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Still, not doing so every few years would be worse, partly because so many of the details are changing, and partly because so many people, by all reason, continue to buy them. In the 38 years since this book first appeared, the world has spun into high gear. Back then, there were no home equity loans, no 401(k) retirement plans or Roth IRAs . . . no variable annuities to avoid or index funds to applaud or adjust mortgages to consider . . . no ETFs, no 529 education funds, no regular miles (oh, no!), no internet (can you you no internet!) – not even an eBay, Craigslist or Amazon. (How did anyone ever buy anything?) The largest mutual fund family offered a choice of 15 different funds. Today: hundreds. Stock prices were cited in fractions and New York Stock Exchange volume averaged 25 million shares a day. Today: 3 billion shares would be a slow day. The top federal income tax bracket was 70%. The basics of personal finances have not changed—they never do. There are still only a relatively few commonsense things you need to know about your money. But the welter of investment choices and the thickness of jargon and places has grown much denser. Maybe this book could be your mask. The Big Picture NOT LONG after this book first appeared in 1978, the U.S. financial tide ebbed: stock and bond prices hit rock bottom (the result of sky-high inflation and interest rates) and so did our National Debt (relative to the size of the economy as a whole). Investing over the next three decades - as difficult as it surely seemed at times - was actually deceptively easy, as the tide just kept coming in. Now we are in (roughly, vaguely) the opposite situation — very low inflation, very low interest rates and an uncomfortably high National Debt — that the years ahead present a particular challenge. Understanding that challenge — seeing the big picture — will help you put events and decisions into context. Take a minute to consider the National Debt and Interest Rates; then another minute to consider the good things. National Debt in 1980, the National Debt—which peaked at 121% of gross domestic product in 1946 because of the need to borrow whatever it took to win World War II—was worked back up to 30%. It's not that we've repaid any of that, just that the economy has grown steadily dwarfing it. Whether it's for a family or a business or - in this case - a nation, having a low debt relationship is healthy. It gives you wiggle room if you ever run into trouble, like a recession, and have to borrow. Indeed, it has long been the big idea: that in bad times governments should lean in the wind and run deficits . . . loans to boost demand and ease the pain while excess business stocks have been gradually trimmed . . . and then, in good times, not borrowing much, or even running a surplus, to build borrowing capacity. Yet in the mostly good years since 1980, we have National Debt Ballooned. Of 30%, when the Reagan-Bush team took over, it transferred 100% in the fiscal year that George W. Bush passed it on to his successor. (Only between Bush Senior and Junior was the annual deficit tamed, as Clinton handed over what Fortune called surpluses as far as the eye could see.) the deficit was once again tamed as of this writing — meaning the National Debt is growing more slowly again than the economy as a whole — the wiggle room is largely gone. I wrote This space five years ago, with the unemployment rate peaking just under 10% and home nose rates, we will get through this and emerge more prosper than ever. But the decade ahead will be more about hunting and retooling than about jet skis and champagne. And indeed, the unemployment rate has fallen to 5.0%, as I write this in early 2016; nose runs at their lowest rate since 2007; and the stock market is more than double its March 2009 low. So we got through it. Yet the country's infrastructure has been allowed to fall badly; the National Debt may require 35 years to shrink back to 30% of GDP, as it gradually did in the 35 years after World War II; and many of the new jobs do not pay nearly as well as those they replaced. So it's still too soon for the champagne. Interest rates in 1981, Uncle Sam said: Lend me $1,000 for two years and I will pay you $336 in interest. In early 2016, Uncle Sam said, Lend me the same $1,000 and I'll pay you $20. And people rushed to take it. So it's a very different world. In 1981, investors willing to take a risk on stocks or long-term bonds knew that — if inflation didn't get completely out of control — interest rates would eventually fall, raised the prices of both stocks and bonds. In 2016, investors need to understand that — whatever might come first — interest rates will eventually rise, dropping bond prices (see Chapter 5) and stocks relatively less attractive, too. (The more interest you can get from safe bonds, the less reason to take a risk with stocks.) None of this is to say stocks can't go up if interest rates do. They can absolutely if rates don't go too high and sit on top of healthy economic growth. But as a general rule, falling rates boost profits and stock prices. And for nearly 35 years, long-term interest rates generally fall: wind below the market's sails. At this point, if rates were to start falling in any big way again, it would only be because economic conditions are terrible — and that's not likely to drive enthusiasm for stocks. So either way, up or down, we face a bit of a headwind. The Good Things For all our problems, there is the astonishing turmoil of technology. People are watching the last 50 years of technological progress and they are dazzling. And they think of themselves, The next 50 years may