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The New Confessions Of An Economic Hit Man



Synopsis

Shocking Bestseller: The original version of this astonishing tell-all book spent 73 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list, has sold more than 1.25 million copies, and has been translated into 32 languages. New Revelations: Featuring 15 explosive new chapters, this expanded edition of Perkins's classic bestseller brings the story of economic hit men (EHMs) up to date and, chillingly, home to the US. Over 40 percent of the book is new, including chapters identifying today's EHMs and a detailed chronology extensively documenting EHM activity since the first edition was published in 2004. Former economic hit man John Perkins shares new details about the ways he and others cheated countries around the globe out of trillions of dollars. Then he reveals how the deadly EHM cancer he helped create has spread far more widely and deeply than ever in the US and everywhere else — to become the dominant system of business, government, and society today. Finally, he gives an insider view of what we each can do to change it. Economic hit men are the shock troops of what Perkins calls the corporatocracy, a vast network of corporations, banks, colluding governments, and the rich and powerful people tied to them. If the EHMs can't maintain the corrupt status quo through nonviolent coercion, the jackal assassins swoop in. The heart of this book is a completely new section, over 100 pages long, that exposes the fact that all the EHM and jackal tools — false economics, false promises, threats, bribes, extortion, debt, deception, coups, assassinations, unbridled military power — are used around the world today exponentially more than during the era Perkins exposed over a decade ago. The material in this new section ranges from the Seychelles, Honduras, Ecuador, and Libya to Turkey, Western Europe, Vietnam, China, and, in perhaps the most unexpected and sinister development, the United States, where the new EHMs — bankers, lobbyists, corporate executives, and others — "con governments and the public into submitting to policies that make the rich richer and the poor poorer. But as dark as the story gets, this reformed EHM also provides hope. Perkins offers a detailed list of specific actions each of us can take to transform what he calls a failing Death Economy into a Life Economy that provides sustainable abundance for all.

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Customer Reviews

“When I read Confessions of an Economic Hit Man, I could not have known that, some years later, I would be on the receiving end of the type of ‘economic hit’ that Perkins so vividly narrated. The New Confessions resonates with my experiences of the brutish methods and gross economic irrationality guiding powerful institutions in their bid to undermine democratic control over economic power. Perkins has, once again, made a substantial contribution to a world that needs whistle-blowers to open its eyes to the true sources of political, social, and economic power.”

—Yanis Varoufakis, former Minister of Finance, Greece

“The New Confessions offers deep insights into the nefarious ways economic hit men and jackals have expanded their powers. It shows how they came home to roost in the United States as well as the rest of the world. It is a brilliant and bold book that illuminates the crises we now face and offers a road map to stop them.”

—John Gray, PhD, author of the New York Times #1 bestseller *Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus*

“John Perkins probed the dark depths of global oligarchy and emerged into the light of hope. This true story that reads like a page-turning novel is great for all of us who want the better world that we know is possible for ourselves, future generations, and the planet.”

—Marci Shimoff, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Happy for No Reason* and *Chicken Soup for the Woman’s Soul*

“Perkins provides a profound analysis of two forces vying to define the future. One is intent on preserving systems that serve the few at the expense of the many, while the other promotes a new consciousness of what it means to be human on this beautiful, fragile planet. This powerful book inspires and empowers actions that manifest an awakening to our collective ecosystem and the rebirth of humanity—an ECOrenaissance.”

—Marci Zaroff, ECOlifestyle pioneer/serial entrepreneur and founder of ECOfashion brands *Under the Canopy* and *Metawear*

“I loved Confessions of an Economic Hit Man. Ten years ago it exposed the real story. The New Confessions tells the rest of that story—the terrible things that have

happened since and what we all can do to turn a death economy into a life economy.

•Yoko Ono “The New Confessions is an amazing guide to co-creating a human presence on our planet that honors all life as sacred. It exposes our past mistakes; offers a vision for a compassionate, sustainable future; and provides practical approaches for making the transition between the two. A must-read for anyone who loves our beautiful home, Earth.

•Barbara Marx Hubbard, bestselling author and President, Foundation for Conscious Evolution “As one who has helped thousands of people grow their businesses, I’ve learned firsthand the importance of facing the crises old economic models created and acting positively to develop new approaches. Perkins’s experiences, his exposure of the failures, his clear vision of what needs to be done, his call to action, and the sense of joy he feels for being part of this consciousness revolution are deeply inspiring.

•Sage Lavine, women’s business mentor; CEO, Conscious Women Entrepreneurs; and founder of the Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy “Conspiracy buffs are most likely to enjoy this updated version of a memoir that was a surprise bestseller in 2004. This revised version, he states, was written to answer the thousands of emails he received from readers interested in what they could do to resist.

•Publisher’s Weekly, February 2016 “Mr. Perkins’s core message is that American corporations and government agencies employ two types of operatives: ‘economic hit men,’ who bribe emerging economies, and ‘jackals,’ who may be used to overthrow or even murder heads of state in Latin America and the Middle East to serve the greater cause of American empire. . . . [This] book seems to have tapped into a larger vein of discontent and mistrust that Americans feel toward the ties that bind together corporations, large lending institutions and the government • a nexus that Mr. Perkins and others call the ‘corporatocracy.’

•The New York Times “This riveting look at a world of intrigue reads like a spy novel . . . Highly recommended.

•Library Journal “Ultimately, Confessions is a parable for all Americans who try to deny the heartbreaking fact that our society’s affluence often comes at the wider world’s expense.

•Utne Reader “[A] gripping tell-all book . . . Perkins reveals how the US machine works behind closed doors and how America has exploited others for its own needs.

