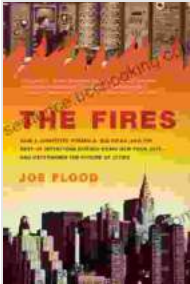


How Computer Formula Big Ideas And The Best Of Intentions Burned Down New York: A Cautionary Tale for the 21st Century



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In his new book, New York Times bestselling author Kurt Eichenwald takes us inside the world of high-frequency trading, a secretive and often unregulated industry that has the power to move markets and even crash the global economy. Eichenwald follows the rise and fall of some of the most prominent figures in high-frequency trading, including Sergey Aleynikov, a Russian immigrant who became a billionaire by exploiting a flaw in the Nasdaq stock exchange.

Eichenwald's book is a gripping narrative that reads like a thriller. He takes us inside the trading floors of the world's largest banks and hedge funds, where traders are making millions of dollars in seconds. He shows us how

high-frequency trading has changed the way the stock market works, and how it has made the market more volatile and dangerous.

But Eichenwald's book is more than just a story about Wall Street. It is also a cautionary tale about the dangers of unchecked technological innovation. In the rush to embrace new technologies, we often fail to consider the potential consequences. The story of high-frequency trading is a case in point. This new technology was supposed to make the market more efficient and transparent. But it ended up doing the opposite. It made the market more opaque and complex, and it gave a handful of traders an unfair advantage.

The story of high-frequency trading is a reminder that we need to be careful about how we use technology. We need to think about the potential consequences before we embrace new technologies, and we need to be prepared to regulate them if they pose a threat to our society.

The Rise of High-Frequency Trading

High-frequency trading is a type of algorithmic trading that uses computers to execute trades at extremely high speeds. High-frequency traders use sophisticated algorithms to analyze market data and identify trading opportunities. They then use computers to execute trades in milliseconds, often before other traders have a chance to react.

High-frequency trading has become increasingly popular in recent years. In 2009, high-frequency traders accounted for about 10% of all trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange. By 2018, that number had grown to over 50%.

The rise of high-frequency trading has had a number of significant impacts on the stock market. First, it has made the market more volatile. High-frequency traders often engage in short-term trading strategies, which can lead to sharp swings in prices. Second, high-frequency trading has made the market more difficult for individual investors to navigate. Individual investors often lack the sophisticated algorithms and high-speed computers that high-frequency traders use. This can give high-frequency traders an unfair advantage.

The Fall of Sergey Aleynikov

Sergey Aleynikov was one of the most successful high-frequency traders in the world. In 2009, he made over \$100 million trading stocks. But in 2010, he was arrested and charged with stealing proprietary trading code from his former employer, Goldman Sachs.

Aleynikov's arrest shook the world of high-frequency trading. It showed that even the most successful traders were not immune to the law. It also raised questions about the ethics of high-frequency trading.

Aleynikov was eventually convicted of theft and sentenced to eight years in prison. He was released in 2018 after serving five years of his sentence.

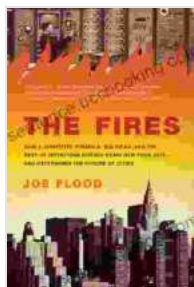
The Future of High-Frequency Trading

The future of high-frequency trading is uncertain. Regulators are taking a closer look at the industry, and there is a growing movement to ban high-frequency trading altogether.

But even if high-frequency trading is banned, it is likely that other forms of algorithmic trading will emerge. The use of computers to execute trades is

becoming increasingly common, and it is likely that this trend will continue in the future.

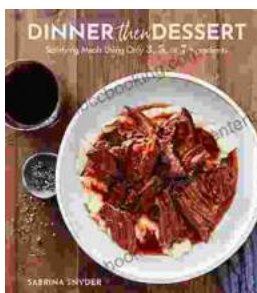
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