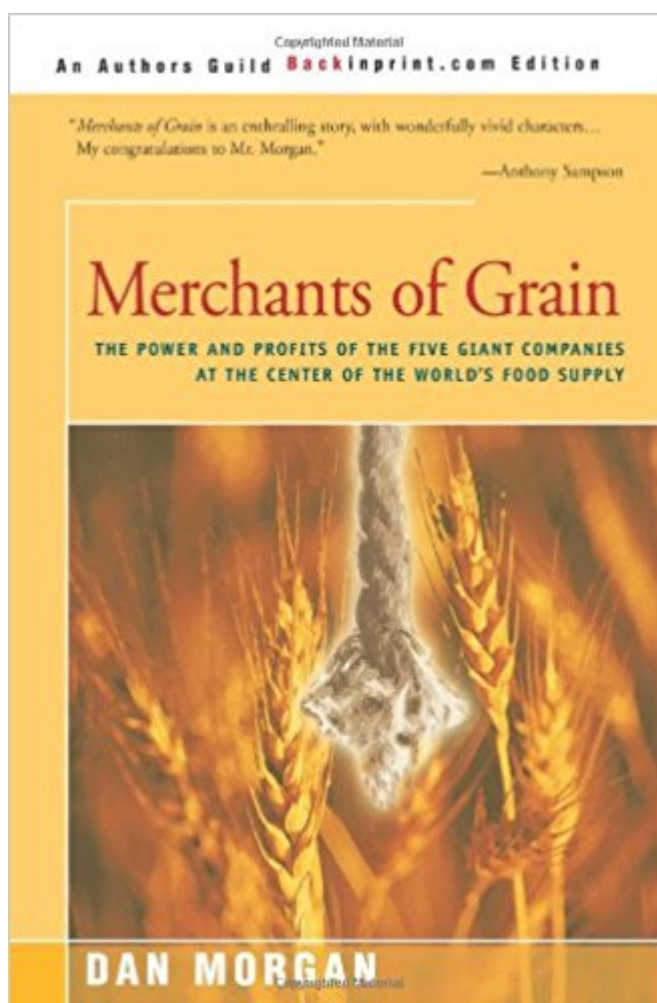


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Merchants Of Grain: The Power And Profits Of The Five Giant Companies At The Center Of The World's Food Supply



Synopsis

The first and only book to describe the seven secretive families and five far-flung companies that control the world's food supplies. Little has changed their central role since Morgan's best-selling book first appeared in 1979.

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Customer Reviews

Dan Morgan has been a reporter, editor and foreign correspondent for the Washington Post for more than 30 years. In addition to *Merchants of Grain*, he has written *Rising in the West*, the story of an "Okie" family and the making of the modern Sun Belt.

The historical background in this book is useful in describing the origins of the large, private companies that dominate the world grain trade. Some of the vignettes are worth collecting, as are some of the insights into the opaque world of the grain magnates. The book runs out of steam, though, and the last third is dreadfully dull and, to make matters even worse, badly dated. The author's Washington Post-style (i.e., oatmeal) policy suggestions are vastly inadequate in comparison to the power of the behemoths that he has spent the entire book describing. Read the first half or two thirds.

This is a must read for any avid reader of history. This isn't the most well written book but the content makes up for the slightly above average writing. Mr Morgan adds depth to the current narrative of

where our food comes from by using history to define 'why'. After reading this book one will have a deeper understanding of government role in market and the effects of this over the long term. You will also come away fascinated by the personal achievement of the individuals pioneered the grain industry across the globe.

The book is OK - it has a better and more captivating start and becomes somewhat sluggish as you go along. Of course its narrative has become very outdated by now - the industry has emerged and the landscape of grain trading is very different today.

Very interesting read on the history of the ABCDs of agriculture and the secretive history of the families. The narrative jumps around quite a bit and is difficult to follow in some parts. Morgan also has large sections which come off as just names, but very informative, most thorough story of an elusive industry which has shaped global history.

eye opener on the corruption of our natural resources.

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