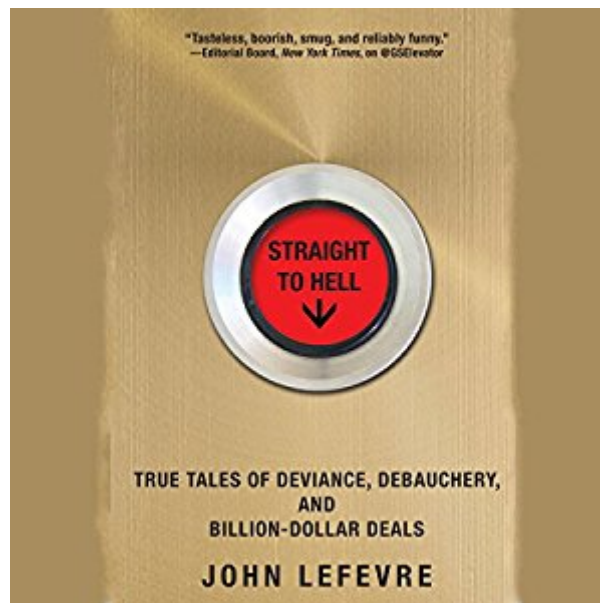




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Straight To Hell: True Tales Of Deviance, Debauchery, And Billion-Dollar Deals



Synopsis

"Some chick asked me what I would do with 10 million bucks. I told her I'd wonder where the rest of my money went." (@GSElevator) Over the past three years, the notorious @GSElevator Twitter feed has offered a hilarious, shamelessly voyeuristic look into the real world of international finance. Hundreds of thousands followed the account, Goldman Sachs launched an internal investigation, and when the true identity of the man behind it all was revealed, it created a national media sensation - but that's only part of the story. Where @GSElevator captured the essence of the banking elite with curated jokes and submissions overheard by readers, Straight to Hell adds John LeFevre's own story - an unapologetic and darkly funny account of a career as a globe-conquering investment banker spanning New York, London, and Hong Kong. Straight to Hell pulls back the curtain on a world that is both hated and envied, taking listeners from the trading floors and roadshows to private planes and after-hours overindulgence. Full of shocking lawlessness, boyish antics, and win-at-all-costs schemes, this is the definitive take on the deviant, dysfunctional, and absolutely excessive world of finance.

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Customer Reviews

The book is really entertaining. All the deviance that are said about Wall Street is thoroughly pictures here. I did some research on the author and found some articles where they had done fact checks and interviews with his colleagues. Looks like fiction and exaggeration played a major role during the writing process. For example, one debunked story was the fight with Manchester United

squad in Hong Kong. Based on the information the author provides about the deal he was working on when the fight happened, the timeline would suggest 2006. Apparently Manchester United never had any Hong Kong tour in 05, 06 or 07. But all in all, it's a very funny and entertaining read, which would probably make a good movie too.

Let's be real. This isn't a classic. This isn't literature. It's entertainment. But is it ever entertaining! I read this book quickly on a trip and couldn't help but laughing throughout out loud. Don't believe half of it, but the likely embellished stories are definitely a riot and worth the read.

Having worked within the financial services industry, I found this book to be especially entertaining. It's a mashup of investment banking culture and "I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell". I personally feel that if you do not have much exposure to financial lingo then it may be less entertaining to read. Additionally, if you are looking for a serious exposé on unethical business practices in Asian debt markets then I would give this a pass.

Highly amusing. You want to kill him at some points and admire him at others and it goes back and forth throughout. It is honest and I commend the author for not self-aggrandizing. I am rereading and the tweets at the beginning of each chapter are humorous

Very interesting read about one Wall Street veteran's wily experience of working for a bank processing bonds and aftermarket sordid affairs with liquor, cocaine, asian prostitutes, and rap music. Recommended book.

The title is appropriate. The worst part about this book was that it ended. I could not put it down, and was entertained throughout. This even pushed my curiosity further into the business and other books of this nature. Glad I bought it, and I hope he writes more.

Recommend the audio version. Best enjoyed through Audeze LCD-4 HD noise canceling headphones (over ear) in Cathay Pacific first class. Go easy on the gin and tonics or you'll have to back up a few chapters next time you listen.

Fun book- sort of like an update of liar's poker. Lots of frat-boy-like antics, and with an emphasis on Asia. I like the coarse humour but some may be offended. Also a stinging critique of how finance is

done.

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