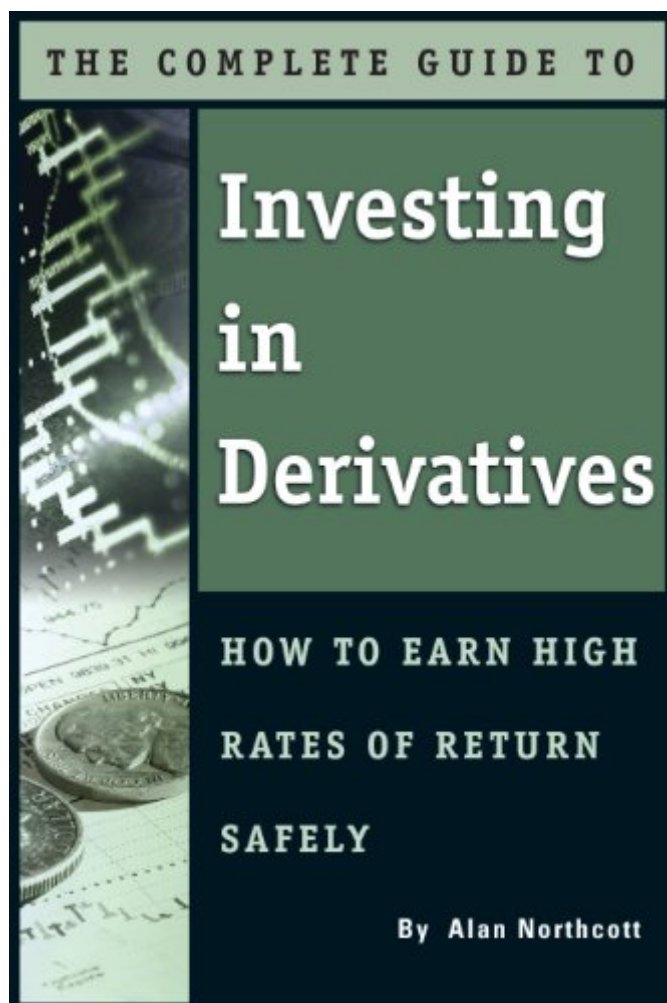


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# The Complete Guide To Investing In Derivatives: How To Earn High Rates Of Return Safely



## Synopsis

As one of the more complex but higher yielding financial opportunities available, derivative investing has become a multi-trillion dollar industry. According to a recent Bank for International Settlements<sup>™</sup> Second Quarter Reports, there were more than \$6 trillion in contracts outstanding in one year – more than \$800 billion of that held by non-financial customers around the world. The physical number of contracts broke the 300 trillion mark and the numbers continue to rise annually around the globe. The combination of lower risks and potential skyrocketing gains that a derivative offers has made many people stop and take notice, yet the seemingly complex nature of such an investment is cause for pause. With this complete guide to understanding derivative investment though, you will not only understand how they work, you can also start making incredibly high returns on a regular basis, all while minimizing your risk. You will start by learning exactly what derivatives are and how the various different forms, including forward contracts, futures contracts, swaps, and options, allow you to make trades on less tangible things outside of the various different trading opportunities you normally have. You will learn why it is important to know everything about derivatives before you start to trade and the vital use of risk analysis and management to maintain the economic stability of your portfolio. In addition, the prices of commodities, exchange rates, and interest rates as they apply to derivatives will be discussed, including how they are established. You will learn what a contract provides, how the futures markets operate, what taxes and commissions you can expect in futures trading, and what people are currently working on in the futures market. In addition, you will learn the various forms of futures, such as stock index futures, Treasury bond and Treasury note futures, and also Treasury bill and Eurodollar futures. You will learn directly from the experts, thanks to dozens of hours of interviews with the nation's<sup>™</sup> top derivatives trading experts. You will learn how to trade and add swaps to your portfolio, manage the risk associated with them, and how they are priced and valued. You will learn the various different option pricing models and trading strategies, and also how the continuous time option pricing model operates in different markets. For anyone who wants to take advantage of the derivative market but does not yet have the necessary knowledge to do so, this book will provide you with a comprehensive outlook on every detail involved in trading within these complex, more advanced markets. Atlantic Publishing is a small, independent publishing company based in Ocala, Florida. Founded over twenty years ago in the company president's<sup>™</sup> garage, Atlantic Publishing has grown to become a renowned resource for non-fiction books. Today, over 450 titles are in print covering subjects such as small business, healthy living, management, finance, careers, and real estate. Atlantic Publishing prides itself on producing award winning, high-quality manuals that give readers up-to-date, pertinent

