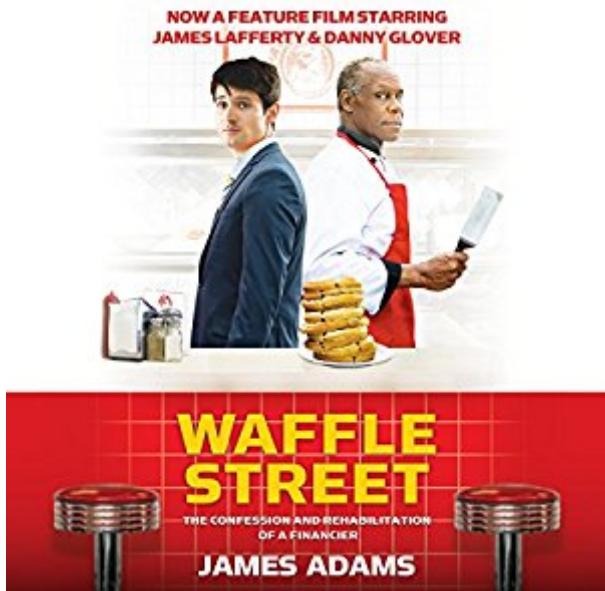


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Waffle Street: The Confession And Rehabilitation Of A Financier



Synopsis

Jimmy Adams was laid off from a hedge fund in early 2009. Wearied by eight years in the bond market and disillusioned by the financial services profession, he decides to get an "honest job" for a change. Before he knows what hit him, Jimmy finds himself waiting on tables of barflies at his local Waffle House. Amidst the glorious chaos of the night shift, the 24-hour diner affords a bevy of comedic experiences as the author struggles to ingratiate himself with a motley crew of waiters and cooks. Unexpectedly, the restaurant also becomes a font of insight into financial markets and the human condition. In a uniquely hilarious and thought-provoking narrative, Waffle Street unravels the enigmas of money, banking, economics, and grits once and for all. As they laugh heartily at the author's expense, listeners will develop a profound appreciation for the first principle of economics: there really is no such thing as a free lunch.

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Any adult who takes up a hobby involving a uniform runs the risk of being confronted head-on by the often humbling realization that even one who feels well-established in their comfort zone of daily life has entered a situation in which the basics cannot be taken for granted -- in fact, that one must re-learn something as fundamental as how to dress oneself. One's peers and associates in this new endeavor may even evince the simple smile reserved for an infant who has, for the first time, donned his own pull-up diaper. Hidden behind the humorous anecdotes which permeate this oeuvre (word chosen particularly because it resembles both the french "oeufs" and their common, though currently dangerous preparation style "over-easy") lies a serious meditation on economic theory, a comparative analysis of academic vs. street "cred," and a variety of ruminations ranging from the

questionable existence of Corinthian waffles to the long-term psychological effects of sensitively-placed tattoo art on one's progeny. Adams tells a compelling story, and he manages to challenge the reader and ask some difficult questions in the process. If one is unfamiliar with trends in economic thought, this book is an excellent introduction to the tenets, and possibly the limitations, of the theories of Keynes, Friedman, and, of course, Jean-Baptiste Say (whom the author hopes to redeem). If the higher-order combinatorics involved in the ordering of famous Waffle House hash-browns eludes one's mathematical grasp, one may remediate this through the brief analysis and framework found within. (Though "slithered" is revealed not to fall into canonical hash brown orthodoxy, I'll appropriate it here to state that indeed, Adams' book is "slithered" with goodness, laughter, and honest personal reflection.

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