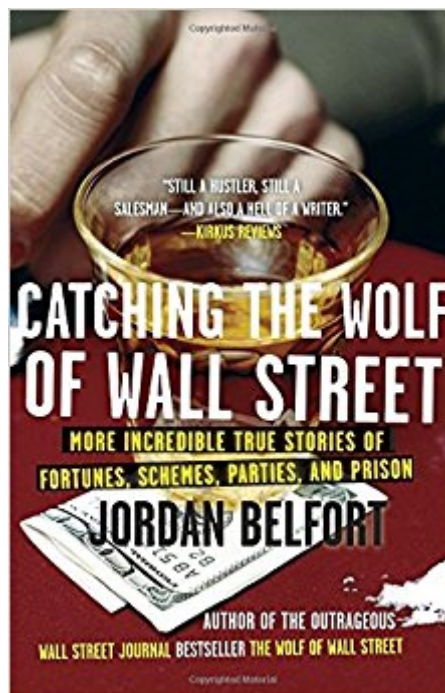




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Catching The Wolf Of Wall Street: More Incredible True Stories Of Fortunes, Schemes, Parties, And Prison



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Book Description In the go-go nineties Jordan Belfort proved to Wall Street that you didn't need to be on Wall Street to make a fortune in the stock market. But his company, Stratton Oakmont, worked differently. His young Long Island wannabes didn't know from turnaround plans or fiduciary trust. Instead, they knew how to separate wealthy investors from their cash, and spend it as fast as it came in--on hookers, yachts, and drugs. But when Jordan's empire crashed, the man who had become legend was cornered into a five-year stint cooperating with the feds. This continuation of his Wall Street Journal bestseller, *The Wolf of Wall Street*, tells the true story of his spectacular flameout and imprisonment for stock fraud. In this astounding

account, Wall Street's notorious bad boy--and original million-dollar-a-month stock chopper--leads us through a drama worthy of *The Sopranos*, from his early rise to power to the FBI raid on his estate to the endless indictments at his arrest, to his deal with a bloodthirsty prosecutor to rat out his oldest friends and colleagues--while they were doing the same. With his kingdom in ruin, not to mention his marriage, the Wolf faced his greatest challenge yet: how to navigate a gauntlet of judges and lawyers, hold on to his kids and his enraged model wife--and possibly salvage his self-respect. It wasn't going to be easy. In fact, for a man with an unprecedented appetite for excess, it was going to be hell. From a wired conversation at an Italian restaurant, where Jordan's conscience finally kicks in, to a helicopter ride with an underage knockout that will become his ultimate undoing, here is the tale of a young genius on a roller coaster of harrowing highs--and more harrowing lows. But as the countdown to his moment in court begins, after one last crazy bout with a madcap Russian beauty queen, the man at the center of one of the most outrageous scandals in financial history sees the light of what matters most: his sobriety, and his future as a father and a man. Will a prison term be his first step toward redemption?

Exclusive: Jordan Belfort on *Catching the Wolf of Wall Street*

At this moment, our financial system has all but imploded. Real estate prices have plummeted, Wall Street's most venerable investment banks have gone belly up, the credit-crunch has brought the economy to a grinding halt, and once-thriving cities have been turned into financial Hiroshimas, with foreclosed homes littering every block and abandoned pets roaming the streets. When I wrote my first book, *The Wolf of Wall Street*, I wanted it to serve as a cautionary tale to anyone who was living a life of unbridled hedonism, to anyone who thought there was something glamorous about being known as a Wolf of Wall Street. Now, with *Catching the Wolf of Wall Street*, the dire economic straits we find ourselves in have made that desire even more powerful. *Catching the Wolf of Wall Street* is an eye-opening glance into the self-destruction of my own life, as a result of my own criminal actions. In short, I get my comeuppance...and then some. You might find many of the chapters to be completely hysterical (reading about someone else's pain can be that way sometimes, especially when they deserve to feel pain, like I did), but I can assure that writing this book was an incredibly painful undertaking, especially the parts that dealt with my separation from my children when I went to jail. I shed many a tear, dredging up those memories, and I found myself having a renewed appreciation for some of life's simpler things, like freedom, for one. That being said, when I look back at it all, I can only come to one sad conclusion: that I lived one of the most dysfunctional lives on the planet. I put money before integrity, greed before ethics, and covetousness before love. I chose friends unwisely, cut corners wherever I could, and then drowned

my guilt and remorse beneath elephantine doses of recreational drugs. I deserved to get caught. Of course, some of you might be wondering whether or not I've changed at all--if I'm truly sorry for my crimes, and if the many public apologies I've made to people who lost money as a result of my actions were, indeed, sincere. The answer to that is an unequivocal yes; I am sorry, and I do apologize. In fact, not a day goes by when the mistakes of my past don't back up on me or are thrown in my face. But then I remind myself why I wrote these books in the first place, and of the many supportive letters I've received from people all over the world, who've gotten the intended message--namely that: crime doesn't pay. Perhaps the latest crop of Fat Cat CEOs and Wall Street powerbrokers will get that message too. Then we go about fixing this mess.--Jordan Belfort (Photo © Blake Little) --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

