



# The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000

*By John Steele Gordon*

Download now

Read Online ➔

## **The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000** By John Steele Gordon

In "The Great Game," acclaimed business historian John Steele Gordon chronicles the rise of Wall Street from its humble beginnings as an American trading post to its domination of the world economy, bringing to life the remarkable cast of bankers and brokers, visionaries and crooks who made it happen. From Alexander Hamilton to Michael Milken, the history of Wall Street is a history of risk, courage, avarice, patriotism, power, genius, and, occasionally, remarkable stupidity. In Gordon, Wall Street has finally found a biographer worthy of its extraordinary story.

 [Download The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as ...pdf](#)

# The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000

*By John Steele Gordon*

**The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000** By John Steele Gordon

In "The Great Game," acclaimed business historian John Steele Gordon chronicles the rise of Wall Street from its humble beginnings as an American trading post to its domination of the world economy, bringing to life the remarkable cast of bankers and brokers, visionaries and crooks who made it happen. From Alexander Hamilton to Michael Milken, the history of Wall Street is a history of risk, courage, avarice, patriotism, power, genius, and, occasionally, remarkable stupidity. In Gordon, Wall Street has finally found a biographer worthy of its extraordinary story.

**The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000** By John Steele Gordon  
**Bibliography**

- Sales Rank: #77821 in Books
- Brand: Brand: Simon and Schuster
- Published on: 2000-11-09
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: .81" h x 6.30" w x 8.28" l,
- Binding: Paperback
- 320 pages

 [Download The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as ...pdf](#)

## Download and Read Free Online The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000 By John Steele Gordon

---

### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

The wall in question was torn down 300 years ago. In the intervening years, the narrow crosstown street in downtown Manhattan where the wall erected by Dutch governor Peter Stuyvesant once stood has become the symbol of the New York financial market, and, writes Gordon, "the beating heart of world capitalism." In the prologue to this eloquent and engaging history, Gordon (Hamilton's Blessing) asserts that Wall Street's dominant position in the increasingly global economy makes it as worthy of the label "great power" as any sovereign state. The focus of his text, however, is to explain the twists and turns of fate that allowed New York to grow into the world's preeminent financial power, surpassing the once equally boisterous Philadelphia market in the U.S., and, at the turn of the last century, London in the global marketplace. Gordon weaves the history of the Street into a brisk and captivating narrative peopled with the fascinating characters who have played a part in its history. From Frederick Philipse, who successfully cornered the wampum market in 1666, to William C. Durant, the founder of General Motors, who lost \$90 million in seven months in 1920, Gordon brings to life the stories of both famous and forgotten players in the ongoing game of speculation. He offers cogent explanations of how fluctuating politics and developing technology have changed the stakes, shaped the rules and guided the market through boom times and bad. Although bullish on the market's future, Gordon cautions that the Street should keep one eye on the past and learn from its own history. (Nov.)

Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Library Journal

Here's a highly entertaining look at the history of Wall Street and its transition from a backwater trading post to the core of global financial power. The book includes marvelous anecdotes about the activities and actions of a broad range of characters, from Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson to J.P. Morgan and Ferdinand Pecora. Gordon (The Scarlet Woman of Wall Street) examines the historic backdrop of the Babson Break, the Buttonwood Agreement, various market crashes and panics, the Great Depression, the Credit Mobilier scandal, and the gnomes of Zurich. He helps the reader to make sense of the financial institutions, market fluctuations, and technological developments that have helped define Wall Street. The book's greatest strength is its depiction of the people and events that helped shape the financial world between 1653 and 1980 and its greatest weakness the sparse coverage since then. A television special based on the book is scheduled to air on CNBC in December 1999. Recommended for both academic and public libraries. A Norman B. Hutcherson, Kern Cty. Lib., Bakersfield, CA

Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From [Booklist](#)

In Gordon's words, Wall Street "has become the very beating heart of world capitalism." The history of Wall Street has been told over and over in bits and pieces. Countless books, such as John Brooks' *Once in Golconda* (1967) and Dana Thomas' *The Plungers and the Peacocks* (1969), have profiled the street's colorful cast of characters or significant periods. Gordon's own *Scarlet Woman of Wall Street* (1988) chronicled the exploits of Jay Gould, Jim Fisk, and Cornelius Vanderbilt in the Erie Railway "wars." Gordon regularly makes business history come alive in his column in *American Heritage*. Now he attempts a complete history of Wall Street even though Manhattan College finance professor Charles Geisst's *Wall Street: A History* (1997) is a commendable recent effort at the same thing. Gordon traces Wall Street's roots back a little farther than did Geisst, and his writing is more entertaining. He provides an abundance of fascinating anecdotes, but with so much material, it seems rambling at times. *David Rouse*

## **Users Review**

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Angel Gardner:**

Book will be written, printed, or created for everything. You can learn everything you want by a guide. Book has a different type. As it is known to us that book is important factor to bring us around the world. Alongside that you can your reading ability was fluently. A publication The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000 will make you to be smarter. You can feel a lot more confidence if you can know about almost everything. But some of you think which open or reading a book make you bored. It is not necessarily make you fun. Why they might be thought like that? Have you looking for best book or suitable book with you?

#### **James Pierce:**

What do you concentrate on book? It is just for students because they're still students or that for all people in the world, what the best subject for that? Simply you can be answered for that problem above. Every person has several personality and hobby per other. Don't to be forced someone or something that they don't wish do that. You must know how great along with important the book The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000. All type of book can you see on many methods. You can look for the internet sources or other social media.

#### **Mary Larrick:**

As people who live in the modest era should be change about what going on or info even knowledge to make all of them keep up with the era that is certainly always change and progress. Some of you maybe will update themselves by reading books. It is a good choice in your case but the problems coming to anyone is you don't know what one you should start with. This The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000 is our recommendation to help you keep up with the world. Why, as this book serves what you want and wish in this era.

#### **Sandra Castillo:**

Hey guys, do you wants to finds a new book you just read? May be the book with the subject The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000 suitable to you? The actual book was written by renowned writer in this era. Typically the book untitled The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000is one of several books which everyone read now. This particular book was inspired a lot of people in the world. When you read this book you will enter the new shape that you ever know ahead of. The author explained their plan in the simple way, so all of people can easily to understand the core of this guide. This book will give you a lot of information about this world now. So you can see the represented of the world with this book.

**Download and Read Online The Great Game: The Emergence of  
Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000 By John Steele Gordon  
#MLZ7YJ5CXOI**

## **Read The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000 By John Steele Gordon for online ebook**

The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000 By John Steele Gordon Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000 By John Steele Gordon books to read online.

### **Online The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000 By John Steele Gordon ebook PDF download**

**The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000 By John Steele Gordon Doc**

**The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000 By John Steele Gordon Mobipocket**

**The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000 By John Steele Gordon EPub**

**MLZ7YJ5CXOI: The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power: 1653-2000 By John Steele Gordon**