be equally dazzling! Won't it be something! But no, said futurist Ray Kurzweil, they're wrong. Technological progress over the next 50 years won't be equally dazzling — it will be 32 times as dazzling, 32 times as fast, 32 times as big. The implications are both exciting and terrifying. Cyberterrorism? Don't get me going. There is no guarantee that, whether as a nation or a species, we will like of the rails. It is indeed the central challenge of the century. Century. if we can manage to blow it, the implications are incredible. Imagine, for example, a world of almost free clean renewable energy, as much as we now have almost free communications. (When I was a kid, a hushed up, urgent I'm at long distance! meant to get the hell away from the phone. And that was for a call to Chicago. Today, the same call—even if it's up to China, and even if it's a video call—is almost free.) Almost free energy would make everything dramatically cheaper - including materials, such as energy-intensive aluminum- so most people could enjoy a tremendous boost in their standard of living. And that's just energy. The rate of advance in medical technology is another thing, already dazzling, it tends to speed up—with astonishing implications. It comes from here to there that is the challenge. At best, it will be a bumpy ride. But making sensible economic and financial choices, and being in sensible habits, will at least tilt the odds in your favor to enjoy as much of the upside as possible while avoiding the pitfalls. Ok. Let's start. PART ONE MINIMAL RISK There is no dignity so impressive, and no independence as important, as living within your means. - CALVIN COOLIDGE 1 If I'm so smart, how come this book won't make you rich? You have to look out for the railroad analyst who can tell you the number of ties between New York and Chicago, but not when to sell Penn Central. -NICHOLAS THORNDIKE HERE YOU ARE, having just bought a fat little investment guide we will mention dollars and sense, if so many investment guides are (although the one I'm in mind has a different title), and you're skimming through idea after idea, growing increasingly excited by all the exclamation points, looking for an investment you would feel comfortable with. You page through ancient cars, raw land, mutual funds, gold - and you arrive on the section about savings banks. Mexican savings banks. The book explains how by converting your dollars to pesos you can earn 12% on your savings in Mexico instead of 51/2% here. At 12% after 20 years, $1,000 won't grow to a paltry $2,917, as it would at 51/2%, but to nearly $10,000! What's more, the book explains, U.S. savings banks report interest payments to the Internal Revenue Service. Mexican banks guarantee not to. Wink. The book does warn that if the peso was devalued relative to the dollar, your nest egg would shrink proportionally. However, the author rested, the peso is one of the stable currencies in the world, having been glued at a flat rate to the dollar for 21 years; and the Mexican government has repeatedly declared its intention not to devalue. Now, how the hectic are you, who need to buy a book to tell you about this in the first place, supposed to be the of the Mexican peso? You can only assume that the author not devoted two pages to the event if he thought it was a poor risk to take — and he's an expert. (Anyone who writes a book, I'm happy to sign up, is an expert.) And, as a matter of fact, you remember reading somewhere that Mexico has oil - pretty good collateral to back any country's currency. Anyway, what would be as terrible as, if your savings doubled and south of the border tripled three times, the peso was devalued 5% or 10%? So, fearful of the stock market and impressed by the author's credentials, you take el dives. And for 18 months you get all the girls.* Because while others are lamb pointing to the free bell radios they've gotten with their new 51/2% savings accounts, you're talking Mexican pesos at 12%. Come September, and Mexico announces that its peso is no longer fixed at the rate of 12.5 to the dollar, but will, instead, be allowed to float. Overnight it drives 25% lower, and within a matter of days it's 40%. Whammo. Reports the New York Times: Devaluation is expected to produce serious immediate problems, most notable in heavy losses for Americans who have been investing dollars in high-interest peso notes for years. How many are involved? Oh, just $6 or $8 billion. You're devastated. But you weren't born yesterday. At least you won't be as foolish to join the panic of withdrawing your funds. You may have bought at the top — but you'll be damned if you'll sell at the bottom. The peso could recover somewhat. Even if that doesn't happen, what's lost is lost. There's no point taking your reduced capital out of an account that pays 12%, so you can get 51/2% in the United States. And sure enough, in less than two weeks the float is ended, and the Mexican government is informally rehearsing the peso to the dollar. (Just now, one peso is worth a nickel, where two weeks ago it was worth 8 cents.) You may not know much about international finance (who does?), but you know enough to feel that, like a big house cleansing, this 40% devaluation in Mexico's currency ought to last it for a long, long time. In fact, you tell friends, for your own peace of mind you're just as glad they did it all at once rather than nodding your death to death. And then six weeks later, the peso is driven again, slipping from a nickel to less than 4 cents. Since Labor Day you're up 52%. Aren't you glad you bought that book? (Everything changes and nothing changes. It was 1976. In 1982, the peso was devalued again — by 80%. By mid-2010, it was back to its 1976 value of 8 cents, but only because three zeros were kicked off the currency in 1993. A thousand pesos bought in 1976 for $80 and kept in a mattress . . . although an unlikely repository . . . 