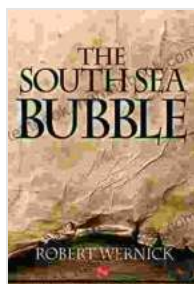


The South Sea Bubble: A History of Speculation, Fraud, and Financial Crisis

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The Origins of the South Sea Company

The South Sea Company was founded in 1711 as a way to exploit trade opportunities in the South Seas. The company was granted a monopoly on trade with the Spanish colonies in South America, and it quickly became a popular investment for British investors.

In 1720, the South Sea Company proposed a deal to the British government that would allow it to take over the government's debt. The

government agreed, and the South Sea Company issued new shares to raise the money to pay off the debt.

The Bubble

The sale of new shares sparked a frenzy of speculation in the South Sea Company's stock. The stock price rose rapidly, and many people made a lot of money. However, the price of the stock was not based on the company's actual earnings, and it was eventually bound to fall.

In 1720, the South Sea Bubble burst. The stock price collapsed, and many people lost their entire investment. The financial crisis that followed led to the bankruptcy of the South Sea Company and widespread financial ruin.

The Aftermath of the South Sea Bubble

The South Sea Bubble had a significant impact on the British economy. It led to a loss of confidence in the financial system and a decline in investment. The crisis also led to the passage of new laws to regulate the stock market and prevent future bubbles.

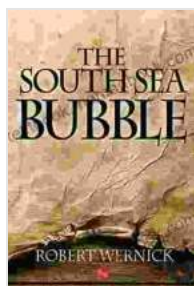
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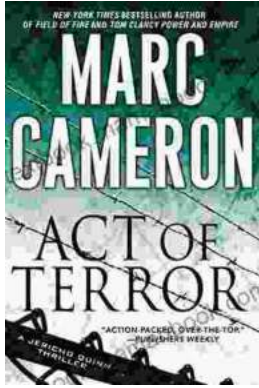
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