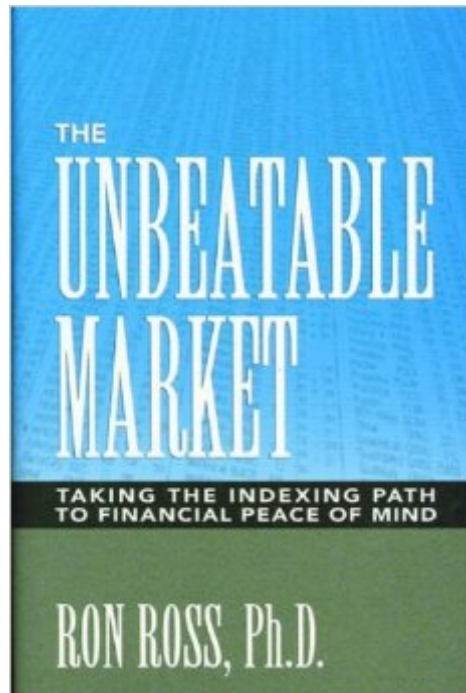


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The Unbeatable Market: Taking The Indexing Path To Financial Peace Of Mind



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Wow, this book is simply a must have. I am the holder of an MBA, and am currently researching various aspects of passive investing towards a Ph.D, so am very familiar with the terrain. I bought the book thinking that it would trot out the same old arguments in favour of indexing. Prof. Ross does this, but in a manner that is lucid, unique in its approach and totally convincing. He does not pull his punches, and truly has a remarkable knack of conveying his message in a manner that makes the subject appealing. Even if you do not subscribe to the passive investing philosophy it would do you good to buy the book as it will challenge your existing thinking. If you are one of those that has been burnt by recent market events I encourage you to buy this book first before all others. The next in line would be Four Pillars by William Bernstein.

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couple of years have blown your confidence in the stock market, this book will restore your faith.

I just finished this book and it has completely changed what I think about the stock market. The author starts off with background information on basic economics which is then used throughout the book to prove why and to what degree the stock market is impossible to beat. Before reading this book I was an avid technical analyst and despite my horrific returns, I felt that beating the market just took some more talent, skill, and a bit of luck. After reading this book--and realizing how sensible each of the author's arguments are--I've decided to face the facts and hang up my trendlines for good. Although the book is quite frankly disheartening, I am glad that I read it before I wasted any more of my hard earned money trying to find hot stocks. The only thing that I felt should have been more thoroughly covered in the book was the effect that emotion plays in the stock market. Clearly the market isn't quite as efficient as the author believes when we see stocks such as and yahoo get bid up to such astronomical levels in the late 90s. And it would be tough to explain how efficient stock prices are to those who were smart enough to short those stocks in 2000. All in all though, this is an amazing and eye-opening book to say the least. Anyone who tries to beat the market through actively managed mutual funds or through trading NEEDS to read this book. Well written, easy to understand, and convincing as hell. Take the commission fee from your next trade and use it to buy this book instead.

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I am an author of three books on Modern Portfolio Theory and as the director of research for an investment advisory firm I read many books on investing every year---this is one of the best books I have read in recent years, doing a great job of explaining why the markets are efficient. Ron is an excellent teacher, using simple analogies to make often difficult concepts easy to understand. Anyone interested in learning how the market really works, and not how Wall Street wants and needs you to believe it works, (and that should be everyone) should read this book

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