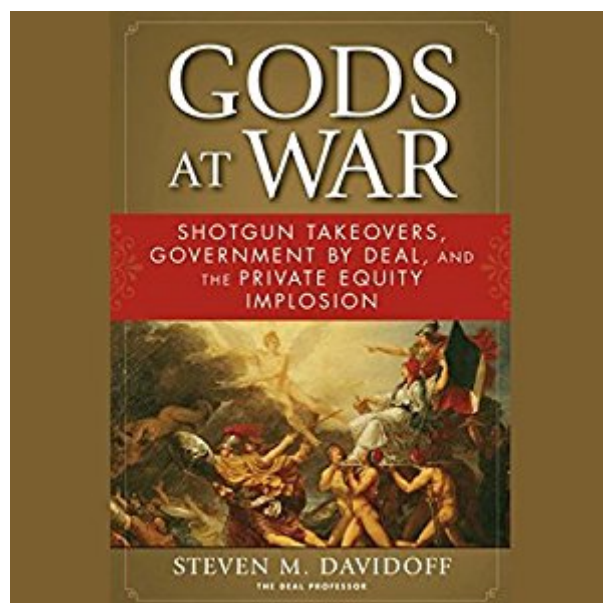


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# Gods At War: Shotgun Takeovers, Regulation By Deal, And The Private Equity Implosion



## Synopsis

An engaging exploration of modern-day deals and deal-making *Gods at War* details the recent deals and events that have forever changed the world of billion-dollar deal-making. This book is a whirlwind tour of the players determining the destiny of corporate America, including the government, private equity, strategic buyers, hedge funds, and sovereign wealth funds. It not only examines many of the game-changing takeover events that have occurred in the past years, but also puts them into context and exposes what is really going on behind the scenes on Wall Street. *Gods at War* completely covers the strategic issues that guide the modern-day deal, and since they unfold under the shadow of the law, it also focuses on the legal aspects of deal-making and takeovers. Each chapter unfolds through the lens of a recent transaction, from the battle between Yahoo! and Microsoft to the United Rental/Cerberus dispute. Provides in-depth explanations and analysis of the events and actors that have shaped this fast-moving field. Examines the federal government's regulation by deal approach to saving the financial system and explains the government's biggest "deals", including its bail-outs of AIG, Bank of America, and Citigroup. Filled with in-depth insights that will enhance your understanding of this field, *Gods at War* offers an engaging look at deals and deal-makers in the context of recent historical events. It's a book for those who want to understand deals, takeovers, and the people and institutions who shape our world. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Out of the rubble of the financial meltdown that began in 2008 we're starting to see signs that the market for corporate acquisitions is coming back to life. From Berkshire Hathaway's deal to buy Burlington Northern to Novartis's proposed squeeze-out of the minority shareholders of Alcon, large scale deals are moving to the forefront. Professor Steven Davidoff's *Gods at War* gives you the background you need to understand the changing landscape of mergers and acquisitions, most importantly the shifting legal ground on which these takeovers take place. Professor Davidoff teaches law after practicing in the M&A field for a decade, and his book is about the law, but it's not written for lawyers - thankfully. Instead, it is for readers with some understanding of the financial markets and an interest in learning how deals get done, or are thwarted by management and competitors. Most importantly, he explains how new sources of capital, especially private investment pools and hedge funds, are changing the way transactions occur. As an added bonus, *Gods at War* provides a nice history of the financial meltdown after the collapse of Bear Stearns and Lehman Brothers in 2008. What had once been a private market, with S.E.C. regulation but not much serious interference in the marketplace, has changed into what he calls "Government by Deal." The current financial reform legislation aims to make this a permanent feature of the financial system by giving Washington the power to seize control of large institutions that pose too great a risk to the economy's stability - making permanent the notion of "too big to fail." His assessment of where the deal machinery may be headed looks to be dead on.

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