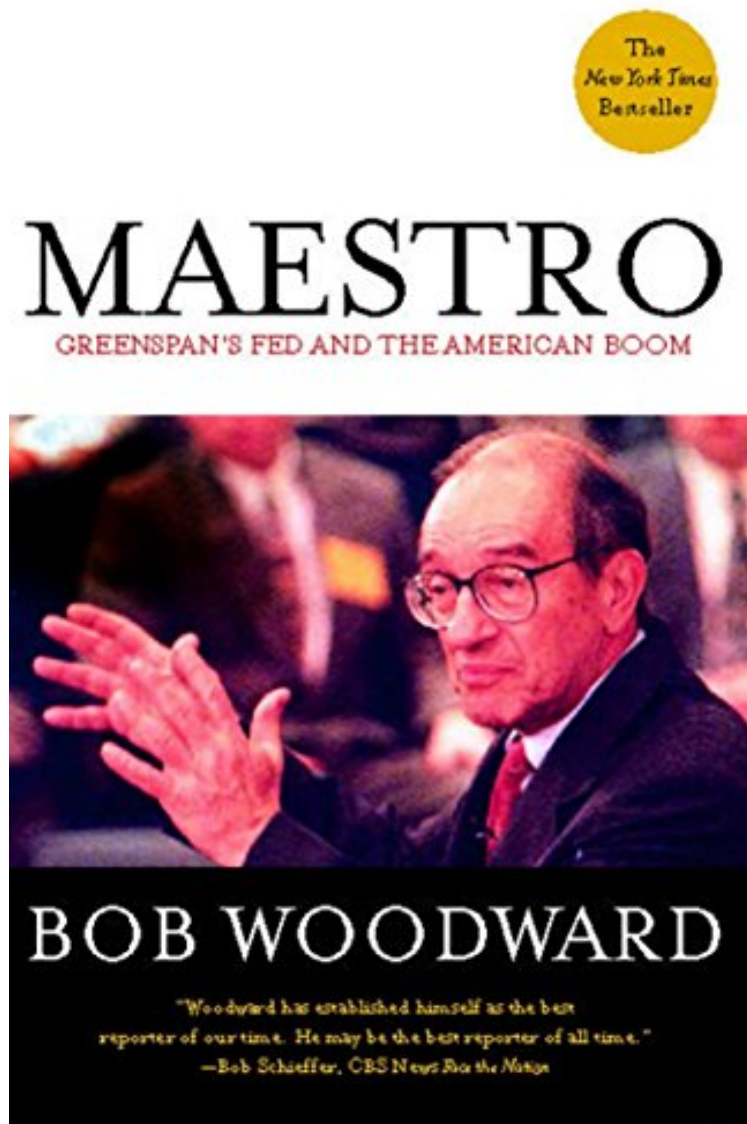


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Bob Woodward : Maestro: Greenspan's Fed and the American Boom (Greenspan, Alan) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Maestro: Greenspan's Fed and the American Boom (Greenspan, Alan):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nothing on the Birth of the Housing BubbleBy RTThis is a good review of Greenspans years and a look into the Federal Reserve. Their will to supply credit and maintain order is made

clear. However, I take serious issue with Woodward's complete omission of the fact that the housing bubble started on Greenspan's and Clinton's watch. This is probably why the last budget surplus we probably will ever see was during this time. Further, it is odd the book ended at the end of Clinton's term and not the end of Greenspan's.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Makes Greenspan an interesting figure

By PeterI read all of Bob Woodward's books as I find him to be an author who can take a fairly academic topic (e.g. the work that Greenspan did) and make it into a read that is interesting and informative. Woodward's strength is his ability to get the inside gossip from his myriad of unnamed sources. They sometimes dish the dirt on each other which makes it an amusing read at times and one wonders the effect it has on them when they read about themselves in his books. I am sure there are some strained relationships as a result. In this book, Woodward looks at Alan Greenspan and his work up until 2001. There is a fair amount of economic discussion in the book but nothing in the depth to make non-economists eyes glaze over. Greenspan appears to be an enigmatic figure who was quite knowledgeable in how to play politics and the press. Overall, I think this was a very good book and as always with Bob Woodward, worth your time to read.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Maestro: Alan Greenspan and the Federal Reserve

By laxclimblive15I bought this book because it was required reading for my AP Macroeconomics class. I felt like it was going to be a drag to read because I had to and was going to have a test on it. However, I loved it!! It's extremely interesting and wonderfully written. Even if you aren't well-versed in economics, it is written for anyone to understand. It's easy to follow and I aced the test!! I really enjoyed it and recommend it to anyone who is interesting in learning more about Alan Greenspan, our federal reserve system, macroeconomic monetary policy, or just the way that our economy works in general!! I was extremely pleased with this fantastic read!! However, I recommend not reading it on Kindle if you would be interested in the photos in the printed version!

In eight Tuesdays each year, Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan convenes a small committee to set the short-term interest rate that can move through the American and world economies like an electric jolt. As much as any, the committee's actions determine the economic well-being of every American. The availability of money for business or consumer loans, mortgages, job creation and overall national economic growth flows from those decisions. Perhaps the last Washington secret is how the Federal Reserve and its enigmatic chairman, Alan Greenspan, operate. In *Maestro*, Bob Woodward takes you inside the Fed and Greenspan's thinking. We listen to the Fed's internal debates as the American economy is pushed into a historic 10-year expansion while the world economy lurches from financial crisis to financial crisis. Greenspan plays a sometimes subtle, sometimes blunt behind-the-scenes role. He appears in *Maestro* up close as never before -- alternately nervous and calm, plunging into mathematics one moment and politics the next, skeptical, dispassionate, always struggling -- often alone. *Maestro* traces a fascinating intellectual journey as Greenspan, an old-school anti-inflation hawk of the traditional economy, is among the first to realize the potential in the modern, high-productivity new economy -- the foundation of the current American boom. Woodward's account of the Greenspan years is a remarkable portrait of a man who has become the symbol of American economic preeminence.