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The master teacher of American economic history covers money and banking in the whole of American history, to show that the meltdown of our times is hardly the first. And guess what caused them in the past? Paper money, loose credit, reckless lending standards, government profligacy, and central banking. When will we learn? When people understand the cause and effect in the history of these repeating calamities. In a complete revision of the standard account, Rothbard traces inflation, banking panics, and money meltdowns from the Colonial Period through the mid 20th century to show how government systematic war on sound money is the hidden force behind nearly all major economic calamities in American history. Never has the story of money and banking been told with such rhetorical power and theoretical vigor. Here is how this book came to be. Rothbard died in 1995, leaving many people to wish that he had written a historical treatise on this topic. But the the archives assisted: Rothbard had in fact left & nbsp several large manuscripts dedicated to American banking history. In the course of his career, meanwhile, he had published other pieces along the same lines, but they appeared in venues not readily accessible. Given the desperate need for a single volume that covers the topic, the Mises Institute put together this thrilling book. So seamless is the style and argument, and comprehensive is coverage, that it might as well have been written in exactly the format. The end result is Rothbards (and the Austrian Schools) answer to Friedman and Schwartz. Sections in this 500 page treatise: I. "The History of Money and Banking Before the Twentieth Century." This was Rothbards contribution to the minority report of the US Gold Commission and treats the evolution of the US monetary system from its colonial beginnings. II. "Origins of the Federal Reserve." This thrilling paper lay unpublished for a long time and only recently appeared in the Quarterly Journal of Austrian Economics. It is easily the most comprehensive account in print. It names names and shows the constellation of interest group affiliations that led to its creation. III. "From Hoover to Roosevelt: The Federal Reserve and the Financial Elites." This previously unpublished paper goes into great detail on how the Morgan and Rockefeller financial interests shaped the political and behavior of the Fed. IV. "The Gold Exchange Standard in the Interwar Years." This large section has appeared in print but not in its full version. Rothbard elucidates the reasons why the British and US government in the 1920s re created the gold standard in a manner that was profoundly flawed and potentially inflationary (leading to the Great Depression). V. "The New Deal and the International Monetary System" This section appeared in a volume first published in 1976 and which is now very difficult to find. Rothbard argues that an abrupt shift occurred in monetary policy just before the US entered World War. He shows who benefited from the shift from dollar nationalism to dollar imperialism. He concludes with a smashing attack and expose of the Bretton Woods agreement of 1944. From the introduction by Joseph Salerno: "Rothbard employs the Misesian approach to economic history consistently and dazzlingly throughout the volume to unravel the causes and consequences of events and institutions ranging over the course of U.S. monetary history, from the colonial times through the New Deal era. One of the important benefits of Rothbards unique approach is that it naturally leads to an account of the development of the U.S. monetary system in terms of a compelling narrative linking human motives and plans that often-times are hidden and devious, leading to outcomes that sometimes are tragic. One will learn much more about monetary history from reading this exciting story than from poring over reams of statistical analysis.

Bread, cash, dosh, dough, loot. Call it what you like, it matters now more than ever. In *The Ascent of Money*, Niall Ferguson shows that financial history is the back-story to all history. From the banking dynasty who funded the Italian Renaissance to the stock market bubble that caused the French Revolution, this is the story of booms and busts as it's never been told before. With the world in the grip of the biggest financial crisis since the Great Depression, there's never been a better time to understand the ascent - and descent - of money. 'Beautifully written ... Breathtakingly clever' Sunday Telegraph 'A lucid and racy account of financial history' New Statesman 'A fine, readable and entertaining

history' Dominic Sandbrook, Daily Telegraph, Books of the Year 'The tales he tells of boom and bust, of triumph and disaster, of bubbles that inflate ... are the very essence of financial history' Bill Emmott, Financial Times 'An often enlightening and enjoyable tour through the underside of great events, a lesson in how the most successful great powers have always been underpinned by smart money' Robert Skidelsky, New York Review of Books

This handbook provides a comprehensive overview of state-of-the-art research in the field of monetary and financial history. The authors comprise different generations of leading scholars from universities worldwide. Thanks to its unrivaled breadth both in time (from antiquity to the present) and geographical coverage (from Europe to the Americas and Asia), the volume is set to become a key reference for historians, economists, and social scientists with an interest in the subject. The handbook reflects the existing variety of scholarly approaches in the field, from theoretically driven macroeconomic history to the political economy of monetary institutions and the historical evolution of monetary policies. Its thematic sections cover a wide range of topics, including the historical origins of money; money, coinage, and the state; trade, money markets, and international currencies; money and metals; monetary experiments; Asian monetary systems; exchange rate regimes; monetary integration; central banking and monetary policy; and aggregate price shocks.

