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Synopsis

Essentials of Corporate Finance, 7th edition by Ross, Westerfield, and Jordan is written to convey the most important concepts and principles of corporate finance at a level that is approachable for a wide audience. The authors retain their modern approach to finance, but have distilled the subject down to the essential topics in 18 chapters. They believe that understanding the “why” is just as important, if not more so, than understanding the “how,” especially in an introductory course. Three basic themes emerge as their central focus:

1. An emphasis on intuition–separate and explain the principles at work on a common sense, intuitive level before launching into specifics. Underlying ideas are discussed first in general terms, then followed by specific examples that illustrate in more concrete terms how a financial manager might proceed in a given situation.
2. A unified valuation approach–Net Present Value is treated as the basic concept underlying corporate finance. Every subject the authors cover is firmly rooted in valuation, and care is taken to explain how decisions have valuation effects.
3. A managerial focus–Students learn that financial management concerns management. The role of financial manager as decision maker is emphasised and they stress the need for managerial input and judgment.

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The online assignments are almost stifling if you don't have a good enough help source, but this book covers A to Z in this topic. That being said, it is very dry reading and I spent many late evenings trying to study with this heavy book. It would have been challenging if not impossible to pass if I did not pour the hours into doing the online quizzes meticulously. It is easy to get desensitized to this subject, but that is to be expected and this book does its job of presenting the materials without any discrepancy. For that it deserves credit.

Super great read! This book was awesome. Examples were the best. It was easy to follow. Studied a lot on my own and had no problems passing my class or test. The book also has great side reads that are informative and leads you to great finance websites if you are interested in learning or helping yourself in the finance world, or maybe even to find helpful info for a class project. I used this book for my finance class to obtain my MBA.

I had hoped the Kindle version of this book would allow me to study on the go. The formatting is just AWFUL... I found it nearly impossible to make sense of many of the formulas and ended up buying the hardcover book in the end because I was doing poorly in my class because of this book. The single most important thing you get out of a finance book are the formulas and the Kindle version has numerous glaring errors in the formulas in the book. Take my advice, do NOT buy the Kindle edition, order the full printed edition.

This book is ok. The reading is ok to follow yet the content is confusing to read at times and understand. Learning objectives are not spelled out which I was used to in other accounting books. I recommend getting the student solution study guide with this book when taking a corporate finance course makes things easier to understand.

The great thing about this book is that it takes into account the fact that not everyone is corporate-finance-literate. For this reason, not only does it provide readers with financial formulas, but it also gives them the Excel and financial calculators versions of the formulas. A great buy!

Well written and interesting to read - I was expecting a finance book to be dry, but it really isn't, and it's easy to understand with lots of examples, as well as sections for how to do the calculations both by financial calculator and spreadsheet.

The book is very helpful for class. I never have any questions regarding homework or anything that the book itself cannot answer. I think the value of this book is way over stated however, because the content in this book is not that in depth. Overall a very nice book to have though, just wish I didn't have to pay as much as I did.

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