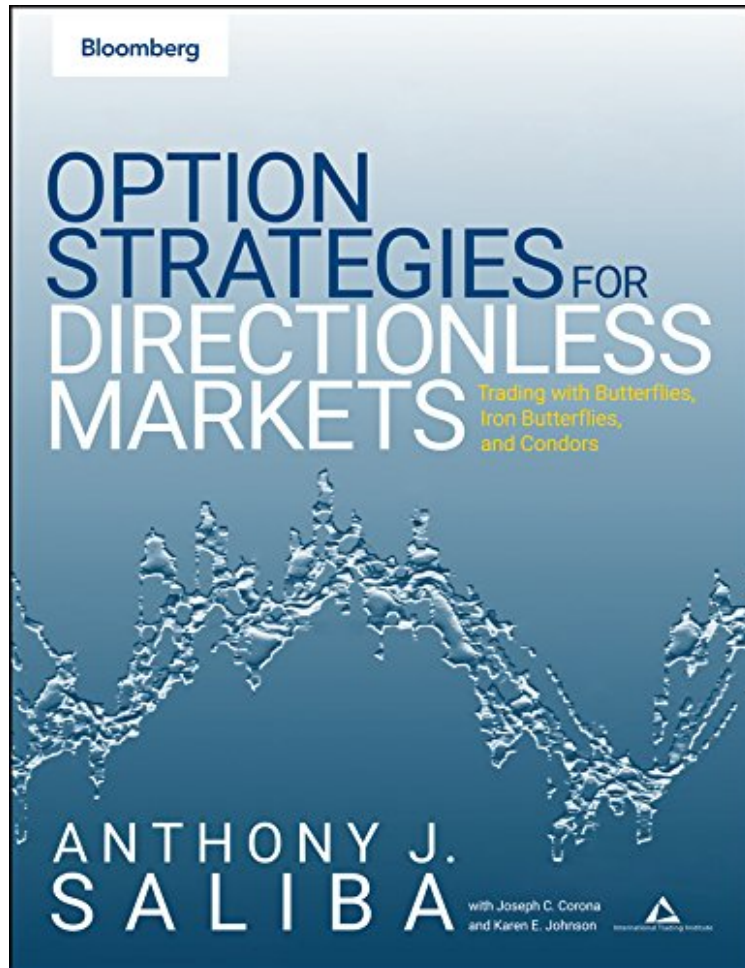


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42 of 42 people found the following review helpful. Good for newer option traders
By Jeff L. Sadino
I saw that each strategy had about 30 pages of information, so I thought that the depth of discussion would be quite good. Unfortunately, the first 10 pages of each chapter is simply which options make up the strategy. Investopedia does the same job in 1 page. The next 10 pages shows pictures of the greeks, which I did not find very useful. Probably the reason why is that there is not a single options chain in the whole book. The values he picks for his greeks would seem to come out of thin air to the newer trader. Also, the pictures often times do not use the same scaling/pricing as the examples that they are supposed to be describing. Qualitatively, they are good, but it could have been much better if Saliba matched the graphs more tightly to the text. The only parts I liked was the last 10 pages when he talks about

adjustments. I have had a tough time finding books about adjustments, and this one gives a good introduction to adjustments. Sometimes though, his advice is not really advice: "If your trade moves against you, then take appropriate actions to protect your capital." What can I do with that? I thought the exercises at the end were trivial. They test you to see if you understood what you read like "What does a short put vertical made of?" I would have rather seen questions about what to do in different situations, but these only make up 10 or 20% of the questions. Overall, I would describe this book as teaching the newer trader about how options work, but not how to trade them successfully. Saliba avoids complicated math and keeps it simple. As other reviewers have noted, he is perhaps a better teacher than others. However, this is really only an overview of option strategies and does not give enough real-world scenarios to equip the reader to make money by trading options. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By CustomerHad some info that I was looking for. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Roy C. Wood MDGreat

Spread trading—trading complex, multi-leg structures—is the new frontier for the individual options trader. This book covers spread strategies, both of the limited-risk and unlimited-risk varieties, and how and when to use them. All eight of the multi-leg strategies are here: the covered-write, verticals, collars and reverse-collars, straddles and strangles, butterflies, calendar spreads, ratio spreads, and backspreads. Vocabulary, exercises and quizzes are included throughout the book to reinforce lessons. Saliba, Corona, and Johnson are the authors of *Option Strategies for Directionless Markets*.

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