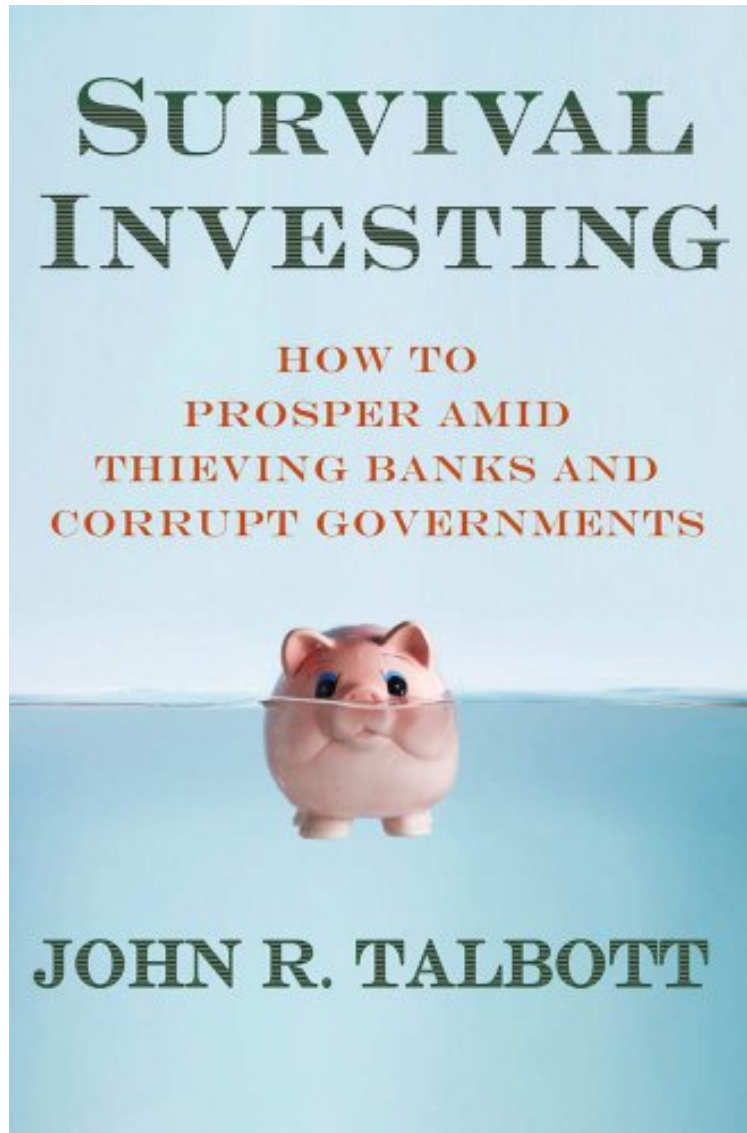


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my experience, are notorious for having layer after layer of financial "experts" tirelessly reporting to board members that their investing decisions are beating the "Benchmarks." Turns out that the benchmarks either never include gold or real assets or just a tiny fraction of them in the portfolios. The Board members usually are never appalled at the funds performance or are simply ignorant of stocks, bonds, and Treasuries priced in gold; the funds investment bankers get paid the big bucks keeping the game going by locking arms with their ignorant and/or corrupt peers. Thank you Mr. Talbott. Reader, do yourself a big favor and buy this book, whether you are first starting your career or are already retired. His book is well researched; it is easy to read; it is well written; it is as concise as possible to express his points. My only advice is when you invest in real assets, try to buy low by watching the charts of the various asset categories he recommends. Cheers.

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By Phillip S. Dixon I have read several books on the causes and solutions to the Wall Street and housing crashes, but none of them come anywhere close to the accuracy and readability of Talbott's analyses and conclusions. I am just a semi-retired investor trying to figure out what happened in the last decade and how to protect my family in the future, and he offers wonderful insights on both fronts. This, combined with the fact that he has been eerily accurate in his predictions since 1997 (dot com, Wall Street, real estate) make his books an absolute requirement for those who want to understand what happened and how to protect themselves. Unfortunately, I didn't discover him until recently, but, as he says, it's not too late. He offers realistic ideas on strategies open to average Americans like myself. I have recently subscribed to his one-on-one financial consulting service at [...] It is turning out to be a great resource (and a bargain). I hope more people will read his work. If his ideas are accurate, and I believe they are, they could help people avoid a repeat of this awful decade, and maybe even come out ahead. Good luck,

Scott

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By Global Prof This very radical book helped me to understand (a little bit, at least) what is happening with our country's finance. The author takes an alarmist approach, and really shakes you up. But since he accurately predicted the housing bubble bust, among other things, it seems wise to take him very seriously. Not having a background in economics or finance, I can't evaluate this book on a technical basis. However, I love the way the author writes, and the way he simplifies concepts using very common-sense language. Perhaps it's because he underscores the distrust I already had in our financial system, which he describes as utterly corrupt. But I certainly plan to follow his advice, namely to put investments into real assets rather than stocks or bonds or even money markets. While I hope that he's wrong about the inevitability of massive inflation, I remember the bad decades of runaway inflation all too well, and thus can easily imagine the frightening scenarios he describes. I wish some of my more finance-savvy friends would read this book, and tell me if I'm naive to believe it.

Most individuals and institutions hold the preponderance of their investments in common stocks, corporate bonds, mutual funds, index funds, muni bonds, money markets, bank CDs, and Treasury securities. But these conventional investments will not do well in a world dominated by corrupt, debt-laden governments and thieving bankers, brokers and middlemen. Finance guru John R. Talbott, prescient predictor of the financial crisis and the housing market crash, offers a new paradigm for the coming economic reality. He shows how the recent housing collapse and global economic crisis left governments of the world with enormous annual operating deficits at a time when the banking system continues to struggle with bad debts and requires additional government guarantees and bailouts. Add the fact that growth is constrained because the first wave of the baby boom is hitting 65 and consumers are still loaded with unsustainable levels of debt, and you have a recipe for an economic catastrophe. In this uncertain atmosphere, Talbott offers clear strategies on what you can do to protect your investments and your family. Among the global dynamics covered are: *the low-wage threat of China and India *the legitimacy of gold investing *the false security of diversification *the risks of sovereign debt . . . and why most economists are missing the boat.

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Author John R. Talbott is a former investment banker, economics guru, and bestselling author with global book sales approaching 200,000. He has established himself as a predictor of major economic events over the last two decades, including the dot.com technology stock collapse, the overheated national housing market, and the global mortgage crisis. Talbott has had articles published in *The Wall Street Journal*, *the Financial Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *the San Francisco Chronicle*, *the International Herald Tribune*, *The New Republic*, *the Los Angeles Times*, and *Salon.com* and is a regular contributor to *The Huffington Post*. He has appeared as a financial expert on television for CNN, CBS, Fox News, CNBC, Fox Business News, CSPAN, and MSNBC as well as on hundreds of radio programs. Talbott was previously a visiting scholar at UCLA's Anderson School of Management as well as a top Goldman Sachs investment banker.