A comprehensive study of the evolution of Italy's money and banking systems since 1861.

This book covers deep researches from different perspectives and disciplines in the historical and future perspectives of money and financial markets and corporations by successful and expert researchers in their fields.

This scarce antiquarian book is a facsimile reprint of the original. Due to its age, it may contain imperfections such as marks, notations, marginalia and flawed pages. Because we believe this work is culturally important, we have made it available as part of our commitment for protecting, preserving, and promoting the world's literature in affordable, high quality, modern editions that are true to the original work. It started and ended with a financial catastrophe. The Darien disaster of 1700 drove Scotland into union with England, but spawned the institutions which transformed Edinburgh into a global financial centre. The crash of 2008 wrecked the city's two largest and oldest banks - and its reputation. In the three intervening centuries, Edinburgh became a hothouse of financial innovation, prudent banking, reliable insurance and smart investing. The face of the city changed too as money transformed it from medieval squalor to Georgian elegance. This is the story, not just of the institutions which were respected worldwide, but of the personalities too, such as the two hard-drinking Presbyterian ministers who founded the first actuarially-based pension fund; Sir Walter Scott, who faced financial ruin, but wrote his way out of it; the men who financed American railways and eastern rubber plantations with Scottish money; and Fred Goodwin, notorious CEO of RBS, who took the bank to be the biggest in the world, but crashed and burned in 2008.

The History of Money From Sandstone to Cyberspace Currency

Facing financial chaos, Porfirio Diaz's strategy in the 1880s was to create a bank with a legal monopoly over lending to the government and to enforce elites' property rights in order to get their support. This book shows how Mexican leaders, even after the Mexican Revolution, failed to alter these basic economic and political policies, resulting in a continuing high level of financial and industrial concentration. For much of human history, the motive force behind war, conquest, social conflict and world exploration has been the drive to acquire gold. From the ancient world of Croesus to the wealthy dynasties of Renaissance Italy, from the earliest European explorations into Africa, America, and Asia to the gold rushes of the nineteenth century and the banking crises that lay beyond them, Pierre Vilar depicts the awesome power of avarice to structure the world in which we live. The insidious power of gold and money is the subject of this enlightening and entertaining history. The age of exploration brought an influx of treasure into Western Europe, prompting disputes between theologians and early economists over the causes of inflation in the sixteenth century. In time, American silver distorted metropolitan Spanish society beyond recognition. Vilar goes on to examine the roots of the modern banking and financial systems in institutions founded in Holland, England and France during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. And in the nineteenth century, the gold rushes of Australia, California and South Africa generated new modifications in the international monetary system. Vilar concludes the story of these developments with a discussion of the crisis of the 1920s that, in the wake of the world credit crash of 2008, is more pertinent than ever. A History of Gold and Money provides a unique work of synthesis on the role of money in modern economic history.

In the wake of the financial crisis in 2008, historians have turned with renewed urgency to understanding the economic dimension of historical change. In this collection, nine scholars present original research into the historical development of money and credit during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and explore the social and cultural significance of financial phenomena from a global perspective. Together with an introduction by the editors, chapters emphasize themes of creditworthiness and access to credit, the role of the state in the loan market, modernization, colonialism, and global connections between markets. The first section of the volume, "Creditworthiness and Credit Risks," examines microfinancial markets in South India and Sri Lanka, Brazil, and the United States, in which access to credit depended largely on reputation, while larger investors showed a strong interest in policing economic behavior and encouraging thrift among market participants. The second section, "The Loan Market and the State," concerns attempts by national governments to regulate the lending activities of merchants and banks for social ends, from the liberal regime of nineteenth-century Switzerland to the far more statist policies of post-revolutionary Mexico, and U.S. legislation that strove to eliminate discrimination in lending. The third section, "Money, Commercial Exchange, and Global Connections," focuses on colonial and semicolonial societies in the Philippines, China, and Zimbabwe, where currency reform and the development of organized financial markets engendered conflict over competing models of economic development, often pitting the colony against the metropole. This volume offers a cultural history by considering money and credit as social relations, and explores how such relations were constructed and articulated by contemporaries. Chapters employ a variety of methodologies, including analyses of popular literature and the viewpoints of experts and professionals, investigations of policy measures and emerging social practices, and interpretations of quantitative data.

