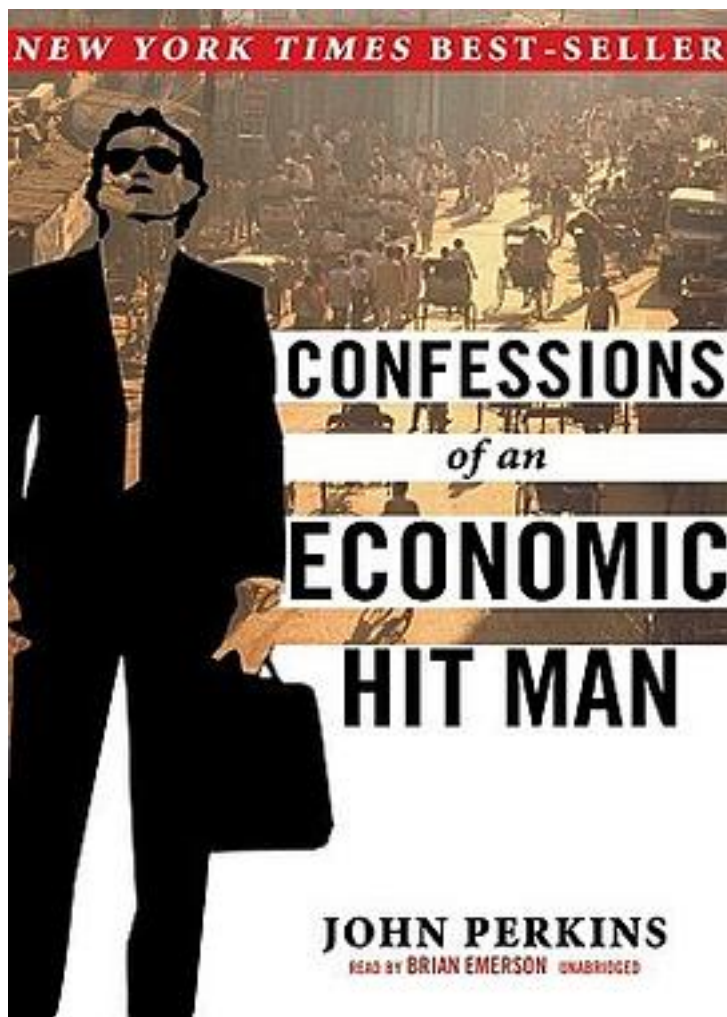


Confessions of an Economic Hit Man



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Confessions of an Economic Hit Man reveals a game that, according to John Perkins, is

"as old as Empire" but has taken on new and terrifying dimensions in an era of globalization. And Perkins should know. For many years he worked for an international consulting firm where his main job was to convince LDCs (less developed countries) around the world to accept multibillion-dollar loans for infrastructure projects and to see to it that most of this money ended up at Halliburton, Bechtel, Brown and Root, and other United States engineering and construction companies. This book, which many people warned Perkins not to write, is a blistering attack on a little-known phenomenon that has had dire consequences on both the victimized countries and the U.S.

作者介绍:

John Perkins (b. January 28, 1945 in Hanover, New Hampshire) is an activist and author. His best known book is *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* (2004), an insider's account of the exploitation or neo-colonization of Third World countries by what Perkins describes as a cabal of corporations, banks, and the United States government. His 2007 book, *The Secret History of the American Empire*, makes further claims about the negative impact of global corporations on the economies and ecologies of poor countries, as well as offering suggestions for making corporations behave more like good citizens.

Perkins has also written an introduction to the 2007 book *A Game as Old as Empire: the Secret World of Economic Hit Men and the Web of Global Corruption* (edited by Steven Hiatt), a collection of accounts from investigators, journalists and other economic hitmen. The book offers further evidence of economic hit men and rebuts some of the criticism that Perkins' book *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* received.

Perkins attended Tilton School for high school, Middlebury College, and Boston University School of Management during the 1960s. He spent the 1970s working for the consulting firm Chas. T. Main, where he was employed after first being screened by the National Security Agency (NSA) and subsequently hired by Einar Greve, a member of the Firm (and alleged NSA liaison, a claim which Greve has denied). Perkins was trained early in his career by a beautiful, older woman who was armed with the psychological profile gathered about him by the NSA after many days of pre-employment screening, as one of many "economic hit men" advancing the cause of corporate hegemony.

As a former chief economist at Boston strategic-consulting firm Chas. T. Main, Perkins says that he "was an 'economic hit man' for 10 years, helping U.S. intelligence agencies and multinational corporations cajole and blackmail foreign leaders into serving U.S. foreign policy and awarding lucrative contracts to American business.

After several years struggling internally over the role he was playing in crippling foreign economies, he quit his consulting job. In the 1980s Perkins founded and directed a successful independent energy company. In the book *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*, Perkins states that he suspects the success of his company was due to 'coincidences' orchestrated by those appreciative of his silence about the work he did as an economic hit man. He then sold the energy company in the late 1980s. Since then he has been heavily involved with non-profit organizations in Ecuador and around the world. He continues this work today, in addition to his writing. One of his organizations, Dream Change, is dedicated to shifting consciousness and promoting sustainable lifestyles for the individual and global community.

John Perkins and his role as Economic Hitman (EHM) is the main theme in part II of the

movie Zeitgeist: Addendum, released October 2008. He also appears in the documentary movie "Let's make money" (in german) by the Austrian director Erwin Wagenhofer, released October 2008.

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评论

我不认为作者在宣传阴谋论，在准备cfa考试的过程中，读到了imf和world bank，也没有觉得这些机构为第三世界做出了显著贡献。本书最大的缺点在作者没有爆出很劲爆的料，consider他如果真爆了，可能现在就不存在了，但是他至少应该给读者梳理一个过程，当美国打着国际援助的旗号最后是怎样控制其他国家的经济命脉和政治进程，作者没有做到这一点，所以让这本书看起来像是阴谋论。有心的读者如果愿意顺藤摸瓜的话，还是能从作者模糊的经历查出一些料。另外一个缺点时，作者有一个big

ego，在读书的时候非常令人不适，他带着上帝视角去看问题，但他从来没有去帮助那些他认为需要帮助的人。

相信故事的真实性，但爆料太少，废话太多，总给我“把裤子都脱了就给我看这个得赶脚”；自视太高，太把自己当颗菜，恨不得要比做THOMAS PAINE，书谈论的话题很有趣，但被作者的虚伪遮挡了光芒。我最大的不满就是料太少。

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A book from John Perkins 's book "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man" Who is this person? A man who called himself a "ex" E.H.M. which ... " Economic hit men (EHMs) are highly paid professionals who cheat countries around the globe out of trillions of...

作者对国际经济和贸易的理解其实并不深刻，对于社会经济运行的深层机理并不了解，所以会有很多乌托邦式的想法。Economic Hit Man的存在本身就是个噱头，作者以此来招徕读者，窃以为并不高尚的做法。作者在后来的章节中有点草木皆兵，有点被迫害妄想症，什么事情都能往EHM和帝...

看完《货币战争》之后，很想看这本书。据说本书写于2001年，是perkins的自传，曾经屡立奇功的他，在911事件后感觉到美国遭世人的痛恨，就是出于他们这类人的所谓出色工作，因而下定决心说出真相。但是由于涉及到一些利益和避免无妄之灾，改成小说形式。出版社也曾顶着巨大压力...

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