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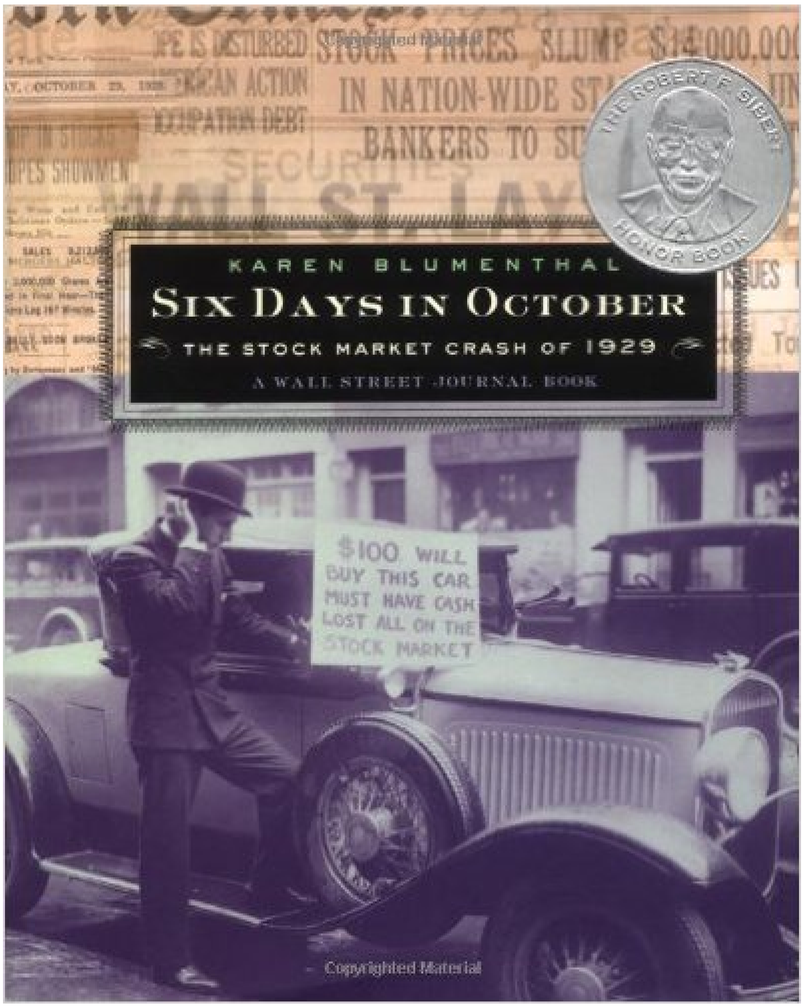
Six Days In October: The Stock Market Crash Of 1929: A Wall Street Journal Book For Children



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Synopsis

Over six terrifying, desperate days in October 1929, the fabulous fortune that Americans had built in stocks plunged with a fervor never seen before. At first, the drop seemed like a mistake, a mere glitch in the system. But as the decline gathered steam, so did the destruction. Over twenty-five billion dollars in individual wealth was lost, vanished gone. People watched their dreams fade before their very eyes. Investing in the stock market would never be the same. Here, Wall Street Journal bureau chief Karen Blumenthal chronicles the six-day period that brought the country to its knees, from fascinating tales of key stock-market players, like Michael J. Meehan, an immigrant who started his career hustling cigars outside theaters and helped convince thousands to gamble their hard-earned money as never before, to riveting accounts of the power struggles between Wall Street and Washington, to poignant stories from those who lost their savings -- and more -- to the allure of stocks and the power of greed. For young readers living in an era of stock-market fascination, this engrossing account explains stock-market fundamentals while bringing to life the darkest days of the mammoth crash of 1929.

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Customer Reviews

I’ve been a stockbroker for more than twenty years so I approached the book with experience in the investment market. I thought I knew a great deal about the causes and course of the ’29 Crash but this book certainly opened my eyes. I had heard of famous men like William Durant and Richard Whitney but I never knew the wide ranging courses of their careers. One of the main lessons I drew from the book is the comparison between the actions of both the elite and the commoners in 1929 vs. those of the elite and the commoners in the Great Recession of 2008 to the present. Recommend this book highly to anybody interested in economic history or the history of the USA in the 20th Century.

If you’ve ever struggled to either understand or explain the stock market, Six Days in October will make things crystal clear while simultaneously explaining the stock market crash of 1929 that brought about the Great Depression in an engaging way that holds the reader’s attention.Loaded with period illustrations, including primary documents, Six Days in October is vital to the middle school study of the 20th century and is a wonderful addition to any library intended for young adults.Highly Recommended!

This was a great book that I loved reading. I am into history and this book gave lots of details about the stock market crash that made it easy to understand. I think lots of kids will like this book if they give it a chance.

Six Days in October is exceptionally well written! As an adult I appreciated the thorough research, helpful explanations and easy flow of the material. I learned information I did not know, yet should have learned long ago. Middle School readers on up can learn from and appreciate this book. I donated it to our local school’s library when I finished it, because I think it is especially useful for students.

This is a great book for understanding the causes and effects of the 1929 Stock Market Crash. This book not only answered all my questions about the crash, but it supplied me with a detailed account of the events that led up to the market crash and the aftermath that followed. It illustrates how greed, fear, ignorance, and deceit fueled the market crash. In addition, it dispels the myth that the 1929 Stock Market Crash caused the Great Depression. Because these same elements continue to influence the market today, it would be to one’s advantage to learn about the crash before investing in the market. This book is for ages 12 and above.

Great book to introduce Crash. Great illustrations to use as primary sources. Easy to read and flows nicely so even my middle schoolers will find it "readable."

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