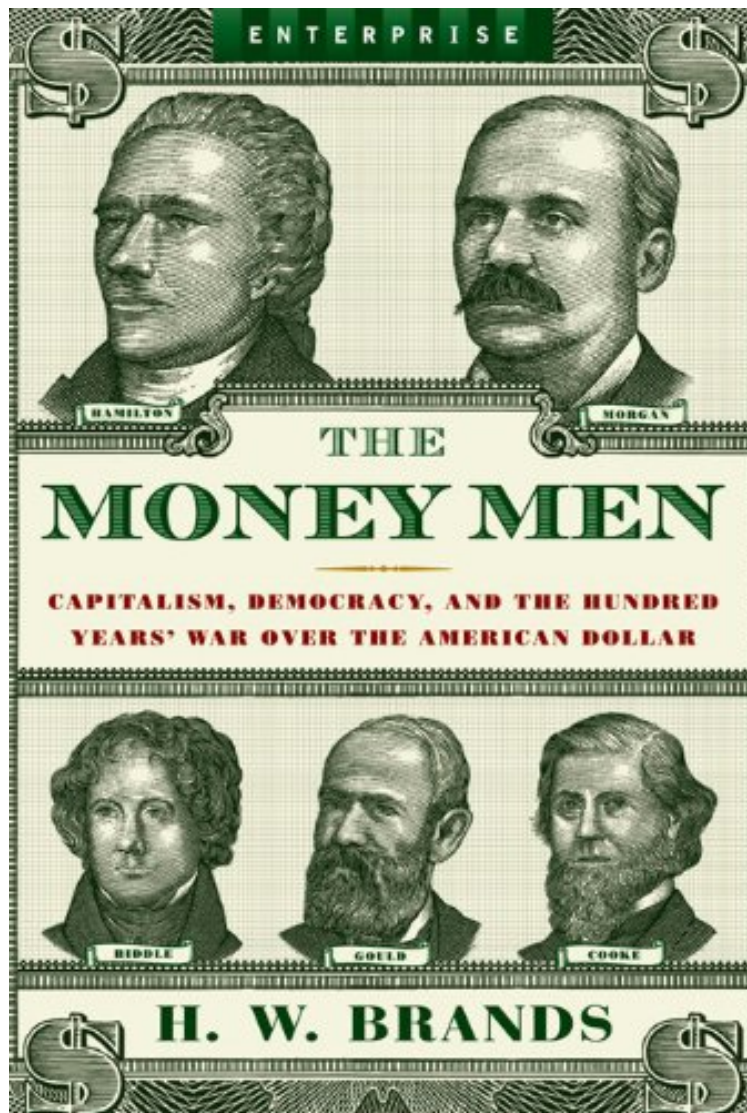


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**H. W. Brands : The Money Men: Capitalism, Democracy, and the Hundred Years' War Over the American Dollar (Enterprise)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Money Men: Capitalism, Democracy, and the Hundred Years' War Over the American Dollar (Enterprise):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Five men and US moneyBy MetallurgistThis is a book about US money as told through short biographical sketches of five men. The book was interesting and well written. It is

certainly quite accessible for someone with only a little familiarity with US history and finance. However, those with a deeper understanding of these subjects may find the book a bit too basic. I liked the book and found that it did bring new facts to light. What is in the book - The five men covered and their impact on US money were: 1. Alexander Hamilton the first US Sec. of the Treasury and the man who organized the US monetary system and formed the first Bank of the United States. This section of the book discusses the founding of the bank and how it operated. There is also a discussion of US tariffs during the period. 2. Nicholas Biddle and the second Bank of the US. This chapter focuses on Biddle and his conflict with President Andrew Jackson. 3. Jay Cooke and the Union financing of the Civil War. This chapter is about the question of money and banking in the Civil War. 4. Jay Gould and his attempt to corner the gold market. The chapter discusses Gould's railroad schemes, but focuses on his attempt to corner the gold market. It also discusses the gold backing of the US dollar during the last part of the 19th century and how this led to the attempted corner of the market. 5. J. P. Morgan and his support of the US gold reserves during the Cleveland administration and his quelling of the Panic of 1907. There is some general discussion of Morgan and his impacts on the US business in general (railroad financing, formation of US steel, etc.) with a focus on the above-mentioned events. There is also a discussion of the silver coinage movement.

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By CKEI have long been a fan of HW Brands - In fact he is the author of two of my favorite works on US History ("The First American" and "The Age of Gold") However, what has consistently made Brands a favorite of lovers of American history is missing in "The Money Men" - that is his amazing attention to personal details. Typically, Brands is able to bring his subjects alive like no other. Unfortunately, "The Money Men" is a very brief glimpse at five loosely associated men... each is given between 30-50 pages. The result of Brands work is an overview of the formation of the banking industry in the United States. I would approach "The Money Men" as a way to decide if you would like to tackle one of the more complete books on the subject... such as Chernow's masterful books on JP Morgan, Rockefeller, and Alexander Hamilton (And I highly recommend each of them). A final note.... at the time of publishing this review the price of "The Money Men" is less than three dollars. This is an outstanding price - and definitely worthy of a place in your library at this price!

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Another excellent read by H.W. Brands.  
By Garth Molyneux  
A very interesting viewpoint to look at competing political figures not just as Democrat versus Federalist/Republicans, but more from an economic standpoint of labor versus capital in which case the parties continually switch back-and-forth. Thoughtfully written and clearly articulated. I am becoming a big fan of this author and look forward to reading more of his work. Highly recommended to anyone interested in American history or fundamentals of economics.

An "insightful" (Publishers Weekly) history of the development of American capitalism and the men who made it great. Most Americans are familiar with the political history of the United States, but there is another history woven all through it, a largely forgotten history - the story of the money men. Acclaimed historian H. W. Brands brings them back to life: J. P. Morgan, who stabilized a foundering U.S. Treasury in 1907; Alexander Hamilton, who founded the first national bank, and Nicholas Biddle, under whose directorship it failed; Jay Cooke, who helped to finance the Union war effort through his then-innovative strategy of selling bonds to ordinary Americans; and Jay Gould, who tried to corner the market on gold in 1869 and as a result brought about Black Friday and fled for his life.