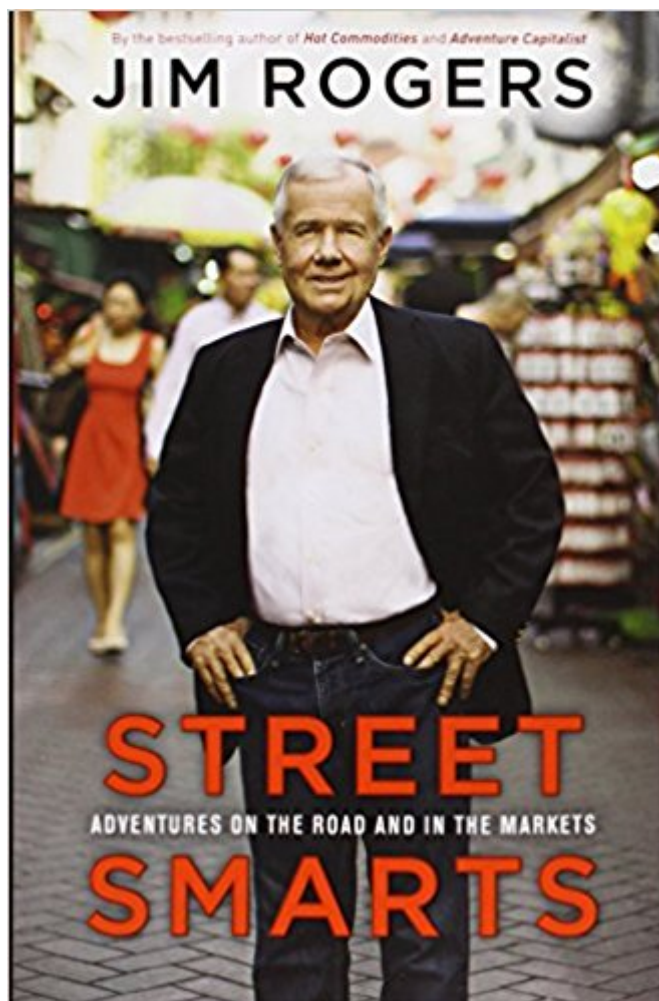


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# Street Smarts: Adventures On The Road And In The Markets



## Synopsis

Wall Street legend and bestselling author Jim Rogers offers investing insights and economic, political, and social analysis, drawing on lessons and observations from his lifetime in the markets.Â Jim Rogers, whose entertaining accounts of his travels around the world--studying the markets from Russia to Singapore from the ground up--has enthralled readers, investors and Wall Street aficionados for decades. In his engaging memoir *Street Smarts*, Rogers offers pithy commentary from a lifetime of adventure, from his early years growing up a naïve kid in Demopolis, Alabama, to his fledgling career on Wall Street, to his cofounding of the wildly successful Quantum Fund. In *Street Smarts*, Rogers takes us through the highlights of his life in the financial markets, from his school days at Yale and Oxford--where despite the fact that he didn't have enough money to afford the appropriate pair of shoes, he coxed the crew and helped to win the Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race as well as the Thames Cup, the first of his three Guinness World Records--to his first heady taste of Wall Street in the mid-1960s, and his years helping to run the most successful hedge fund on Wall Street. In the course of his new book, Rogers offers often surprising observations on how the world works--and what trends he sees in the future. The age of Wall Street, Rogers claims, when the finance industry drove 25% of America's growth, is over. Tomorrow's economy will be driven by those who make things--food, energy, goods and consumables. He explains why Asia will be the dominant economic force in the twenty-first century, and discusses why America and the European Union are in decline, and what we need to do to right our economy and society.

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"More than his outsized wealth and contempt for those in power, though, it is Rogers' knack for outsized fun that makes him seem worth knowing...Street Smarts shines when it conveys that zest."  
-USA Today  
"Street Smarts" is another great read from one of the most astute global investors of our time. With wisdom, humor, and amusing antidotes, the Investment Biker recounts his life's experiences in a manner that is as entertaining as it is educational. As an added surprise, readers may find his insight on fatherhood even more valuable than his perspective on history, economics, and the financial markets.  
"Peter D. Schiff; best-selling author, host of the Peter Schiff Radio Show, and CEO of Euro Pacific Capital, Inc." "There are almost no investment geniuses. The only ones I know of are Warren E. Buffett and John C. Bogle and Jim Rogers."  
"Ben Stein, New York Times" "Jim Rogers makes my head hurt."  
"Paul Krugman, New York Times"

JIM ROGERS cofounded the Quantum Fund and retired at age thirty-seven. Since then he has served as a sometime professor of finance at Columbia University's business school, and as a media commentator worldwide. In 2007, he moved his family to Singapore in the belief that the 21st century will be the century of Asia. Rogers is the author of the bestsellers *Investment Biker*, *Adventure Capitalist*, *Hot Commodities*, *A Gift to My Children*, and *A Bull in China*.

