

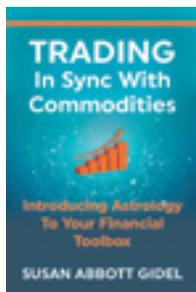


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Trading In Sync With Commodities: Introducing Astrology To Your Financial Toolbox (224 pages, \$40, April 2018, ISBN 978-0-9766820-2-8 / e978-0-9766820-1-1) by **Susan Abbott Gidel**, published by Pines Publishing.

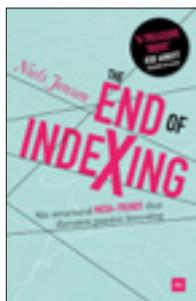
This book combines Gidel's knowledge and passion for both the commodity markets and astrology into a book for traders, investors, and astrologers. Written for those who might be unfamiliar with either commodities or astrology, the author includes basic chapters on each topic, as well as an astrological glossary and a list of resources. She covers how astrology can help you discover which markets you might be most attuned to trade in. The author's research looked at when markets peak and bottom across six major commodity futures markets—S&P 500, gold, soybeans, crude oil, euro FX and US 10-year T-notes—and their connection to astrological transits (that is, the ever-changing position of planets in the sky). She linked important price highs and lows each market with planetary phenomena and connections to the horoscope chart cast for when each market began trading. This research required having the exact first-trade time and date, which was obtained by rigorously digging into exchange and news archives and then doublechecking the data for accuracy. This book presents her technique for anticipating dates for potential market highs and lows and includes forecasts for when the six markets might make highs and lows through 2020.

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The End Of Indexing: Six Structural Mega-Trends That Threaten Passive Investing (228 pages, £25 hardcover (includes ebook)/£15 ebook, March 2018, ISBN 9780857195494 / 9780857195500) by **Niels Jensen**, published by Harriman House.

Index tracking accounts for around one-third of the total US mutual fund market and is still growing rapidly. However, this author argues that the economic environment we are entering will be unsuited to index-tracking strategies. Jensen identifies six structural megatrends that are set to disrupt investors around the globe, including: the end of the debt supercycle, retirement of baby boomers, declining spending power of the middle classes, the rise of the East, the death of fossil fuels, and mean-reversion of the wealth-to-GDP ratio. The author holds that these six themes have the potential to create conditions that will result in low economic growth for decades to come. Investment techniques and methodologies, including passive investing strategies, that have worked well in the bull market of the



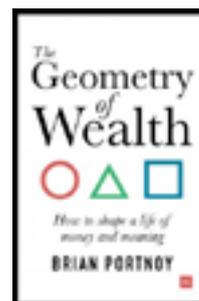
last 35 years will no longer deliver acceptable results. This author calls for a new investment approach and warns of the future decline of index tracking.

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The Geometry Of Wealth: How To Shape A Life Of Money And Meaning (232 pages, \$19.99 softcover, June 2018, ISBN 978-0857196712)

by **Brian Portnoy, PhD, CFA**, published by Harriman House. How does money figure into a happy life? In *The Geometry of Wealth*, behavioral finance expert Brian Portnoy delivers an answer based on the idea that wealth, truly defined, is funded contentment. It is the ability to underwrite a meaningful life. This stands in stark contrast to angling to become rich, which is usually an unsatisfying treadmill. At the heart of this perspective, Portnoy discusses true wealth, informed by disciplines ranging from ancient history to modern neuroscience. He contends that tackling the big questions about a joyful life and tending to financial decisions are complementary, not separate, tasks. This journey contours along three basic shapes: A circle, triangle, and square help us visualize how we adapt to evolving circumstances, set clear priorities, and find empowerment in simplicity. The book strives to be accessible and entertaining, and Portnoy concludes that true wealth is achievable for many—including those who despair it is out of reach—but only in the context of a life in which purpose and practice are thoughtfully calibrated.

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Deep Value Investing: Finding Bargain Shares With Big Potential, updated and extended second edition (275 pages, £29.99 softcover, £27.99 ebook, January 2018, ISBN 9780857196613 / 9780857196620) by **Jeroen Bos**, published by Harriman House.

This book discusses finding high-potential, undervalued stocks. "Deep value investing" refers to finding companies that are bargains that can pay back multifold over the long term, and company stock that is cheap enough so that even if the company were to close the day after you bought it, its assets would still pay you out at a profit. However, for the best reward, so states this book, the real goal is to find stocks that may be ripe for turnaround. This approach is inspired by well-known investor Benjamin Graham, author of *The Intelligent Investor*. In this book, Bos covers using publicly available information to discover shares; an example of 10 investments; the strategy in practice; and what can go wrong and how to help prevent it.

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