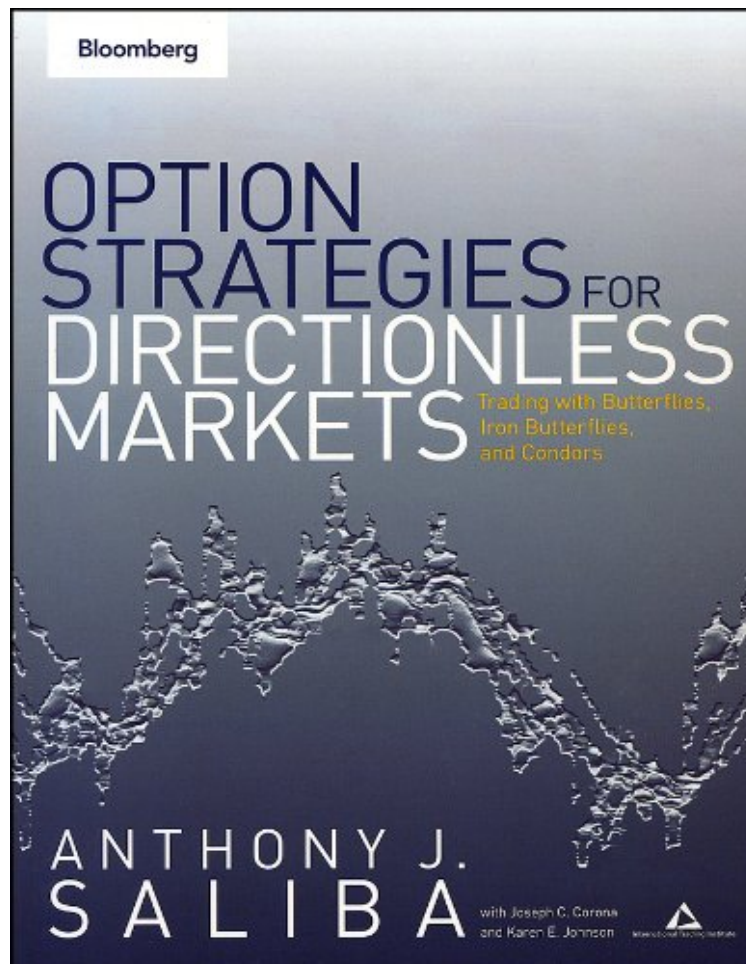


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Another mediocre book describing the strategies! By Sri I have read a lot of books on options and most of them have one thing in common - they all just describe the various options strategies but do not provide any information on how to use the strategies effectively to make money. This book is no different. The book delves into how a butterfly and a condor are structured. If you know that a butterfly is structured by a short straddle and protected by a long strangle further out of money, you can skip pages and pages of explanation on the structure. If you already know how to calculate the profit or loss for various prices of the underlying at expiration, you can again skip many pages. Same is true regarding the option greeks. Also, pages and pages of theory does not add much value if you already know about the construction of a condor, which is nothing but a short strangle protected by a long strangle that is further out of money. What is sorely lacking from the book is any advice on how to practically use these strategies for profitable trading. The author mentions that you will trade these strategies when the market is range bound. The author does not give any practical suggestion on selecting the long strikes or wings of the butterfly other than mentioning in the passing that one may use probabilities, but does not go into details of how the probabilities are derived. If you are a butterfly trader you probably already know about standard deviations and probabilities and the importance of IV in calculating the expected movement. Also, once you are in a trade, how do you manage it when it goes against you? The author does not discuss that in any detail. The chapter on 'Strategy Applications' has a lot of diagrams depicting when to leg into and out of the butterfly/condor depending on the market; whether it has broken out of a range and whether IV is falling or rising etc., This is one chapter that can be of some practical use. All in all, if you are a beginner you might find some interesting reading on the butterfly and condor strategies. But all that and a lot more strategies are covered in depth in McMillan's 'Options as a strategic investment' book.

Making great trades in a directionless market can be a challenge, and directionless markets occur more frequently than bull and bear markets combined. Options pioneer Anthony J. Saliba provides the tools and tactics needed to take advantage of a sideways market. Saliba focuses on strategies in the butterfly family of options: butterflies, condors, and iron butterflies, showing how to use these sophisticated tools in directionless markets. This hands-on guide illustrates numerous market scenarios to show you step-by-step how and when to apply these butterfly strategies. You'll find out how to identify, enter, manage, and exit a trade. Exercises and quizzes test your comprehension to make sure you have the knowledge to tackle directionless markets.

"Option Strategies for Directionless Markets offers a practical approach to trading butterfly strategies. I found it very comprehensive. The what-if scenarios were especially helpful."--Matt Brown, sales trader, Piper Jaffray