•Rocky Mountain News “Imagine the conceptual love child of James Bond and Milton Friedman.

•Boston Herald “Perkins claims may seem unthinkable to most Americans. But the evidence, looking at the world economy, is damning . . . the citizens of this country need to be willing to examine the actions of our political and corporate leaders and demand that they stop the destruction that is making the world an increasingly

dangerous place to live. *Charlotte Observer* An intriguing, vivid account of Perkins's "living on the edge" experiences, this fascinating read is of the truth-is-stranger-than-fiction variety. - *Library Journal* (Lucy Heckman, St. John's University Lib., Queens, NY)

Featuring 15 explosive new chapters, this new edition of the New York Times bestseller brings the story of Economic Hit Men up-to-date and, chillingly, home to the U. S. but it also gives us hope and the tools to fight back.

John Perkins is an acclaimed author whose work ranges from personal and planetary healing and transformation to exposing the dark side of global political and economic structures, which he once served. *Confessions of an Economic Hitman* became a bestseller in the last decade and now Perkins has updated the book with new revelations and analysis of events that have occurred since then, leading up to the middle of 2015. The title of the book is rather apropos, as the global political and economic systems are dominated by mafia style values and mechanisms. Those who don't agree to play along with the bribery and blackmail often get targeted by a hit of one kind or another. Perkins explains how these operations have played out during the past several decades, while most importantly he concludes the book with his recommendations for how the people of Earth can turn the tide and create systems that serve the well-being of the planet and all of its inhabitants. Whether it's the U.S. covert operations in Latin America or the Middle East, the role of China and Russia in the current era, Wall Street banking interests, mortgage rackets, or other vital pieces of the puzzle, Perkins has valuable insights. This book presents a sobering look at the reality of the imperial forces that have dominated civilization and sewn destruction throughout the world. With lots of new details and impressive accolades from activists such as Yoko Ono and from the recent Finance Minister of Greece, this book will be awakening even more people to the devious machinations that have taken power away from the people as the global corporate finance mafias monopolize the resources of the planet and attack anyone who stands in their way. Short-sighted, materialistic values have fueled this dangerous situation, which many people recognize is not sustainable, even for those who appear to be profiting from the current systems. Like any parasitic system, the parasites die with their host unless they can find another host to suck the life from. Unless the "elites" of this planet have a way to start stealing the resources of other planets and other races in the galaxy, they will doom themselves if they continue the patterns they have become addicted to here. Perhaps they will read Perkins' book and consider his suggestions about creating a society that pursues more

balanced values and holistic views of life. Meanwhile, we can each learn a lot from this book and begin taking steps ourselves to build a brighter future for humanity.

The information you will read in this book is an eye opener to what's really going on, not only in the world, but in our own personal bank accounts. John Perkins tells the ugly truth of how people around the world, and now Americans, are being extorted by their governments and international corporations in a scramble for money and power. No one is immune to being a victim of the process that continues to insidiously make the elite richer and take down the working class. After telling in detail how the hitmen work, he offers a solution that the American people can do, if they choose to save themselves.

This has been happening in every country where US increases its influence. That is one reason why US prefers military dictators, sultans, kings and sheikhs or corrupt politicians while lying all along that it stands with fairness. In Pakistan Gen. Ayyub Khan was a paid servant of US. He had come by toppling the civilian govt and it looks now that with help of USA he started his submission to USA and USA influenced his two ministers: one was finance minister Muhammad Shuaib who was appointed as vice president world bank and second was Zulfikar Ali Bhutto who was minister of petroleum and natural resources and then was appointed as foreign minister upon US desire. Today almost all important ministers are appointed with US approval on important ministries. But the sad thing is in spite of such extortion the life of ordinary Americans is hell. The standard of living in US is lower than many third world countries because the cost of living here is much higher. It will continue to get worse. Very sad indeed. Thank you Mr. Perkins for writing this book.

Chapter 1 Dirty Business begins as a descriptive that could reflect the realities of countless millions of life's refugees who forever live at the margins of squalid imprisonment: "Tattered beggars hobbling on homemade crutches along garbage infested streets, children with horribly distended bellies, skeletal dogs, and shantytowns of cardboard boxes... Just a neighborhood away are venomous snakes, malaria, anacondas, killer parasites, and hostile forces." Ecuador, 1968. Could it also be Argentina, Peru, Columbia, Panama, Iraq, Egypt, Lebanon, Venezuela, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Mexico, Somalia, Syria, Philippines, Jakarta, Chile, Nicaragua? It could be and it is. In Confessions one of the author writes "I could tell you that there is great hope within the current system, that there is nothing inherently wrong with banks, corporations and governments....." Oh my! All this from his 2006 publication from which one could ideally expect that social, economic and financial

conditions should reflect a betterment for all. The evidence for that, however, is nowhere to be found in the author's New Confessions. Au contraire. Please refer to The New Confessions, page 1: ...false economics, false promises, threats, bribes, extortion, debt, deception, coups, assassinations, unbridled military power.... are used around the world today, even more...." .If redemption is to be discovered for author John Perkins perhaps it is best expressed in the Introduction where he is "haunted every day...by the lies about The World Bank, its sisters, by the payoffs to leaders of poor countries. the blackmail, and the threats to enslave their countries in debt, and much worse, violent deaths that befell those who stood with their people.In Chapter 29 I Take a Bribe the author recounts a tense luncheon with a benefactor who asked if there was any intention of writing about "our profession". A wrong answer would have exposed himself, and his daughter to certain death. A correct answer resulted in a handsome retainer but with a feeling of betrayal to family and country. There was simply no option.

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