This is another very well written book by commodities expert and world traveler Jim Rogers. Starting with his childhood in Alabama and his years at Yale and Oxford, Rogers tells how he came to Wall Street and got into commodities and currency trading as he and George Soros co-founded the Quantum Fund. Rogers gives an assessment of many aspects of Wall Street, Washington, D.C., the Federal Reserve, and academia that will, no doubt, anger the defenders of the status quo. As a tenured professor at Columbia, Rogers found that he only needed to work five hours a week. Academia with its tenure system and high prices is a bubble ready to burst, to be replaced by Internet based courses. Rogers is very much a libertarian, seeing politicians everywhere as impediments to freedom and economic growth. He accurately predicted the commodities boom while the nation was fixated on dot.com stocks. He was selling bank stocks short in 2007 when the media said housing would go up for ever. These bubbles, runaway currency printing, and the

resulting devaluation of the dollar Rogers blames on Greenspan and Bernanke, two people he views as totally incompetent with no understanding of currencies or how the world works. Seeing danger to American wealth and freedom caused by incompetence and plain stupidity, Rogers sold his house in NYC and moved to Singapore. Rogers tells us to save money, invest in commodities, and learn Mandarin. Singapore has a very strong currency and a savings rate of over 30%. Read this book. Buy it for your family.

The guy is very wealthy, educated, traveled, observant, connected and (ok) opinionated, He doesn't really go on and on about how great or rich he is. He also talks sense on the pages he's not providing an infomercial on his commodities funds. But it is his book after all. He has decided to live permanently outside the US and of course the book explains why. Buy the book for his explanation. Gladys Knight is singing "the End of the Road" in my brain.

I found Street Smarts well worth the read. I have read most of his past books and enjoyed them all. Since this is mostly a bio there is some repetition from his past books. I found that he did not just rehash stuff from his previous books though, but shared with us what he has learnt as his life journey has continued. You may find Jim Rogers opinionated or self-indulgent (as a past reviewer did) but I find his strong opinions refreshingly original. He's willing to question the conventional wisdom that too many people readily accept. Being a student of history and someone who likes to see things for themselves on the ground he provides a unique perspective on global financial trends. I'm also glad he was so open about his own experiences. His misfortune with Refco was eye opening but further underlines all that is wrong with the US financial and legal system. Some may not like his prognosis of the decline of the US Empire and the rise of Asia, but it appears well under way to me.

It's an OK book not a whole lot of Earth shattering revelation. In stead of positioning as street smart on financial investment, it could have been better off talking about Jim's travel stories.

I have read every book Jim Rogers has written and this book rates as one of my favorites. Some of the excerpts that give you a look into Jim Rogers investment lessons. "I learned that everything is connected. I learned that a revolution in Chile was going to affect the price of copper, and thus the price of electricity and the price for houses-the price of everything- all over the world, having an impact on everyone, including Toledo. I learned, also, that if you could figure out that a revolution in

Chile was coming, you could earn a pretty good living". "You have to stay ahead of events. The action is never ending. It is like a four-dimensional puzzle, linked to volume and time. Every day you come to work and find that they have moved the pieces on you-somebody dies, there is a strike or a war, weather conditions have shifted. Things change, no matter what. Investing lacks the rhythm of other endeavors, and therefore never stops testing you." "Study of History and Philosophy were indispensable to me as an investor" "The conventional wisdom that existed at the start of each decade was shattered over the following decade". "If History teaches us nothing else, it teaches us this: what appears undisputed today will look very different tomorrow."

Great ideas from a very wise man. This is not fluff and theory. Jim Rogers delivers solid, usable, real-world info. I loved it!

I've always admired and followed Jim Rogers. He has a common sense approach to everything and doesn't really care if you agree with him or disagree with him. I applied to the Columbia MBA program twice just to take his class (waiting list both times). Instead of getting my MBA, I moved to Asia, That was 17 years ago. And for the last 7 years, I've been in the Agricultural sector (very rewarding, but I think I would qualify for food stamps back home). You'll enjoy this book if you are a thinking and a reflective person. I've started and run several businesses in Asia so I disagree with some of his glowing admiration for China. He moved to Asia AFTER his success. His perspective would be different if he moved to Asia prior to making his fortune. His perspective would be different if he started a business here, hired people, struggled with the regulatory environment and had to deal with the blatant discrimination. In any case, I think he is thoughtful, insightful and would recommend reading all of his books (I've bought/read them all). Jim, if your reading this.....you didn't move to Singapore from China because of the pollution.....

The book is very easy reading. Yet it contains lots of wisdom. Money in and of itself is not the ultimate goal. Pursuing one's goals is life itself.

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