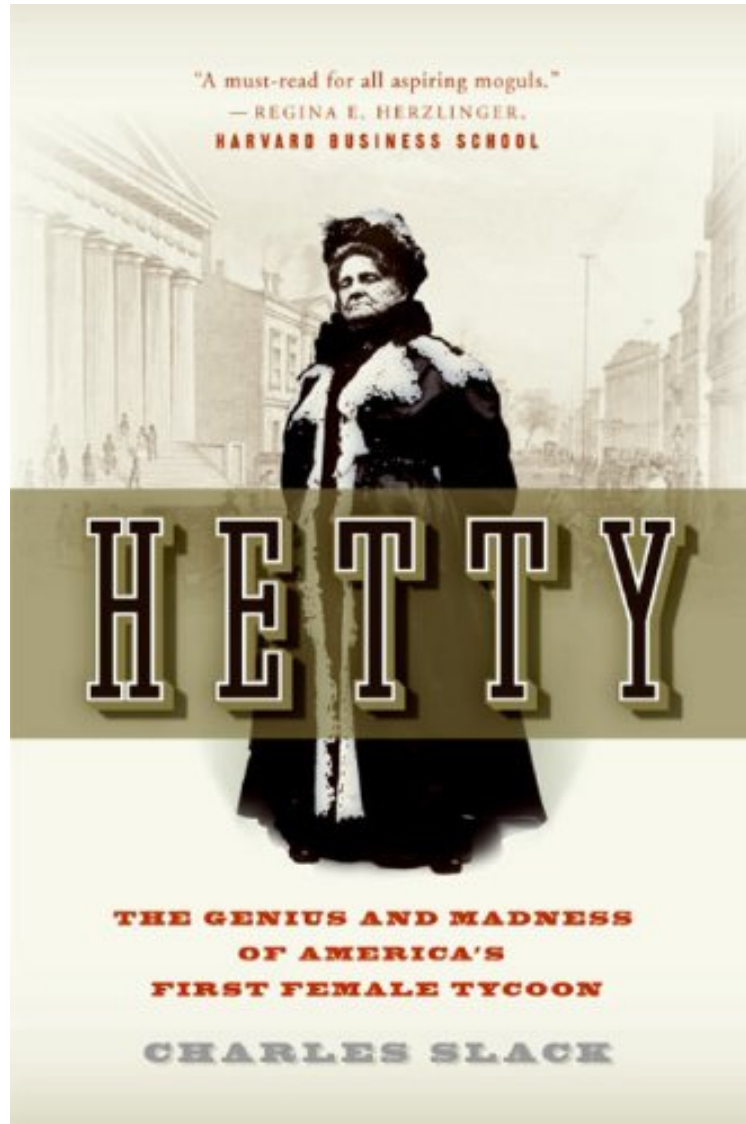


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Important biography, nicely narratedVon Prof Dr Wolfgang DrechslerThis is the biography of the first tycooness, the first self-made billionaire, the woman who took Wall Street. It is a must read from many perspectives, including the feminist one and that of business history.The book, nicely narrated, was in the end not a full ***** for me because for

a purely "journalistic" account, the narration could have been more colorful and dramatic, and for a "scholarly" one, there was not enough research and annotation. Also, I think that - without any ceding to political correctness - the feminist side could have been brought out much more strongly; Hetty Green as a man would never have drawn such criticism. All the more must it be said that the subtitle is a stupid one (as the author points out time and again, there was no madness, however defined, in Hetty Green), but it is safe to say that this was imposed by the publishers, kowtowing to their image of a less than enlightened readership. (Just one recurring mistake of the author may be pointed out here: even the upper English Peerage is not "royalty".)The book is very well made; it is nicely illustrated, well-bound and -typeset, and very much worth the price (especially the reduced one), so readers are encouraged to buy the hardcover version now available and not wait for the paperback.

KurzbeschreibungWhen J. P. Morgan called a meeting of New York's financial leaders after the stock market crash of 1907, Hetty Green was the only woman in the room. The Guinness Book of World Records memorialized her as the World's Greatest Miser, and, indeed, this unlikely robber baron -- who parlayed a comfortable inheritance into a fortune that was worth about 1.6 billion in today's dollars -- was frugal to a fault. But in an age when women weren't even allowed to vote, never mind concern themselves with interest rates, she lived by her own rules. In *Hetty*, Charles Slack reexamines her life and legacy, giving us, at long last, a splendidly "nuanced portrait" (Newsweek) of one of the greatest -- and most eccentric -- financiers in American history. This P.S. edition features an extra 16 pages of insights into the book, including author interviews, recommended reading, and more. From Booklist
Hetty Green (1835-1916) was the only woman to make her mark in the financial markets during the Gilded Age of the late 1800s. She parlayed an inheritance of \$500,000 into \$100 million (\$2.5 billion in current money), amassing fortunes in U.S. bonds and real estate through impeccable timing. Immortalized in the Guinness Book of World Records as the "world's greatest miser," she kept her family living in modest tenements, dressed in drab clothes, and was a notorious penny-pincher. Dubbed the "Witch of Wall Street," she was widely believed to live an unhappy existence despite her riches. Slack's account reveals a much more multidimensional character than Green was popularly believed to be; yes, she was eccentric, but her wry wit and colorful personality bring humor and pathos to this story. She was unfairly vilified because of her sex, and readers cannot help from cheering for her at every turn. David Siegfried
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Pressestimmen[An] instructive account. Slack offers an exemplary retelling for a new generation. (Kirkus s)Slack concentrates on telling a good story and telling it well.... [An] entertaining biography. (Publishers Weekly)A wonderfully detailed new biography. (Forbes)[A] page-turning portrait of an important and complicated woman. (Richmond Times-Dispatch)[A] nuanced portrait. (Newsweek)A fascinating book. (New York Post)Fascinating. (Tucson Citizen)