. But even the relatively healthy plans face three challenges ahead: an excessive concentration of plan assets in equities; the risk that steep benefit cuts for new hires will harm workforce quality; and the constraints plans face in adjusting future benefits for current employees. Here, Munnell proposes solutions that preserve the main strengths of state and local pension while promoting needed reforms.

A hands-on visual guide to understanding and investing in an important and consistently safe investment vehicle Bloomberg Visual Guide to Municipal Bonds offers step-by-step guidance to the nature and diversity of municipal securities credit structures. This valuable guide demonstrates the dependability of the overwhelming majority of municipal securities, and points out particular market sectors that may yield greater rewards, but also present greater risks. This book also directs readers to good sources of up-to-date information as well as new market tools, byproducts of recent market enhancements, so as to assist you in making informed investment decisions. Filled with reliable and highly accessible information needed for making sound decisions when investing in municipal securities Author Robert Doty is a noted expert on municipal securities A valuable addition to the new Bloomberg Visual Series Engaging and informative, this reliable resource is an easy-to-use "how to" guide to municipal securities that will help you create more effective investment strategies.

An accessible reference that explores every aspect of the municipal bond market Until now, there has been no accessible encyclopedia, dictionary, nor guide to the world of municipal bonds. Comprehensive and objective, this groundbreaking volume covers the history and mechanics of the municipal market in clear and understandable terms. It covers all aspects of the market, including

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pricing, trading, taxation issues and yields, as well as topical events such as the financial crisis, hysteria about defaults and Chapter 9 municipal bankruptcy, fraud, and regulation. Encyclopedia of Municipal Bonds also contains entries on important historical events and provides much-needed context for this field. Everything you ever wanted to know about municipal bonds in one comprehensive resource Joe Mysak is the author of the Bloomberg bestseller Handbook for Muni Issuers Demystifies the world of municipal bonds for both the novice and professional investor Explores issues such as the Orange County bankruptcy, the Jefferson County default, the New York City financial crisis, and the surprisingly recent creation of the modern municipal market Encyclopedia of Municipal Bonds offers an essential reference guide for investors, professionals, regulators, insurers, and anyone else involved in the municipal bond market.

A practical guide to profiting from the high yield municipal market This unique guide to the high yield municipal bond market sheds some much-needed light on this esoteric but profitable corner of the fixed-income world. It fills the void between the general reference handbooks on municipal bonds and the superficial treatment of do-it-yourself bond guides, with an emphasis on practical trading applications. Having witnessed the beginning of the modern high yield tax-exempt institutional market, author Triet Nguyen documents its historical evolution, outlines a conceptual framework for high yield tax-free investing, one that takes into account both interest rate and credit cycles, and reviews the latest historical data on municipal defaults, including for the first time the non-rated sector. Current distressed opportunities are also discussed. Along the way, Nguyen takes the time to discuss in detail the pros and cons of investing in pre-packaged high yield vehicles—from mutual funds to hedge funds to exchange-traded funds—with frank and objective insider tips on how these slickly marketed products really work. For the truly committed investor who wants to do his or her own homework, Nguyen and a group of industry experts go over the key

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investment considerations for several major classes of high yield tax-exempt bonds. Offers unique insights into the risk/return, trading, and liquidity characteristics of high yield municipal instruments Includes interesting case studies to fully illustrate the high yield investing process Written by an insider of both the asset management industry and the broker-dealer community Investing in the High Yield Municipal Market will put you in a better position to profit in this arena and help you excel in today's tough financial environment.

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