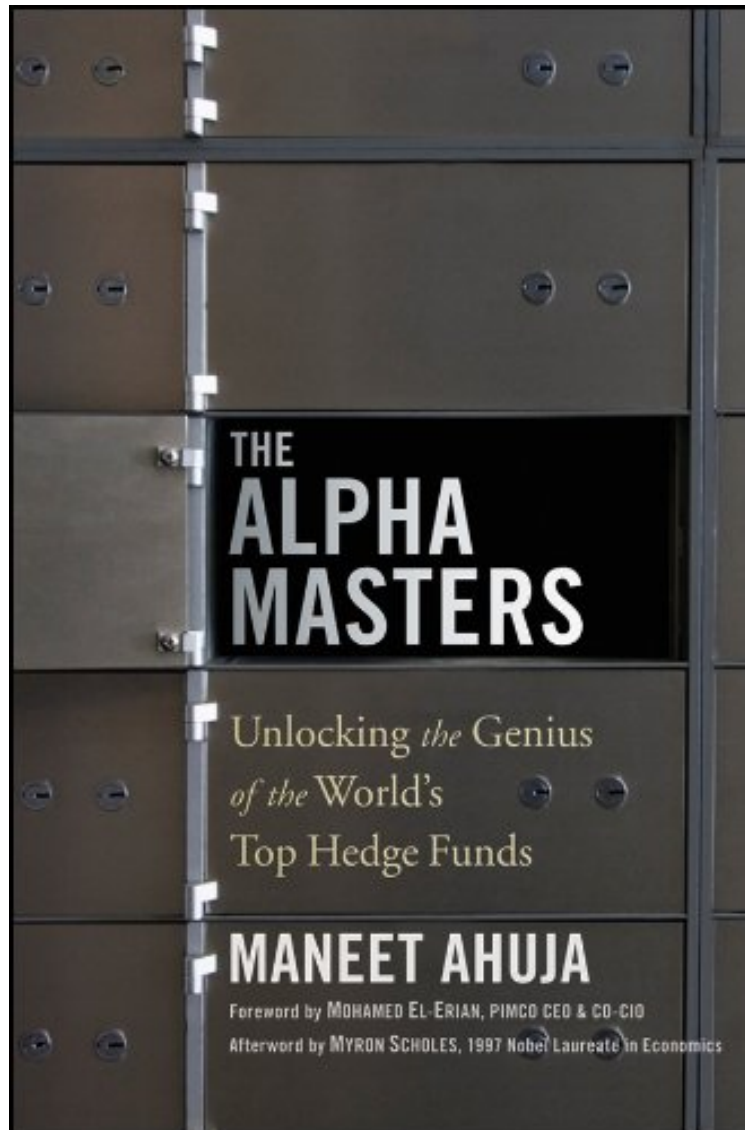


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Maneet Ahuja : The Alpha Masters: Unlocking the Genius of the World's Top Hedge Funds before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Alpha Masters: Unlocking the Genius of the World's Top Hedge Funds:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Perfect book for aspiring young traders! By TraderOneReally enjoyed this book and the first-hand insight and backgrounds of some of the biggest hedge fund managers. I found it particularly inspiring that most of these guys made their money over the past 15-20 years and most started with little to

no money. At the end of the day it shows they are just regular guys who persevered and worked hard. Perfect book for aspiring young traders. The book is meant to be an overview of the personalities we all read about and not so much a technical thesis. Easy reading...I finished it over a weekend. Looking forward to the next book with more personalities and stories. Would like to learn more about Paul Tudor Jones, Steven Cohen, Ken Griffin and Jim Simons who is of great interest.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very Insightful
By Kwame Som-Pimpong
This is one of the more interesting books I have read in quite a while. It was amazing to get into the thinking of folks by whom I have come to be quite intrigued. I did not think that the book was finished when it ended. I think Maneet could have done more to tie these stories together. I also found the syntax and grammatical errors distracting. If not for these two issues, I would have given the book a five-star rating. Of course, finance professionals will find this interesting. I also think students from underprivileged backgrounds. This is a whole new world that was out of reach for me growing up, or so I thought. Getting into the heads of people like this closes that gap.

Maneet, when is the next book coming out??

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Inside View of the Inception and Philosophy of Famous Hedge Funds
By D. Genchev
The author offers inside stories of the people and philosophies behind some of the most successful hedge funds and how they were started. The inside perspective is always interesting for the curious reader, especially when it comes to this secretive industry where fortunes are made (and lost) seemingly instantaneously. I found it a bit short and lacking in depth. But the book doesn't claim to be a biography of each of the hedge fund managers. It does a good job of giving some perspective. Those seemingly instant fortunes came only after years of practice and often on the back of a good amount of failures and near misses.

