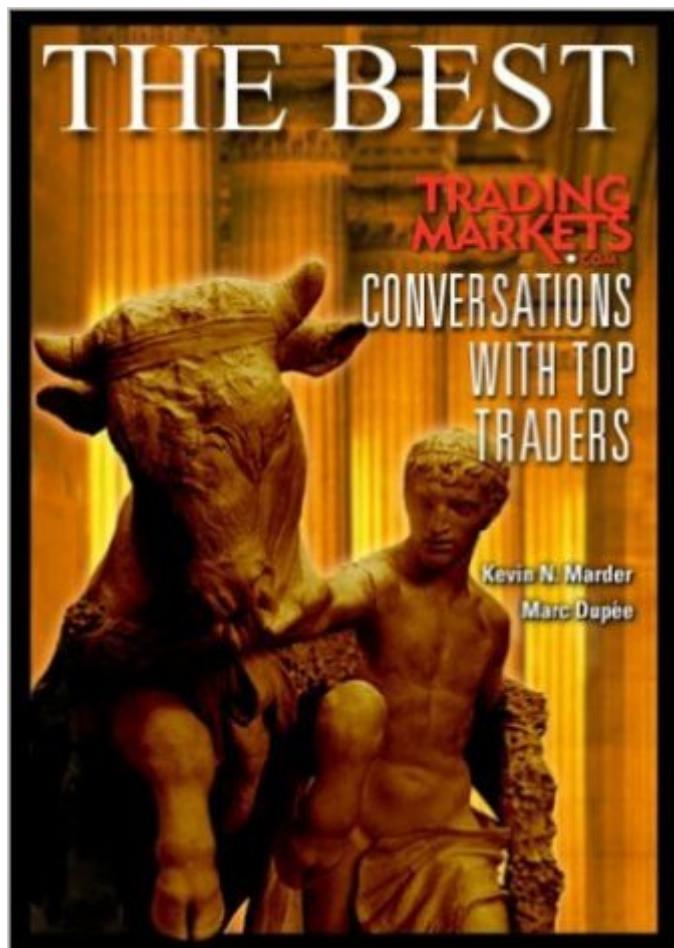


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# The Best: TradingMarkets.com Conversations With Top Traders



## **Synopsis**

Have you ever wanted to spend time learning the strategies of some of the very best traders and hedge fund managers in the world? With The Best: Trading Markets Conversations With Top Traders you will read, learn and absorb how these individuals have reached the pinnacle of trading excellence. Among the things you will learn in this book: Why CNBC calls Lewis Borsellino "the biggest and the best" local trader in S&P futures. How David Kuang made over \$6 million over a six month period and out-earned Tiger Woods through mid-2000 in his personal account. What Cedd Moses does to consistently rank among the top 1% of money managers in the world, according to Money Manager's Verified Ratings. ...and much, much more! If you trade stocks, futures, options, in the short-term, are a daytrader or long-term fundamental investor, this book contains effective, straight forward advice to help you improve your trading results. Capture for yourself the best insights and most effective strategies from some of the best traders in the world. The Best contains fourteen information-packed interviews, the overwhelming majority of which are not available anywhere else!

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is the equal of such classic "trader success profiles" as the Market Wizards series. Many of these profiles trace the backgrounds of very successful traders from their humble beginnings and provide a nice roadmap for aspiring traders. I especially liked the profiles of Kacher and Morales, top traders from William O'Neil's (founder of Investors Business Daily) trading business. They offer a lot of insight into what it takes to become respected traders. If you are like me, you will likely read some of the profiles several times over.

Written on par with the Market Wizards series, there are interviews with some of the biggest names on this era. What puts this ahead of Market Wizards, is that there are actually a number of techniques given and one can pick up a number of ideas to look for. My only gripe was that half the fund managers in this book all used the same William O'Neill CANSLIM method, looking for strong fundamentals and cup and handle breakouts. Yes, they have produced great returns with their funds as of the book writing (late 2000), but all the interviews with the fund managers seem to be exactly the same.

This book was clearly put together hastily -- and edited (if at all) the way a teenager might clean his bedroom. I found large sections of it incoherent, and even when specific trading strategies are being discussed, they are often difficult to make sense of. The book consists almost entirely of shop talk and jargon and leaps from topic to topic like a Mexican jumping bean. You get the feeling that it is exclusively for day traders who hang out in trading rooms; if you are not one of these then think twice before buying. The title "The Best" is pretty questionable too. It is not clear at all whether many of the traders being interviewed owe their success to a lasting mastery of the markets, or to strategies that happen to have worked under highly unusual conditions which have already disappeared. This book pales beside the Market Wizards classics (and even the 3rd, not-so-classic Market Wizards book). Its only merit is that it does go into considerably more detail than the Market Wizards interviews. A lot of that detail is frustratingly disorderly, but I found a small proportion of it useful, and you might as well.

As many trading books as I have read, nothing comes close to conferring the mindsets of such successful traders like this book did. From start to finish, I couldn't put this book down as I absorbed years and years of successful experience from the world's best. An instant treasure to my personal library and it is sure to be exactly that in my trading account.

This book definitely skews towards three types of traders: hedge fund managers, day traders and CANSLIM/O'Neil-style traders. While other reviewers complained about the overwhelming amount of O'Neil-style accounts, I didn't find any more than the other two categories. It is true that those interviews almost seem to repeat themselves but that seems to be more of a function of the codified consistent message CANSLIM/O'Neil-style investing brings rather than them actually being boring. The book definitely shows its age considering the interviews were conducted as the markets were

free-falling off the highs of 2000. Nonetheless, there are still beneficial nuggets that you can still glean. Probably the best way to use this book is to focus on the trading style you employ in your own trading and investing (hedge fund, day trading, or CANSLIM) and reread those profiles for nuances and modifications to your own investing strategy. You will read the profiles in an interview style question and answer/response. There was no attempt to write each profile as a cohesive take on the individuals interviewed.

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