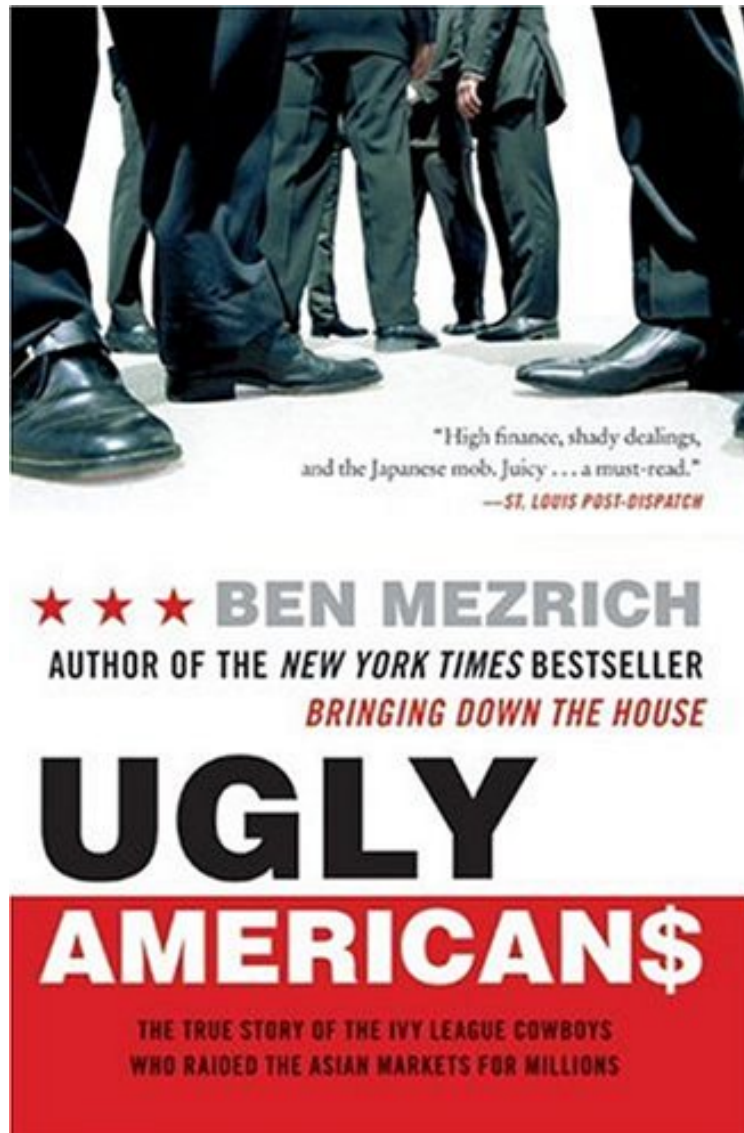


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Ben Mezrich : Ugly Americans: The True Story of the Ivy League Cowboys Who Raided the Asian Markets for Millions before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ugly Americans: The True Story of the Ivy League Cowboys Who Raided the Asian Markets for Millions:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining, but basic
By Yaw Owusu-Boahen
It was definitely an interesting read. If you wanna fantasize about this life, the book will definitely do the trick. But it hasn't much to offer

beyond that. Not particularly perceptive and doesn't quite live up to the suspense it builds throughout the text. The main character isn't as loveable as he's supposed to be because of his basic, superman-like, unrealistic personality. He's the carbon copy hero and that's boring. Also a side note, it's clear he didn't do his research on Princeton. No one ever refers to "the school newspaper" or says any eating club by its full name.

4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Much ado about not so much.

By Leib Gershon Mitchell

This book had a very similar tone to the "Breaking Vegas" book, which is not unexpected given that the books were written by the same author-- however, too much stylistic overlap is still too much.

On the good side:

1. The writing was fast, light, and easy to follow. Not needing of too much concentration, and something that can be picked right up and settled into.
2. There was some explanation about the concept of arbitrage.
3. There was interesting insight into the sex-for-sale culture of Japan. This alone could have spun off and made a whole new book.

On the bad side:

1. The explanation of the nuts and bolts of trading was too thin. It might have only taken one extra chapter to give us the details that many of us who bought the book were looking for.
2. I wonder how much the author *really* knew, given that he used the word "farang" to describe foreigners-- even though that word is 100% Thai. Was he throwing in technical terms to make it *look* like he had done his homework? And if he made that mistake, how many others did he make that we might not have recognized?
3. It might also have been interesting to get a better idea of just how much the Japanese government and Yakuza were in bed together. Is this really the case? Or is this poetic license? There were more than a few topics in this book that just weren't covered as much as a reader might have liked-- though I can appreciate that this is done for the sake of brevity. (An extra bit here and an extra bit there, and the next thing you know you have a book that is as overwrought with detail and most of what Ayn Rand has written.)

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent

By Victor

I have a few of Ben Mezrich books and love the complex stories. This one blew my mind. Strong recommend.

Ben Mezrich, author of the New York Times bestseller *Bringing Down the House*, returns with an astonishing story of Ivy League hedge-fund cowboys, high stakes, and the Asian underworld.

John Malcolm was the ultimate gunslinger in the Wild East, prepared to take on any level of risk in making mind-boggling sums of money. He and his friends were hedge-fund cowboys, living life on the adrenaline-, sex-, and drugs-fueled edge; kids running billion-dollar portfolios, trading information in the back rooms of high-class brothels and at VIP tables in nightclubs across the Far East.

Malcolm and his Ivy League-schooled twenty-something colleagues, with their warped sense of morality, created their own economic theory that would culminate in a single deal the likes of which had never been seen before; or since.

Ugly Americans is a story of extremes, charged with wealth, nerve, excess, and glamour. A real-life mixture of *Liar's Poker* and *Wall Street*, brimming with intense action, romance, underground sex, vivid locales, and exotic characters, *Ugly Americans* is the untold true story that rocked the financial community.