Belfort's memoir (his recollection of events with some changed names and reconstructed dialogue) was written after serving almost two years in prison for securities fraud. The author recounts his meteoric rise on Wall Street, where he built one of the largest brokerage firms by age 27. He reflects upon his remarkable journey, explaining his core skill of training salesmen, especially stupid or naive young people, showing them how they can become rich. This is the story of a scam artist who enjoyed a lifestyle of parties, hookers, and drug dealing until the FBI took him away in handcuffs at age 36. It tells of his cooperation with the government and his life as an informant. In recounting what he acknowledges was his dysfunctional life, his apparent devotion to his children is a bright light. This sordid saga will either become popular as a cautionary tale of greed and treachery or it will become romanticized as glamorous excess and celebrity. --Mary Whaley --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

I gave this 5 stars, not because it is a good read or a truthful memoir, but because it is a fine example of criminal psychology and drug addiction. The supposed facts related by Belfort must be taken with a large dose of salt. He readily admits with some pride deceiving everyone he deals with including his wife and supposed friends and business partners. We would be quite gullible to then take his writing at face value. He portrays himself as generous to a fault, but of course the money he passes out is mostly stolen. The judgement against him included a requirement to pay over 100 million in retribution to those he defrauded. Most of that has never been paid even though his income from books and movie rights is quite substantial. By the way his sentence was lighter than those of all his cohorts because he turned against them when the law caught up with him. This after

spilling a lot of ink in his book about loyalty, trust and "omerta." Does he still have hidden assets that rightfully belong to the victims? You guess. I bet he does. He tries to present himself as a reformed bad actor who has seen the light and conquered his addiction. I hope he has conquered his addictions, but that wasn't his only problem. He is quite intelligent and seen as such by all around him. The schemes he ran were carefully designed and couldn't have been conceived and executed while stoned, so there is more to this than addiction. The most important part of the story is left out. How did a broke guy starting at the very bottom of a major brokerage firm get to be a criminal millionaire? That's the guts of the real story, and it was left out. We only see him at the climax just before the downfall. Sex and drugs sell books and movies and that's the new scheme, and it is lawful even if only partly true and even if the main facts are left out. The schemer and deceiver is still at work.

This book contains more background on Jordan's early days, his friends, etc.. He again reveals himself as a total scumbag and it is obvious that he has not changed. After ratting out his friends to the police, he rats them out to the general public in order to make some more money. And there are truly bizarre things here, like how the author gets morally outraged by a couple of girls dancing topless by his pool, in plain view of his young daughter. This from a man who has wandered around his home in a drugged stupor for most of that child's life, who has ripped off thousands of people, and who lies and betrays and cheats at every opportunity. As in the first book, we find some interesting insights every once in a while. At one point, he says that he was the happiest before he became rich, when his first wife and he were still struggling. This book is much better written than the first one, *The Wolf of Wall Street*. It is obvious that Jordan is a fast learner, if nothing else. It is also a real page-turner, which is why I am giving it 4 stars.

Surprisingly well written. I think it is important for you, discerning future reader, to realize that basically all the dialogue in this book is invented. Jordan tells his life story in the form of a novel and takes a lot of liberties in order to get his point across. That being said, it is easily forgiven and should absolutely be filed under non-fiction; it is a wonderfully blunt contribution to the saga of the "American dream." The author does a great job of establishing his frame of mind and his mood in the given situation with his use of language and structure. He does not write things like "that made me angry." His sentences get shorter, his words get harsher, and his venom becomes tangible. Well executed, fun romp through depravity at warp speed. Folks who are upset by the curse words and descriptions of sex, drugs, and excessive spending need to get over themselves. Jordan Belfort will

not be censored by your old fashioned notions of etiquette and weak sensibilities. Enjoy, folks. This is Goodfellas on paper, with corporate murders instead of real ones.

This book has things the first one didn't have, and the tale of Jordan in federal prison was very interesting, it's also inspiring how he conquered his issues with drug use and alcoholism, but I do wish the book had a little less sex. I don't mind a little sex, but I'm more interested in the business aspects of Jordan's life. I hope he writes another book, about his experiences as a motivational speaker, his life now. I also hope Jordan reads Atlas Shrugged someday, because he needs to realize he was never a capitalist, not when he was trading lies for money. A capitalist trades value for value, the problems of Wall Street have nothing to do with lack of regulations (it's extremely regulated and crooks like Belfort know how to make a mockery of the regulators), or with greed or with capitalism. The problem is with the crooks and people who are too stupid to do their due diligence.

In 2011, Mr. Belfort penned "Catching the Wolf of Wall Street." This book is the exact polar opposite of its predecessor. In this sequel, Jordan is nearly broke, on the verge of divorce from his second wife, struggling to kick his drug/alcohol problems, and in order to receive a 5K letter and reduced sentence, Jordan must wear a wire, and rat on his former friends. It is moving to see someone who has fallen so far, and so fast attempt to salvage the wreckage of his life, while clinging to his family, and his fortune. Gone are the wild stories of partying, and debauchery at Stratton Oakmont. Here is a man who has hit complete rock bottom. Jordan mocks his own paltry writing skills at the end of the book, yet ironically goes forward to write two excellent bestsellers. "Catching the Wolf of Wall Street" is highly recommended....especially to those who enjoyed both the book, and movie "Wolf of Wall Street." Buy it, and read it today from www..com.

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