This book incorporates advances in financial and monetary history and theory and shows the relevance of Spain's story to modern banking, monetary and development theory. It studies the early development of banking and monetary institutions and shows how financial and monetary mismanagement contributed to the decline of Spain in the early modern era

Recently, students and scholars have expressed dissatisfaction with the current state of economics and have called for the reintroduction of historical perspectives into economic thinking. Supporting the idea that fruitful lessons can be drawn from the work of past economists, this volume brings together an international cross section of leading economists and historians of economic thought to reflect on the crucial role that money, crises and finance play in the economy. The book draws on the work of economists throughout history to consider afresh themes such as financial and real explanations of economic crises,

the role of central banks, and the design of macroeconomic policies. These themes are all central to the work of Maria Cristina Marcuzzo, and the contributions both reflect on and further her research agenda. This book will be of interest to researchers in the history of economic thought, and those who wish to gain a deeper understanding of the variety and diversity in approaches to economic ideas throughout history.

You are about to discover some astonishing secrets about money and its creation - and how it involved over the centuries in Europe, Asia, and the United States. This report is going to help you understand the money's nature so that you can acquire more of it. You'll gain valuable insights about the monetary system we live today that are going to give you an unfair advantage over the today's economy. Throughout the centuries money has changed, moving from one form to another. It's very valuable to see how money progressed and where money stands today. The role of money plays a critical aspect of people's lives. When you use money, you have to pay a certain price - a price nobody told you - until now. Furthermore, you are about to witness the development of money and banking as a catalyst for the advancement of the economy today. This is not just another "history book" that you see in college. It provides the financial education you need in order to survive in the today's economy. If you do not like this report for whatever reason, your money back is guaranteed! Grab your copy!

This book is concerned with developments in three main areas of monetary history: domestic commercial banking; monetary policy; and the UK's international financial position. For ease of analysis the 160 years under study are arranged into three clear chronological divisions. Part 1 covers the years 1826-1913, a period in which the UK emerged as the world's leading economic power. It was in these years that an extensive and fully-operative domestic banking system was established. Part 2 covers 1914 to 1939 – the years which marked a break in the traditional monetary arrangements of the Victorian and Edwardian eras. Part 3 covers 1939-1986 when the dominance of state influence within the domestic money markets was re-established by the Second World War and the acceptance by the authorities of the obligation to 'manage' the economy which meant that successive postwar governments took direct responsibility for the conduct of monetary and credit policy.

A History of Money is exactly that--a look at how money, the indispensable unit of our economy, developed through time. Starting with the barter system, the authors describe how the basic function of exchanging goods evolved into a monetary system based on coins made of precious metals and how, from the 1500s onwards, financial systems were established and currency became intertwined with commerce and trade, finally settling by the mid-1800s into a stable system based on gold. Rather than approaching money as a theory, the authors show how usage developed pragmatically over time to suit the economic needs of society; and they make a surprising yet compelling argument for the inherent stability of the gold standard.

Eerst maakte de mens schulden, toen pas maakte hij het geld. In tegenstelling tot wat de wetenschap altijd dacht, betoogt David Graeber dat schuld al bestond ver voordat geld en munten werden uitgevonden en dat de mens al 5000 jaar gebruikmaakt van uitgebreide kredietsystemen. Sterker nog: schuld en de kwijtschelding daarvan hebben ons morele besef gevormd - het woord 'schuld' werd al vanaf het begin in zakelijke én in religieuze zin gebruikt. Slavernij, geweld, oorlogen en opstanden: ze hangen samen met ideeën over schuld. In dit veelomvattende boek bestudeert Graeber onze opvattingen over beloftes, krediet en afbetaling, van de vroegste beschavingen tot het moderne kapitalisme. Hij analyseert helder en buitengewoon leesbaar hoe de wereldeconomie zich heeft ontwikkeld - en werpt een heel nieuw licht op de huidige economische crisis. Dit boek is nu al een klassieker.

This book examines women's financial activity from the early days of the stock market in eighteenth century England and the South Sea Bubble to the mid-twentieth century. The essays demonstrate how many women managed their own finances despite legal and social restrictions and show that women were neither helpless, incompetent and risk-averse, nor were they unduly cautious and conservative. Rather, many women learnt about money and made themselves effective and engaged managers of the funds at their disposal. The essays focus on Britain, from eighteenth-century London, to the expansion of British financial markets of the nineteenth century, with comparative essays dealing with the US, Italy, Sweden and Japan. Hitherto, writing about women and money has been restricted to their management of household finances or their activities as small business women. This book examines the clear evidence of women's active engagement in financial matters, much neglected in historical literature, especially women's management of capital. .

