

Book Review for 01/05/03 by Josh Scales

Title: "Confessions of A Street Addict"

Author: James J. Cramer

Publisher: Simon & Schuster

Length: 319 pages

Price: \$26.00

Reading time: 10 hours

Reading rating: 8 (1= very difficult; 10 = very easy)

Overall rating: 3 (1= average; 4 = outstanding)

"Confessions of A Street Addict" is an insightful and honest depiction of Wall Street and investing as experienced by Jim Cramer, one of Wall Street's premier money managers and the co-host of the popular CNBC show, "Kudlow and Cramer." Through this wonderful tour, Cramer portrays his personal experiences and passions along with his successes and failures in his very true-to-life autobiography. This all revealing approach gives excellent insights on life as a money manager and media pundit. One feels the pressures and passions with each word in the book. Cramer not only writes about the triumphs in his life but also about the mistakes he has made through his career, some that almost cost him TheStreet.com, a financial news website company that he co-founded.

This book is captivating and energetic. One will learn the details about Wall Street that will pull your emotions in all directions. It is a book written for people interested in investing and Wall Street. Although it may not be for everyone, if you like reading about the fast paced, hard nosed world of Wall Street, I highly recommend it.

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