34 years later, one new peso would have become worth 8 cents. And now, in 2016, just 6.) It was Entitled book – the title was the publisher's idea; in poor I went along — is for people who quickly burned to get rich quickly. This is the only investment guide you ever need because it will make you rich beyond any further need for money, which it won't, but because most investment guides you don't need. Those who keep out the promise of wealth are deceit. Those dealing with strategies in commodities or gold are too narrow. They tell you how you might be playing a specific game, but not at all whether you should play the game. Those who are encyclopedic, with a chapter on everything, pretty much leave you where you would start— try to choose from a myriad of competing alternatives. I hasten to add that, while this may be the only investment guide you'll ever need, it's by no means the only investment guide that's good. But unfortunately, reading three good investment guides instead of one surely won't triple, and probably not even improve, your investment results. The odd thing about investing—the frustrating thing—is that it's not like cooking or playing chess or much of anything else. The more cookbooks you read and pot roasts in front, the better the cook - within limits - you'll probably become. The more chess books you read and gambits you learn, the more opponents —within limits—you tend to outwit. But when it comes to investing, all these usually admirable qualities—try hard, learning a lot, becoming intrigued—can be of little help, or actually working against you. It has been ampfully demonstrated, as I will further document on, that a monkey with a handful of arrows will do about as well when choosing shares as well as most highly paid professional money managers. Show me a monkey that can make a decent seal parmesan. If a monkey as well as a professional can invest, or almost so, it stands to reason that you can too. It stands further to reason that, unless you get a kick out of it, you don't have to spend a lot of time reading investment guides, especially long ones. Indeed, the main virtue of this one (though I hope not) can be his breetness. This one is about the forest, not the trees. Because if you can find the right forest —the right overall investment outlook—you don't have to worry much about the trees. Consequently, this book will summarily dismiss investment fields that some people spend lifetime wandering around. For example: It's a fact that 90% or more of the people who play the commodities game are burned. I submit that you have now read everything you should ever read about commodities. (Or at least about playing with them; in the last chapter, I'll offer a prudent way to use a broad-based commodity fund to increase your diversification and reduce your overall portfolio risk.) This thing about the forest and the trees—about a grade of perspective-carrying further commentary, especially as for many we are second natured to feel guilty if we take the easy way out of a given situation. For example, if we read the flyleaf and first and last chapters of a book, to get its punches, instead of every plodding word. I not only raise it because it can save you many hundreds of hours to steam over investments that will do just as well unscrewed, but also because it leads to the story of The Greatest Moment of My Life. The biggest moment of my life took place in the Decision Analysis class at Harvard Business School. Harvard Business School uses the case method to convey its wisdom, which on a practical level means preparing three or four cases a night for the next day's classroom analysis. Typically, each case sets out an enormous garbage dump of data, from which each student is supposed to determine how the hero or heroine of the matter —inevitably, an embattled division manager or CEO—should behave ideally. Typically, too, I couldn't bring myself to prepare the cases very thoroughly. The format of the classroom discussion was that 75 of us would sit in a semi-circle with name cards in front of us, such as United Nations delegates, and the professor would choose without warning whoever he thought he could embarrass the first five or ten minutes, solo, to present his or her analysis of the matter. Then everyone else could int for the rest of the hour. On one such occasion we were asked to prepare a case the nub of which was: What price should XYZ Company have set for its sprockets? Not coincidentally, we were also presented with a textbook chapter with some elaborate number-crunching way to determine such things. The theory behind it was simple enough - charging the price that will make you the most money - but the actual calculations, were among a thought of doing so, were extremely time consuming. (That was just before calculators reached the market.) The professor, a delightful but hideous man, noted that the conspicuous absence of paperwork through my station had the out-and-out manhood to call on me to distract the discussion. I should note that this occurred early in the quarter, before a lot of ice was broken and while everyone was still taking life very seriously. My instinct was to say, with remorse: I'm sorry, sir, I'm not prepared — a considerable outrage — but in a rare moment of inspiration I decided to conspire a bluff but lamb. (And here's where we finally come to the forest and the trees.) I said: Well, sir, this case was obviously meant to get us to work through the extensive formula