The ultimate behind-the-curtain look at the hedge fund industry, unlocking the most valuable stories, secrets, and lessons directly from those who have played the game best. Written by Maneet Ahuja, the hedge fund industry insider, *The Alpha Masters* brings the secretive world of hedge funds into the light of day for the first time. As the authority that the biggest names in the business, including John Paulson, David Tepper, and Bill Ackman, go to before breaking major news, Ahuja has access to the innermost workings of the hedge fund industry. For the first time, in *Alpha Masters*, Ahuja provides both institutional and savvy private investors with tangible, analytical insight into the psychology of the trade, the strategies and investment criteria serious money managers use to determine and evaluate their positions, and special guidance on how the reader can replicate this success themselves. There are few people with access to the inner chambers of the hedge fund industry, and as a result it remains practically uncharted financial territory. *Alpha Masters* changes all that, shedding light on star fund managers and how exactly they consistently outperform the market. The book contains easy-to-follow chapters that are broken down by strategy--Long/Short, Event Arbitrage, Value, Macro, Distressed, Quantitative, Commodities, Activist, pure Short, Fund of Funds. Includes insights from the biggest names in the trading game, including Ray Dalio, Marc Lasry, Jim Chanos, Sonia Gardner, Pierre Lagrange, and Tim Wong. Features contributions from industry icon Mohamed El-Erian. Many of the subjects profiled in this groundbreaking new book have never spoken so candidly about their field, providing extremely provocative, newsworthy analysis of today's investing landscape.

.com Guest of *The Alpha Masters* by Ben Mezrich "Maneet Ahuja's *The Alpha Masters* is a must-read for anyone working on Wall Street--or anyone planning to work on Wall Street. Getting even one of these titans of the industry to talk on record would be an impressive feat (and I know this because I've tried unsuccessfully to interview at least two of the people featured in here!), but getting all of them together in one place is simply herculean. Maneet quite clearly has the magic touch, and *The Alpha Masters* kept me busy on a round trip to Vegas, with a few extra hours on the tarmac. Great work, fun read, and a unique, fresh voice." --Ben Mezrich is the author of twelve books including the New York Times best sellers *Bringing Down the House*, which was adapted into the movie *21*, and *The Accidental Billionaires*, which was adapted into the Oscar-winning movie *The Social Network*. Ben Mezrich Q A with Maneet Ahuja, author of *The Alpha Masters: Unlocking the Genius of the World's Top Hedge Funds*

Maneet Ahuja What is *The Alpha Masters* about? *The Alpha Masters* lifts the curtain on the notoriously private hedge fund industry and reveals valuable stories, secrets and lessons directly from the world's top investors. I wrote the book during one of the most volatile years in the U.S. markets. Through firsthand interviews and unprecedented access, each chapter profiles one of the biggest and most successful names in the industry, specifically including Ray Dalio, John Paulson, David Tepper, Bill Ackman, Marc Lasry and Sonia Gardner, Dan Loeb, Jim Chanos, Boaz Weinstein, Pierre LaGrange and Tim Wong. You had unprecedented access to these managers through the course of writing *The Alpha Masters*. Why do you think you were able to "go behind the curtain"? As any good journalist will tell you, when you focus on the facts and developing your story, the rest will follow. My objective in writing *The Alpha Masters* was to dig deep into the backgrounds and investment philosophies of some of the world's greatest investors in order to really tell their stories for the first time. As a producer at CNBC for over four years, I have slowly built strong relationships and trust with these investors which I have now taken several steps further with the publishing of *The Alpha Masters*. I believe I was able to "go behind the curtain," so to speak, because all of my subjects believed there were extremely valuable lessons to be learned from their extensive experiences and insights. Hopefully readers of the book will agree and be

able to put some of the philosophies shared in the book into practice in their own lives and portfolios! Why are hedge funds such a mystery? There are a few key reasons, but foremost, the general public doesn't have the ability to invest in hedge funds because they are restricted to "accredited investors" under Regulation D of the Securities and Exchange Commission. This usually means an individual with net worth of at least \$1 million or annual income over \$200,000. Also, hedge funds have only been around for less than a century. While there are a lot of mixed opinions--even among the investors profiled in the book--about what actually constitutes a hedge fund, the investment strategies are complex and believed by many to contain marks of genius. Thus, hedge fund managers have historically shied away from publicly explaining their methods, not only because they are difficult to understand, but from fear of giving away the secret sauce. Who should read this book? This book is for investors, market participants, business students, and anyone curious about the markets and interested in a "hedge-ucation." You interviewed some of the top hedge fund managers in the world. What defining characteristic do you think stands out among them? In one word? Drive.