# Fooled by Randomness



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Now in a striking new hardcover edition, Fooled by Randomness is the word-of-mouth sensation that will change the way you think about business and the world. Nassim Nicholas Taleb-veteran trader, renowned risk expert, polymathic scholar, erudite raconteur, and New York Times bestselling author of The Black Swan-has written a modern classic that turns on its head what we believe about luck and skill.

This book is about luck—or more precisely, about how we perceive and deal with luck in life and business. Set against the backdrop of the most conspicuous forum in which luck is mistaken for skill—the world of trading—Fooled by Randomness provides captivating insight into one of the least understood factors in all our lives. Writing in an entertaining narrative style, the author tackles major intellectual issues related to the underestimation of the influence of happenstance on our lives.

The book is populated with an array of characters, some of whom have grasped, in their own way, the significance of chance: the baseball legend Yogi Berra; the philosopher of knowledge Karl Popper; the ancient world's wisest man, Solon; the modern financier George Soros; and the Greek voyager Odysseus. We also meet the fictional Nero, who seems to understand the role of randomness in his professional life

but falls victim to his own superstitious foolishness.

However, the most recognizable character of all remains unnamed—the lucky fool who happens to be in the right place at the right time—he embodies the "survival of the least fit." Such individuals attract devoted followers who believe in their guru's insights and methods. But no one can replicate what is obtained by chance.

Are we capable of distinguishing the fortunate charlatan from the genuine visionary? Must we always try to uncover nonexistent messages in random events? It may be impossible to guard ourselves against the vagaries of the goddess Fortuna, but after reading Fooled by Randomness we can be a little better prepared.

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### 作者介绍:

戴纳西姆·尼古拉斯·塔勒布,绝大多数时候都是一名漫游者,在地球各个角落的咖啡厅里冥想。他早年曾经从商,目前是纽约大学特聘教授。曾在纽约和伦敦交易多种衍生性金融商品,也曾在芝加哥当过营业厅的独立交易员。2001年2月正式成为衍生性金融商品交易战略名人堂的一员。他的作品包括《随机致富的傻瓜》和《黑天鹅》,后者曾连续一年多列位《纽约时报》畅销书榜,以31种语言出版,是一本知识、社会和文化方面的经典著作。

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## 评论

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## 书评

中学大学一直踢球,但先天身体素质不好,速度不快,身材不高,两个冲刺就喘,腿上没有发达的肌肉,发个角球到禁区都成问题。 这样的人如何在球队滥竽充数,是一个高深的技巧。今天把我中学校队、大学系队,毕业多年参加业余足球联赛还能时而蒙进球的秘籍公开,不是有本书叫《生...

呵呵,一年半没买闲书了,印象中上次破例是为了伍迪艾伦《门萨的娼妓》,口袋里只有25块,八折拿下定价25元的书,感觉竟像大大的赚了一笔。

这次在光合作用找教材,寻未果,但又被我不小心瞄到了这一本。这次的经验再次验证了边际效用递减的逆否命题~~~ 书名本是Fooled By Rand

西方哲学史上被公认为第一位哲学家的希腊人泰勒斯,原本是一个商人,但是他却不好好挣钱,总是研究些没有用的事情。有一天,泰勒斯走在旷野间,抬头看着星空,结果不防脚下一个坑,掉进坑里摔个半死。于是希腊人笑话说,哲学家都是些没用的人。泰勒斯很给哲...

某同学向我推荐这本书的时候说,这是一本数学书,其中的内容有些晦涩难懂,需要花点功夫理解,但是最后还不失为一本对投资生涯有意义的书。于是我怀着敬畏之心开始了阅读,可是我很快发现,与其说这是一本数学书,倒不如说这是本哲学书,而且是一本非常聪明的哲学书。 这位狂...

没接触过概率论、统计学的人理应打超过三星以上,这再次体现了打分反映的是书与读书人之间的关系,而非只反映书的质量。

关于存活性偏差,可以概括为,同时在多个概率事件中发生,被当作具有普遍意义,从而产生认识上的偏差。 1旧有的事情因为存活性偏差可能不足以充当预测未...

这本书用简单的统计学概念有趣地解释了许多常见的投资现象,其中最为核心的,是收益的不对称与决策的非理性对长期投资的种种影响。在某种意义上,这些讨论不仅对投资客有价值,也具有极强的哲学含义,可以在生活中的方方面面得到印证。

书中的一个核心问题是普遍存在的收益不...

《随机致富的傻瓜》总体印象

这本书本来没有打算开始看的,不过周日去书店捧了一堆书回来路上老婆有点事情,我做在路边台阶上随手拿本书来翻看,当时又不能勾画东西,只好找本相对简单的,结果就拿到了这本。

这本书基本与致富无关,唯一引入这个词汇,只不过是因为作者是从事...

关于数字与概率

我们沒早会了解概率终究是个用来看问题的定性手法,它是怀疑之子。数学主要是用来作为冥思的工具,而不是当作计算工具使用。真正的随机现象看起来并不随机。 讨论概率问题时我不建议会计师参加。对会计师来说,数字就是数字。如果他对概率有 兴趣,早就投入...

我们不能因为眼前的享乐而狂妄自大,或者赞美稍纵即逝的幸福快乐。世事难料,未来变幻莫测。只有承蒙上苍垂帘从此能幸福以终的人,我们才能称之为幸福快乐。 P26 拒斥历史(denigration of

拒斥历史(denigration of history):因为赌徒、投资人、决策者总是觉得,发生在别人身上的事情,不见得会发生…

Shiller的金融市场课的参考书目。课听到一半倒是把书搜出来一口气一个通宵给看完了。颠覆啊! 作者不相信投资组合那套,评价巴菲特的简朴作风"毫无必要"。这里探讨

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如果一位投资者告诉你他认为开盘后美国股市上涨的可能性非常大,但是与此同时他却 又在大手做空美股指数,你会作何感想?恐怕不是当他骗子,就是当他疯子。 不过你看完这本《随机致富的傻瓜》,就会重新认识此问题了,因为曾经出现过上述行 为的,恰是此书的作者纳西姆・	
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这本书最初读的是英文电子书,觉得非常不错,就顺便向朋友们推荐了它的中文版,自己也买了一本。但读完英文后,很快扫了一下中文版,觉得很糟。 作者酷爱思考,读书甚广,文笔也非常不错,读他的书能感受到那种无处不在的机智和幽默,以及作者对智力生活(文中随处可见诸如inte...

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