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For more than ten years, John Steele Gordon has written the widely read "The Business of America" column in "American Heritage" magazine. Marked by a combination of erudition, wit, and eloquence, Gordon's stories have celebrated the high points, and occasional low points, in the history of business in this country, from colonial days to the present. Now, the best of his mini-histories have been gathered in one volume. As much as each stands on its own, together they gain in significance as they go beyond mere business to present an intriguing lens on the broad sweep of American history. Gordon deftly connects the past with the present as he compares Frederick Philipse's successful cornering of the wampum market in 1666 with the Hunt brothers' failed attempt to corner the silver market in 1979. He looks anew at famous industrialists like Cornelius Vanderbilt and Henry Ford, and uncovers little-remembered heroes such as Oliver Evans, the founding father of the American industrial revolution, and Samuel Slater, who launched the textile industry in this country. He revels alike in the stories of philanthropist Peter Cooper, inventor Alexander Graham Bell, and the father of television syndication, Desi Arnaz. Gordon reveals how broad trends have developed (government debt and inflation, for example) and how specific words (boondoggle, pork barrel) have entered our language. He even tells the story of America's greatest cheese, Liederkranz, now lost forever. In addition to being a superb historian, John

Steele Gordon is a great storyteller. Surveying almost 400 years of enterprise on this continent, "The Business of America" makes invaluable connections between eras and allows us a new appreciation of the richness of the American story.

作者介绍:

约翰·S·戈登,《伟大的博弈》作者,美国作家和经济历史学家,1944年生于纽约,其祖父和外祖父均在纽约股票交易所拥有席位。他1966年毕业于范德比尔特大学,获历史学学士学位。在过去的二十年,他作为全职作家,著有《资本的冒险》、《财富的帝国》。1999年,他出版了《伟大的博弈---华尔街金融帝国的崛起》,该书获得各界广泛关注,美国全国广播电视公司(CNBC)还专门为此书制作了长达两个小时的专题报道。

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书评

从上个世纪80年代开始,好莱坞电影席卷全球,我们耳熟能详的大片有:真实的谎言、 X战警、狮子王...直到最近的零下8度...

如今的美国人,可以用文化营销侵入到地球村的各个角落。看看我们热闹的超女如何模 仿美国偶像,我们的百度如何师从google.... 当韦尔奇到...

美洲的股份公司,以及当时的城市投资者与房地产商的相似之处。(发觉自己对于房地 产商的这种作用缺乏洞察)

都是比较零散的故事。但是有一个地方让我注意到,美国在建国的时候也是一个深受英 帝国海军封锁和压制的国家,无疑,美国在崛起和获取制压权方面有丰富的经验。 很...

PART2 产业史 汽车史 1) 被误读的查尔斯。威尔逊

1941-1953他是通用的总裁,1953-1957,它是国防部长:他是发动机查理,将通用变为 一个大型军工企业。(1/3坦克,2/3载重卡车,柴油发动机3/4);他还是将美军带入 核子时代的主要人物,"要用强有力的报复-而不是更昂贵的常用…

PART1前言

全球化,现代市场经济的发展过程,在西方经济史看来,是一个金钱不断取得支配地位

的过程 - (货币,石油,粮食和资本战争) 20世纪的经济政策给了我们一些启示:实现强劲的长期增长和良好的微观经济政策的关系要强于同宏观经济政策的关系-《经济学人》也就是说自...

我不知道是翻译的问题,还是作者的问题,抑或是我对美国历史的了解实在太少(在读此书钱,我一直认为美国的历史是200多年,但书中说已经有400年了= =),总之,这书我读得如同嚼蜡。

我觉得,这书的名字很明显的标题党。应该叫美国资本史或者别的什么史之类的,而不是现在的"…

美国副总统拜登,在5月13日宾夕法尼亚大学的毕业典礼上,有一段关于中的论述。在 华人世界引起了轩然大波。 拜登讲话中有关中国部分的原文和翻译 Í love to hear people tell me how to use the vernacular "China is going to eat our lunch." China is a great nation, and we...

"资本的冒险"作为这本书名字,感觉很不贴切,这会让一部分根据书名来选择的读者
感到失望。本书的英文名The Business of
America大概是来源于美国总统柯立芝的话The business of America is
business。作者戈登十多年来一直为《美国传统》杂志颇有影响的专栏《美国商业故事 》
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历史从人的角度看的确有点"任人打扮的小姑娘"的味道,所以当人物不是主线,而是用金融的角度去看的时候,既有趣又清晰

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