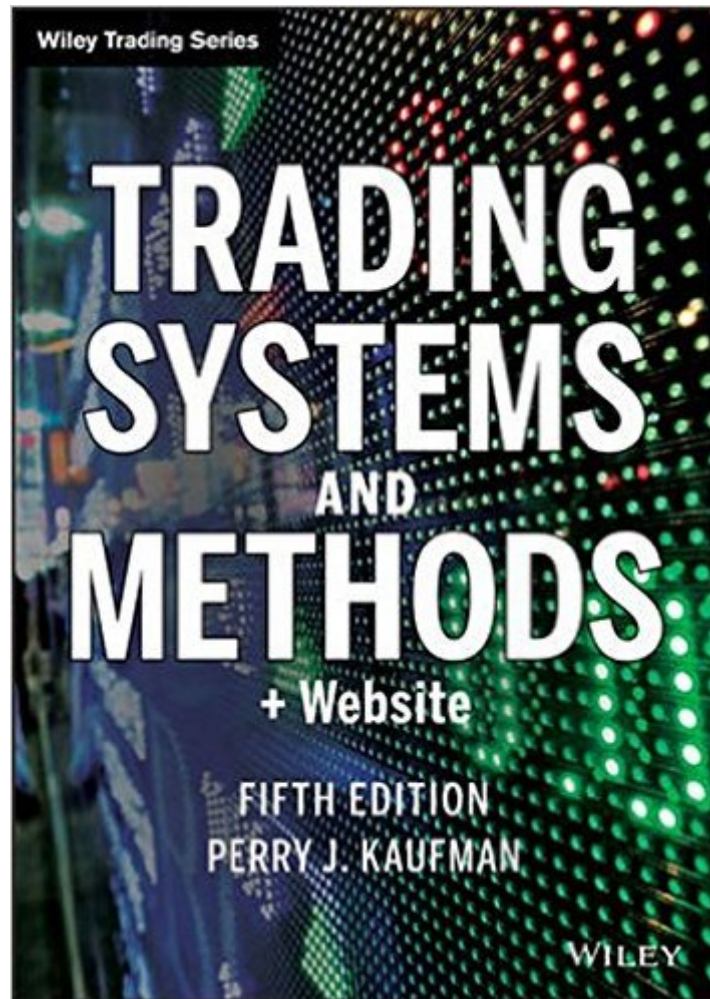


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Thank you all for your very kind comments. I want to mention that some of the earlier comments noted that some spreadsheets were missing from the website as well as pointing out some typos. We have corrected everything to date and have improved the process of updating new spreadsheets to the website. When the process seems too slow we try to send any requests directly to the reader. I hope you will all continue to send comments to me at [perry@perrykaufman.com](mailto:perry@perrykaufman.com).  
Thank you again!

This is not so much an encyclopedia as it is a fairly complete compendium of various trading tools and strategies. Almost all such research focuses on the futures markets; the closest these get to the stock market is the S&P 500 index. This is true of technical analysis in general, so if you're interested in the stock market you will generally have to extrapolate. Kaufman is a pretty able and knowledgeable reporter on the research results of others, but I have to say that in places the transcriptions are confusing, unclear and ambiguous. Even though the book is nearly 700 pages long, some of the coverage is too sparse -- while in other areas it seems too wordy. This 3rd edition could benefit from a start-to-finish re-organization/re-write, as some ideas are explained multiple times in various places and other ideas which are introduced early and deemed important are then ignored throughout the rest of the book. I'm thinking primarily of the basics of statistics and tests for significance; much of what might work at times is superfluous. My impression is that while Kaufman is very experienced in the markets and with trading systems in general, that he's a dilettante so far as really rigorous mathematics is concerned. Pick and choose among the many clever ideas here carefully. 3 1/2 stars.

Don't get me wrong, the author doesn't seem stupid - he developed his own adaptive trend following method. But he has completely no idea how the market works and what can possibly work in the market. This book is a compilation of many technical trading methods, but most of them are stale and some ridiculously insane. Page 376-377 he has a chart and program to compute the moon's phase, because we should buy at full moon and sell at new moon? The selling point of the book is it contains some source code, but most of them are naive. Page 640 betrayed that the author only wrote the programs over twenty years ago when there was no graphics output. In regression he had to use many "\*"s to draw the line. And why would any reader need the Fortran source code in the appendix to do regression? Remind you that those ten pages would cost you a buck. In short, the book has no value for professionals. For individual investors, be aware - the book could actually be harmful because it gives you false confidence. In the investment world half bottle may be worse than you know you have nothing in the bottle.

There was plenty to learn in this book and overall it offers much reasonable advice. However, it also packs a large portion of bizarre and obviously silly content, such as the phase-of-the-moon and the "Jupiter-Saturn cycle" trading systems mentioned in other reviews. Still, I find even this bit useful as a reminder of the danger of being lured in by a trading system based on numerology instead of relevant data. It's nice to remember that the reason analysts compute the 14-day and 28-day

moving averages are because these are half and a full moon's cycle, respectively. Of course, these became popular even though they refer to trading days instead of Earth days (what? doesn't the moon phase stop progressing over the weekend too??) My other complaint is the use of proprietary "Easy Language" code samples; this would be fine if it included an appendix on Easy Language syntax, but this is conspicuously missing... and would have been more useful than the section of the book titled "Financial Astrology" or the appendix on constructing a pentagon with straightedge and compass (I'm not kidding). Surprisingly, I did find the discussion of solar eclipses informative from an astronomy viewpoint. Overall, even with the negatives, I enjoyed the other reference material.... just figure out which chapters to tear out of the book before reading.

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