With contributions from world-renowned figures such as Niall Ferguson and Adair Turner, this volume investigates how financial institutions and markets have undergone or reacted to past pressures, and the regulatory responses that emerged as a result.

Revised and updated throughout, this brilliant survey of European financial history from the earliest times to the present by internationally renowned scholar and author Charles P. Kindleberger offers a comprehensive account of the evolution of money in Western Europe, bimetallism and the emergence of the gold standard, the banking systems of the Continent and the British Isles, and overviews of foreign investment, regional and global financial integration, and private and public finance in Western Europe. The new edition features expanded coverage of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and important new material on recent developments in European monetary integration.

Onrust op de beurzen, de roep om toezicht en herstructurering van het financiële stelsel deze tijd vraagt om een hernieuwde kennismaking met een van de belangrijkste machtsfactoren in onze samenleving: geld. Macro-econoom Felix Martin beschrijft als een ware biograaf het verhaal van de geboorte en ontwikkeling van geld. Van de vroegste samenlevingen tot aan de huidige tijd: Martin bewijst dat geld al eeuwen de maatschappelijke verhoudingen tussen arm en rijk, handelaar en bank, markt en overheid structureert. Geld laat zien hoe het komt dat economische principes zó grote invloed op politiek en maatschappij hebben. Tegelijk is het een boeiende historie van een onmisbaar element in ons dagelijks leven. Felix Martin studeerde klassieke talen en ontwikkelingseconomie in Oxford en internationale betrekkingen aan de Johns Hopkins University. Hij promoveerde in Oxford in de macro-economie. Hij werkt sinds 1998 in de financiële wereld en publiceert regelmatig in The New York Review of Books en de Financial Times. `Een uitmuntende synthese. Een lucide, kleurrijke inleiding op 3000 jaar monetaire geschiedenis. [] Zeer onderhoudend. Financial Times `Felix Martin comprimeert het breedst mogelijke onderwerp tot een vlammend, mogelijk levensveranderend boek dat de algemeen aanvaarde kennis over datgene waarvoor we onze ziel verkopen met de grond gelijk maakt. Shortlist

Half fable, half manifesto, this brilliant new take on the ancient concept of cash lays bare its unparalleled capacity to empower and enthrall us. Frederick Kaufman tackles the complex history of money, beginning with the earliest myths and wrapping up with Wall Street's byzantine present-day doings. Along the way, he exposes a set of allegorical plots, stock characters, and stereotypical metaphors that have long been linked with money and commercial culture, from Melanesian trading rituals to the dogma of Medieval churchmen faced with global commerce, the rationales of Mercantilism and colonial

expansion, and the U.S. dollar's 1971 unpinning from gold. The Money Plot offers a tool to see through the haze of modern banking and finance, demonstrating that the standard reasons given for economic inequality—the Neoliberal gospel of market forces—are, like dollars, euros, and yuan, contingent upon structures people have designed. It shines a light on the one percent's efforts to contain a money culture that benefits them within boundaries they themselves are increasingly setting. And Kaufman warns that if we cannot recognize what is going on, we run the risk of becoming pawns and shells ourselves, of becoming characters in someone else's plot, of becoming other people's money.

Innovation in money is just as important as innovation in any other sphere of activity; money is always a "work in progress." In fact, history shows societies have tried out a wide diversity of monetary arrangements. Ideas about money have played key roles at crucial turning points in world history and during national histories. Recently, a new global money space has been created, a joint venture between the public and private sector. This book explores the new money society that has grown up to inhabit this new space. The book has several aims: Firstly, the book shows how beliefs about money, as well as attitudes and values towards it, have varied between societies and over time, and specifically how they have changed over the modern era. Secondly, the book shows the powerful effects that changing ideas have had on events, including wars and revolutions, recessions, booms and financial crises. Thirdly, the book recounts the creation of a global money space, dated to the last quarter of the 20th century, and explores its features. Fourthly, the book describes some characteristics of the new money society that inhabits the global money space. Fifthly, the book shows how each society, and indeed successive generations of the same society, has made its own unique arrangements to govern money – i.e. how it comes to terms with the power of money. The author argues that we need to develop a new arrangement now and suggests that we have much to learn from recent creative work in a number of fields ranging from the sociology of money to contemporary art. This approach sheds new light on a number of controversial issues, including the rise of crony capitalism, growing social divisions, currency wars, and asset price bubbles.

