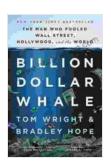
# The Man Who Fooled Wall Street Hollywood And The World

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The Man Who Fooled Wall Street Hollywood And The World is a fascinating and inspiring story of a man who dared to dream big and never gave up. Madoff was a brilliant salesman and con artist who was able to deceive some of the most sophisticated investors in the world. He used his charm and charisma to win over investors and convince them to invest in his Ponzi scheme.

The book tells the story of Madoff's rise to power and his eventual downfall. It is a cautionary tale about the dangers of greed and the importance of due diligence. The book also provides a glimpse into the world of high finance and the people who make it work.

#### The Rise of Bernie Madoff

Bernie Madoff was born in Queens, New York, in 1938. He grew up in a working-class family and attended Hofstra University. After graduating, Madoff worked as a stockbroker for several years before starting his own investment firm in 1960. Madoff's firm quickly became successful, and he soon became one of the most respected investment managers on Wall Street.

In the early 1990s, Madoff began to run his investment firm as a Ponzi scheme. He would use new investor money to pay off earlier investors, creating the illusion of a successful investment fund. Madoff's Ponzi scheme grew exponentially over the years, and he eventually became one of the richest men in the world.

#### The Fall of Bernie Madoff

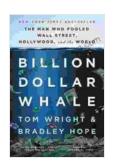
Madoff's Ponzi scheme began to unravel in 2008, when the stock market crashed and investors began to withdraw their money from his firm. Madoff was unable to meet the redemption requests, and his Ponzi scheme collapsed. Madoff was arrested in December 2008, and he pleaded guilty to 11 federal felonies. He was sentenced to 150 years in prison in June 2009.

#### The Impact of Bernie Madoff

Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme had a devastating impact on the financial world. It caused billions of dollars in losses for investors, and it shook confidence in the financial system. Madoff's scheme also led to increased regulation of the financial industry, and it made investors more wary of investing in unregistered investment funds.

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