we were given to determine prices, but I didn't do any of that. The case said that XYZ Company was in a very competitive industry, so I thought it couldn't charge anymore its sprockets as everyone else, if it wanted to sell any; and the case said that the company had all the that it could handle—so I thought there would be no point in charging less than everyone else, either. So I thought they should just keep charging what everyone else was charging, and I didn't do any calculations. Ahem. The professor blasted his stack — but not for the reason I expected. It turned out that the whole idea of this case was getting us around and going around for 55 minutes knocking each other over the head with our calculations, and then the professor showed us why the calculations were, in this case, irrelevant. Instead, the class was dismissed 12 minutes after it started — to thunderous applause, I might add — there's nothing left to discuss.* Now let me return to commodities. My broker has tried from time to time to interest me in commodities. John, I ask, be honest. Do you make money in commodities? Sometimes, he says. Of course, I sometimes say, but overall you make money? I'm making money now. I'm $3,200 on May stomachs. (Pig mauls—bacon.) But overall, John, if you have all the money you've made, minus your losses, commissions and taxes, and if you split it by the number of hours you've worked on it and worry about it — what did you earn an hour? My broker is no fool. I'm not going to answer that, he kind of gurgles. It turns out my broker made about $5,000 before tax in four years of commodities trading. Without a $10,000 profit once in cotton and a $5,600 profit in soybeans he would have been killed, he—but of course that's the whole idea in this game: a very few losses, but some enormous gains. He can't count the number of hours he's worked on and worry about commodities. He went home short sugar one Friday afternoon after it closed restriction (meaning he would go down betting, but instead it went up so quickly that he didn't have time to cover his bet, and now he's stood to lose even more than he's lined up) and spent all weekend , and his wife's all weekend, worried about it. So maybe this very smart broker, with his very smart advisers, and their very smart computer, had made $2 or $3 an hour, before taxes, for his effort. And he wants me to play? He wants you to play? If 90% of people speculating in commodities lose (and 98% can be a more accurate figure), the question is clear how to get below the 10% (or 2%) who wins. If it's not just a matter of luck, then it stands to reason that the players who have the best chance are insiders at the big companies—Hershey, Cargill, General Foods, etc.—who people around the world report to them about the slightest change in weather, and who have a minute-to-minute feel for the market (whether it's the market for cocoa, wheat , or what-have-you). You're not such an insider, but those who are delighted to have you at the too late to sit down and with them. If, on the other hand, it's just luck, then you have just as good a chance as anyone else for the jackpot, and all you do is gamble, simple and simple, and paying commission to commission to a broker who, friend or brother-in-law though he may be, can't bring himself to give you the right advice. He'll give you advice on October broilers or the frost in Florida or the technician's report he claims somehow saw before anyone else. With joy. What he won't tell you — or it will cost him despy if he does — is that you shouldn't be in the game at all. Class dismissed. Likewise: ancient cars, wine, autographs, stamps, coins, diamonds, art. For two reasons. First, in each case you compete against experts. If you're already an expert, you don't have to pay attention, and you won't pay any attention anyway, my advice. Second, what most people fail to point out if they're talking about the wonderfully steady appreciation of such investments is that, while what you'll have to pay for a given lithograph can cleverly rise every year (or maybe not), it's not so easy for the amateur to turn around and sell it. Galleries usually take half the retail price as their cut—such push that costs $500 and values in five years to $1,000, retail, can bring you all $500 when you've gone back to the gallery to sell it. Yes, eBay can narrow the spread and is the preferred way to trade Beanie Babies. But is it investment? Meanwhile, neither print nor wine nor diamonds would have paid your dividends (except psychics); indeed, you would have paid to insure them. I gave a speech to this effect in Australia many years ago, just as the first faint flaws began to appear in what was then a very hot diamond market. Nothing is forever, I suggested, not even the 15% annual appreciation of diamonds. When I finished, a mustachioed gentleman with a bushy head of previously owned hair came up to say how much he agreed with my remarks. Diamonds! he scoffed (you could see the secretion in his face). And for a minute there I thought I had met a kindred spirit. Opals! he said. That's where the money is! The fellow, it develops, was an opal salesman. As a child, I collected first-day coverings (colorful, specially postmarked envelopes to commemorate the issuance of a new stamp). Sure enough, every year they cost me more and more. Decades later, discovering them in the back of a closet, I had a local collector that I had reason to know was on the procurement route. (I saw his notice on the supermarket bulletin board.) Knowing you're always doing better if you can cut out the middle man, I thought about selling it directly to him. It is

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