This is the first history of finance - broadly defined to include money, banking, capital markets, public and private finance, international transfers etc. - that covers Western Europe (with an occasional glance at the western hemisphere) and half a millennium. Charles Kindleberger highlights the development of financial institutions to meet emerging needs, and the similarities and contrasts in the handling of financial problems such as transferring resources from one country to another, stimulating investment, or financing war and cleaning up the resulting monetary mess. The first half of the book covers money, banking and finance from 1450 to 1913; the second deals in considerably finer detail with the twentieth century. This major work casts current issues in historical perspective and throws light on the fascinating, and far from orderly, evolution of financial institutions and the management of financial problems. Comprehensive, critical and cosmopolitan, this book is both an outstanding work of reference and essential reading for all those involved in the study and practice of finance, be they economic historians, financial experts, scholarly bankers or students of money and banking. This groundbreaking work was first published in 1984.

This book was first published in 1935.

"Money is a matter of functions four: a medium, a measure, a standard, a store." But money is always a medium of communication, too - whether about price or about political conviction and authority, fealty, desire, or disdain. In a work that spans 4,500 years, 54 writers explore how money has "made the world go round" and capture money's complexities in both substance and form. Individual volume editors ensure the cohesion of the whole and, to make this resource easier to use, chapter titles are identical across each of the volumes. This gives readers the choice of reading about a specific period, or following a theme across history by reading the relevant chapter in each of the six books. The six volumes cover Antiquity (2500 BCE-500 CE), the Medieval age (500-1400), the Renaissance era (1400-1680), the Age of Enlightenment (1680-1820), the age of empire (1820-1920), and the "modern age" (1920-twenty-first century). Themes include money and its technologies, money and its ideas, money and religion, money and the everyday, money and art, money and its interpretation, and money and the issues of the era.

Literature Review from the year 2010 in the subject Economics - Monetary theory and policy, grade: 1,0, The University of Texas at El Paso, course: Busine, language: English, abstract: The program "Ascent of Money" describes the influence of the development of money and financials on the world's economy and the people's life. The program consists of four parts discussing the history and events that have to be seen in the context with money or other financial terms. The presenter of the facts and history is Dr. Ferguson, a professor at Harvard University.

Money is the lifeblood of the economic system and the way we function as a society. Most of us devote 8-12 hours a day seeking to make money and worry about it, trying to determine how much we earn to spend or invest. But what is the underlying concept of money? Is it a piece of paper with pretty pictures that dictates its concept? Is it what the authorities describe? Or is it what you and I decide as a marketplace participant? The Neolithic Revolution gave rise to early human civilization around 12,000 years ago but did it give rise to the concept of money during that time as well? How did people use money during the early BC era? Who used to control the supply of money within a country, and what forms of money were used? Did Egyptians use paper money to build the Pyramids? How did we evolve from gold coins to paper money? Was there a high volume of frauds when we evolved from paper money to plastic money (credit cards)? Did people find internet banking secure in the 1990s? And what in the world are cryptocurrencies? What is a financial market? Are stock markets the only form of financial market? What are bonds? How do banks trade currencies, and what's their role in the financial system? Are central banks and commercial banks the same type of institutions? Is having debt really an issue? Living in a world where money is a constant that one works for, it is important to become aware of what constitutes the participants that make up the financial system that governs money control. What caused the Great Depression of 1929? What caused the Great Recession of 2007? What is the role of central banks and financial institutions in a recession? What is Bitcoin? Is Bitcoin the future of money? What is Ethereum? Is Ethereum the future of money? What are smart contracts? Is Blockchain technology the future or just a fad? PROTOCOLS OF MONEY will provide a detailed chronological overview of the evolution of money. From the Barter System to Gold. From Gold to Coins. From Coins to Paper Money. From Paper Money to Plastic Money. From Plastic Money to Digital Money. From Digital Money to Cryptocurrencies. The book will provide all the answers regarding the origin of the concept of money. It will provide you with the appropriate knowledge; one needs to become financially and economically literate so that when an impact occurs to the economy, you are prepared. It will also provide all the answers to your questions about digital currencies that will make you walk off with enough knowledge that you can form an informed opinion of your own whether digital currencies are the future of money or not as we enter the next exciting evolution of protocols of money. Click on "Buy Now with 1-Click", and Get Your Copy now.

