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events and motivations that contributed to the industry's evolution. Learn how the Knights Templar became the first banking institution. Examine the Rothschild family's pioneering use of financial instruments in order to safeguard their wealth from distrusting European monarchs. Study the origins and evolution of the Ponzi scheme. Realise how Reaganomics still affects the U.S. economy today. The finance industry is always in the public eye, and it's one of the few places where the actions of a few -- or even a single person -- can ripple throughout large populations. Heroes and Villains of Finance gives you a closer look at the biggest names that had the biggest impact, for better or worse"--