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I, like most people know what stocks are, I know what bonds are, and I know where to purchase them if I want to, I know how to research them to maximize the likelihood of success. Derivatives, though, I had no clue what they were, what they did, or why I would want them. When a colleague was discussing Derivatives with another colleague, though, my interest was piqued, and I went in search of more information. I am thrilled that I found Mr. Northcott's book. The author of this book, Alan Northcott, is not only a professional in the financial field, but he has excellent communication skills when it comes to bringing extremely difficult and complex information to a regular person

without a degree in economics. After reading 'The Complete Guide to Investing In Derivatives: How to Earn High Rates of Return Safely' I feel like I am able to understand what derivatives are, how they work, and more importantly, why I should invest in them. Mr. Northcott does an extremely good job of explaining this very complex subject. His writing skills are top notch, and he has a wonderful ability to explain things in terms that a novice like me can understand, but yet still offer insight to those who are already well versed in Derivatives. I appreciate that he took the time to explain the history of derivatives, and I appreciate the fact that he didn't make me feel inferior because I didn't know anything about them when I started reading. I highly recommend this book for anyone seeking more information on Derivatives or to anyone wishing to diversify their portfolio with derivatives.

As the economy shifts and changes, people are looking for new ways to invest. Trying to grasp the concept of Derivatives was like trying to speak a foreign language, until reading this book. The author is obviously coming from a place of experience, rather than theory, and brings real life advice on not only understanding how derivatives work, but also how to put this intriguing investment idea into practice. After explaining exactly what derivatives are, the book even covers putting a plan into place, along with tips and strategies for success. If you are seeking a new way to invest, diversify, or expand your portfolio, then this is your book.

I remember being in college and overhearing the students in the trading club discuss derivatives, stocks, trading, and investment forecasts back in the day. Had I read The Complete Guide to Investing in Derivatives back then I imagine myself not being too intimidated to join in on that discussion. This book was pivotal in laying down structure and terms associated with market and stock values, and how they can make a huge return for you. I haven't yet had the bravery to dive in and try it for myself, but my confidence is way up. When I read the latest outlooks I feel knowledgeable and "in the know" with what's going on. I am sure that in no time I am going to be bringing in the big bucks. The words of the author, Alan Northcott, just brimmed with expertise and free-flowing knowledge, which he was able to succinctly communicate with the reader. What seemed like a complicated and impossible area to learn about now seems second-nature, and I have The Complete Guide to Investing in Derivatives to thank for that.

Admittedly I had a limited knowledge of the subject before I read the book, and listening to people discuss derivatives sounded like they were speaking a different language entirely, but now that I've completed it I feel I finally understand what is involved. Derivatives have the potential to be a

confusing subject but this guide gently takes you by the hand and walks you through everything you need to know. The author's clear, concise writing helps you to assimilate the concepts quickly and painlessly. The case studies sprinkled throughout the book were also invaluable in further reinforcing the information with real life examples. I genuinely feel as if through these pages I absorbed a semester's worth of derivatives education from a top notch college. I really cannot recommend this enough to those interested in derivatives. Whether you are a novice or already have some experience with the subject you are sure to gain valuable insights into the topic.

This is the second of Northcott's books that I read. His books are very good because he explains well on a difficult subject

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