Traces the historical evolution of humankind's relationship with money, from ancient times to the present-day revolutionary transformation in the meaning and use of money as represented by the electronic cash card, and discusses the implications of such changes

COWRIES TO CRYPTO is a playful romp through world history, providing an entertaining account of the creation of money, from the earliest forms of barter to the introduction of coins, paper notes and digital currencies. Beautifully narrated through a series of witty illustrations, this extraordinary book tells the tale of how money came to be.

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Discusses the history of money and investing from ancient times to the present day.

"Like an underground stream which rarely comes to the surface but which nevertheless irrigates the countryside through which it flows, sterling runs through British history, from the Conquest up to the present day." With this passage, Nicholas Mayhew begins his fascinating look at one of the world's most storied, influential currencies. *Sterling: The History of a Currency* is both an absorbing account of the global impact of currency throughout the second millennium and an entertaining primer in financial history and theory. Mayhew traces the path of sterling from its genesis around 1080, during the rule of William the Conqueror, through latter-day struggles to hold its own amidst the global retreat from precious metals standards and the still-developing Euro. Tales of laborers and merchants interweave with those of knights and kings to reveal the social fabric of European society in 1500. Passages from Adam Smith's 1776 classic *The Wealth of Nations* outline early but fundamental principles of banking. The dramatic increase in the early nineteenth-century supply of sterling, accompanied by its equally dramatic fall in value, is explored, and the evolution of money from silver and gold through paper, plastic, and electronic impulses is contrasted with social movements that have changed our need for, and relationship with, money. "Sterling, like the English landscape, has evolved over the centuries, reflecting and sometimes leading to changes in the nation's history, and also generating a sense of unchanging stability of fundamental importance to the national psyche." The history of sterling is nothing less than the history of England and the world. *Sterling* tells that story with all the vividness and drama which its topic so richly deserves. This profound book also travels far into the heart of mankind's physical and emotional relationship to currency. Whether you are a student of finance, history, psychology, or sociology, *Sterling* will leave you with a new appreciation for the central role a currency plays in the development of a nation and the almost human qualities that currency often assumes as it ages, sometimes gracefully and sometimes fitfully, over the years and centuries. Through the prism of one of the world's venerated currencies . . . A fascinating portrait of world history War . . . peace . . . prosperity . . . famine . . . throughout each of these historical phenomena, the common denominator is mankind and money. *Sterling: The History of a Currency* traces the incredible history of England and the world over the past centuries through the ebb and flow of its chief currency, the pound sterling. From the eleventh-century Domesday Book, with its surprisingly accurate accounting of the population and wealth of England, to the final days of the twentieth century, *Sterling* describes how England and its omnipresent standard of currency first ruled the globe, then struggled to find a place in an expanding, increasingly complex environment. Detailed photographs strikingly illustrate the lineage of English money over the past century while historical references, quotes, facts, and tales vividly portray the centuries-long partnership of England and sterling in the formation of a culture. More than a simple recitation of economic facts and figures, *Sterling* represents a vibrant, lifelike portrait of the people and events that make up one of history's great nations and the currency that was instrumental in its formation. As workers and farmers toiled to acquire it, merchants and landowners struggled to amass it, and kings and financiers conspired to control it, sterling wrote its own tale. It is a tale of money, power, and life itself, and one that bears scrutiny as we begin our new century.

Why is a printed piece of paper worth anything? How can a coin be worth more or even less than the number stamped on it? Why is digital money real money? How can money be worth more or less than it was yesterday? Since the emergence of debit and credit cards, many of us pay little mind to our finances and hardly think of money anymore. But currency, whether by cash or debit, is the driving force of our lives. We use it to feed ourselves and our loved ones, buy or rent a place to live, buy clothing and other necessities, and pay for transportation from one location to the other. We trust the system, even though we don't fully understand it. With *History of Money: Financial History: From Barter to -Bitcoin- - An Overview of Our: Economic History, Monetary System, & Currency Crisis* you'll learn all the basics including: How and why money replaced the barter system in much of the world What commodities served as currency before modern money was invented How banking and money evolved alongside each other Why and how money plays a role in the world's major conflicts About the rise and fall of the Gold Standard What money, and debt, actually is and how it's created and measured About the emergence of cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin A wealth of trivia and fun facts about money This book is more than a history book. You'll also learn a few fun facts along the way such as how the Knights Templar helped develop the modern banking system and why the island of Yap used giant donut-shaped stones as currency. Stop taking your money for granted. Learn about its real value with *History of Money: Financial History: From Barter to -Bitcoin- - An Overview of Our: Economic History, Monetary System, & Currency Crisis*.

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