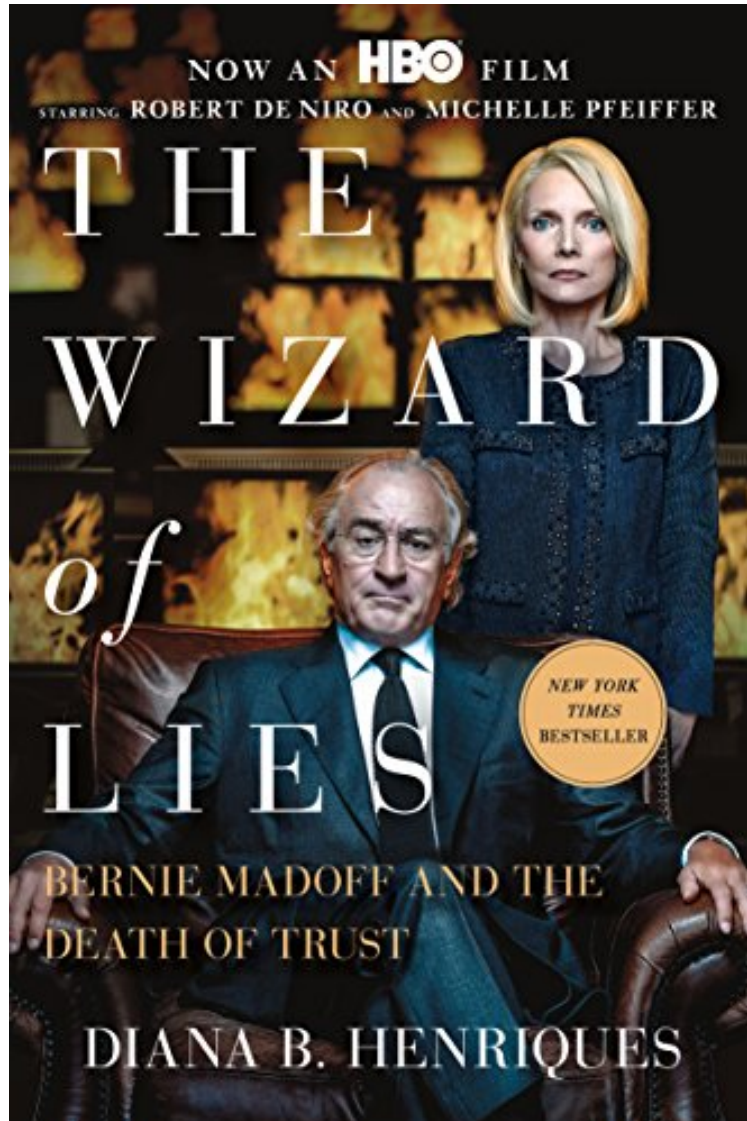


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her sons did not, but I still have questions about what Mrs. Madoff knew and when she knew it. This man who ruined so many lives in order to live like a king is a monster. He took not only from wealthy people could withstand their losses, but from many who could not, people like police officers and teachers. He deserved that prison sentence he got. There should be more in there with him.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. We know who dunnit -- But still this is an amazing detective thrillerBy SidneyAlmost finished -- Just started reading it yesterday. All the facts and figures just boggles my mind at times (being 70-years-old that's not hard to do). How Ms. Henriques ever made sense of this is a major accomplishment.Her writing is almost poetic at times: "... the individual fraud victims, who had believed for too long in this wizard of lies, were on a quest to find the most elusive prize of all: justice."Most of them began their trek with only the vaguest idea of the terrain ahead. They did not know that some bridges had been washed out. Most tragically, they could not see the crossroads around the bend where at least half of them would be detoured into a labyrinth of bitter fury and frustration."Am very curious as to how the movie portrays this.87 of 89 people found the following review helpful. I love a great storyBy NYBookClubberI haven't read many books about finance or financial crimes, so I was a bit concerned that parts of this book might be over my head. This was not the case with The Wizard of Lies. Instead, what I got was a suspenseful, thrilling story that I couldn't put down. I got it all from this book: a comprehensive overview of when and how this crime started, the smallest details about how it ended, and everything in between AND after. We also learn how it's affected--and continues to affect--individuals and organizations.Finally, what I found very interesting is how the author looks at what Madoff's crime--and how he fooled so many--can teach us about ourselves. This was something that made me reflect and think about the stories I tell myself. Highly recommended to those who are looking for a compelling, informative and thoughtful non-fiction book.

The inside story of Bernie Madoff and his \$65 billion Ponzi scheme, with surprising and shocking new details from Madoff himself.Who is Bernie Madoff, and how did he pull off the biggest Ponzi scheme in history?These questions have fascinated people ever since the news broke about the respected New York financier who swindled his friends, relatives, and other investors out of \$65 billion through a fraud that lasted for decades. Many have speculated about what might have happened or what must have happened, but no reporter has been able to get the full story -- until now.In The Wizard of Lies, Diana B. Henriques of The New York Times -- who has led the paper's coverage of the Madoff scandal since the day the story broke -- has written the definitive book on the man and his scheme, drawing on unprecedented access and more than one hundred interviews with people at all levels and on all sides of the crime, including Madoff's first interviews for publication since his arrest. Henriques also provides vivid details from the various lawsuits, government investigations, and court filings that will explode the myths that have come to surround the story.A true-life financial thriller, The Wizard of Lies contrasts Madoff's remarkable rise on Wall Street, where he became one of the country's most trusted and respected traders, with dramatic scenes from his accelerating slide toward self-destruction. It is also the most complete account of the heartbreaking personal disasters and landmark legal battles triggered by Madoff's downfall -- the suicides, business failures, fractured families, shuttered charities -- and the clear lessons this timeless scandal offers to Washington, Wall Street, and Main Street.