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“The wisdom of a true master! My highest recommendation! Kirkpatrick, a highly respected professional at the peak of his long and varied investment career, distills all of his 47 years of intensive study and experience into this concise book that spells out in detail his best strategies--so that you can profit from his deep, hard-won knowledge.”

--**Robert W. Colby, CMT**, author of *The Encyclopedia of Technical Market Indicators*

“Charles Kirkpatrick has been producing top-notch work for years, as evidenced by his multiple Dow Awards and top-rated books. And his work keeps getting better. He doesn’t just hypothesize about market movements. He backs up his ideas with real, quantified data. This book is another very impressive addition to the Charles Kirkpatrick library of work. Well done!”

--**Rob Hanna**, founder of QuantifiableEdges.com and OvernightEdges.com

“Kirkpatrick’s latest work is a great companion to his book *Beat the Market: Invest by Knowing What Stocks to Buy and What Stocks to Sell*. He walks the reader step by step through his logic and then demonstrates the results by statistically valid test procedures. This is the Kirkpatrick Investment Theory updated and proven, plus a few extra studies to improve performance once again.

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portfolio changes. He shows the reader how to focus on significant parameters that are most important while trying to avoid the dangers of optimization. The result is a robust system with a high probability of excellent performance in the future.”

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“When someone has been successfully involved in the markets and in particular technical analysis for almost half a century, you should pay attention to what he has to say. Charlie Kirkpatrick is such a person, one who has a solid grasp of how markets work and how to develop a process for profiting in them. I cannot begin to count the number of times I have read about someone’s system and found that it was poorly designed, inadequately tested, and in many cases, used for some other motive than to provide a systematic approach to profiting in the market. Charlie has conquered all of these shortcomings in this book with a solid, well-constructed, thoroughly documented, and viable approach to systematic trading.”

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“On the Venn diagram of financial market study, this book fits into the coveted overlap between technical, quantitative, and fundamental approaches. It addresses one of the key questions that all three methods ask: How can the relative performance of stocks to one another be used to create a profitable investing approach? Kirkpatrick walks the reader through the necessary elements to comprehend and build robust market timing and stock selection systems. He addresses the murky issues of optimization and quantifying trend and also focuses in on his preferred indicators and uses for cycle analysis, based on 40+ years of market experience. No fancy software required--Kirkpatrick presents systems that can be implemented and managed using the most basic of tools. A great read for anyone looking to approach the markets more systematically, making the most of their capital and time.”

--**Hima Reddy, CMT**, author of *The Trading Methodologies of W.D. Gann*

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#### About the Author

**Charles D. Kirkpatrick II** has spent 45+ years in investing as a security analyst, portfolio manager, block desk trader, options trader, and institutional broker. He continues to publish his *Market Strategist* letter, calculate award-winning stock-selection lists, write books on trading and investing, and teach technical analysis at universities. He has appeared on CNBC and *Wall Street Week* and has been quoted in *Barrons*, *Money*, and *BusinessWeek*. Twice the winner of the Market Technicians Association's prestigious Charles H. Dow Award, he is the coauthor of *Technical Analysis: The Complete Resource for Financial Market Technicians* and author of *Beat the Market* and *Time the Market*.

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