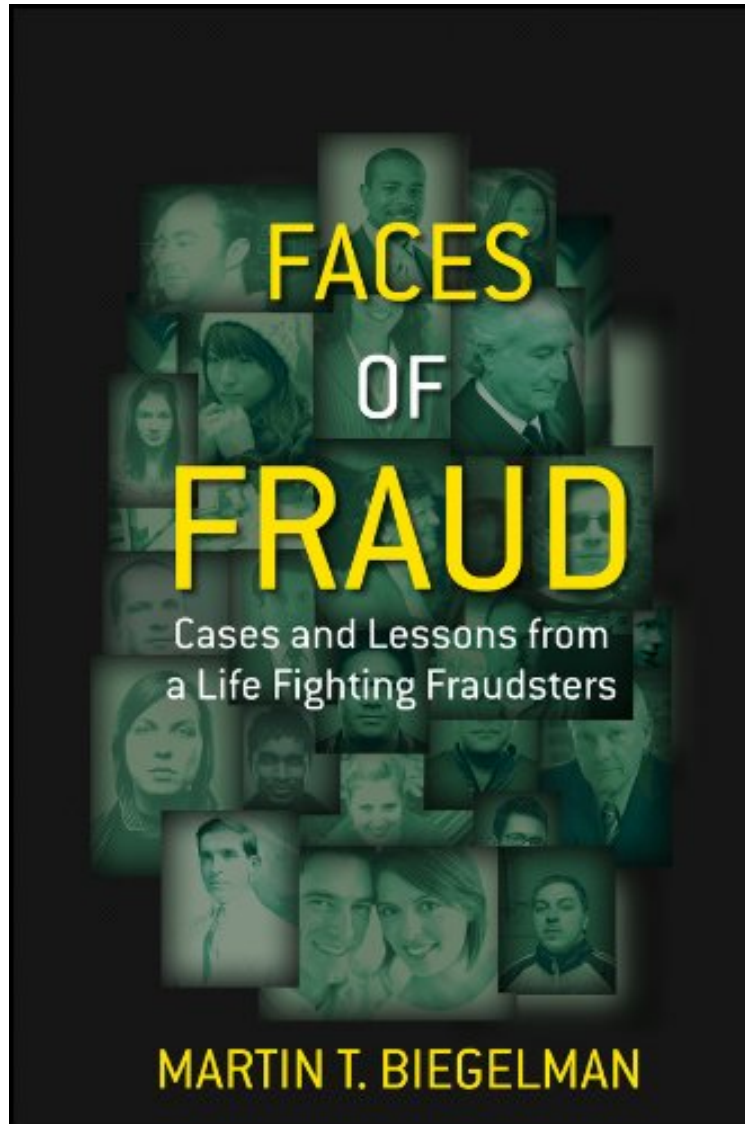


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**Martin T. Biegelman : Faces of Fraud: Cases and Lessons from a Life Fighting Fraudsters** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Faces of Fraud: Cases and Lessons from a Life Fighting Fraudsters:

6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. A Great Read for Fraud ExaminersBy Harry MarkopolosI read this book over two evenings and enjoyed every minute of it. This book is heavy on mail and wire fraud because the author spent a lot of time as a Postal Inspector. My favorite sections of the book involved "boiler room" investment schemes. Experienced fraud examiners will get a lot out of this book, particularly the passages discussing the need for

imagination and persistence and patience in letting the case come to you rather than chasing your case too soon before enough evidence has developed. New fraud examiners will enjoy the checklists of do's and don'ts. I wished I had this book when I was first starting out as an investigator, but I didn't, so unfortunately I had to learn many of the lessons in this book the hard way, through trial and error - mostly error. The author's use of multiple undercover CI's and the use of circularization are masterful. I'd never seen anything on the topic of circularization before but this technique makes a lot of sense and I'm surprised more investigators don't make use of it. Whether you're an old and grizzled fraud examiner or a rookie who's new to the white collar criminal arena, this book is a must read. (I purchased the Kindle version of the book)

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Mind numbingly dull and self congratulatory

By J Mixon  
The author takes an interesting subject (fraud and fraud detection) and drains the life from it. I bought the Audible book because it is easier for me to listen it and do something else instead of reading many books. Big mistake. This book is so boring that you might fall asleep at the wheel if you drive and listen to it. Literally page after page of dry and uninteresting detail about how the author is tipped to frauds, has to be convinced that they are occurring and then proceeds to dismantle them with relative ease. He literally ( not figuratively) tells the exact same story repeatedly and almost all end in the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators. No mistakes. No near misses. No "whoopsies." All solved. If fraud detections, investigations and prosecutions are as easy as it is portrayed in the book ( again, the author rarely fails to get to the bottom of the crime) , why aren't the courts clogged with cases? Why aren't prisons filled with con men? And why do we keep seeing and hearing about new Ponzi schemes and other assorted frauds daily , if not hourly? The author seems to avoid this line of reasoning, in favor of a "Look at what I did" narrative. Frankly, a technical manual concerning fraud investigation or money laundering would have been more effective (although likely just as dry) because it wouldn't have been burdened with the "look at me" anecdotes of the author. Terribly written book that is also terribly read as an audiobook. It's a two-fer.

4 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Fact is stranger than Fiction

By Dewayn C. Marzagalli  
How many times have you said, "If I wrote a book about this, no one would believe it?" Sometimes the facts are stranger than fiction and this terrific book is a perfect example of the truth seeming so unusual that you stand back and say, "Naw, can't be." Fraud exists, we all know that; however, it is the ingenuity, boldness, sagacity and out-right greed of the criminal perpetrating the fraud that both shocks and awes you. These case histories are better reading than most mystery novels simply because they are based in truth and the resolutions of the crimes are often as mysterious as the crimes themselves. Martin Biegelman has put together an array of highly interesting and exciting investigations every bit as good as your fictional counterparts on the book shelves.

The ultimate tool for understanding, investigating and preventing fraud

Fraud is an evil with a life of its own that leaves a financial, repetitional, and emotional toll on its victims. While monumental scandals, such as Enron, WorldCom, and Madoff's Ponzi scheme make the front pages, fraud is a daily occurrence impacting companies and individuals alike. Faces of Fraud reveals must-know characteristics of fraudsters and the skills needed to outwit them. Recognized Fraud Fighting Expert Martin Biegelman draws from his 40 years of experience fighting fraud to profile not only the key traits fraudsters share, but also the qualities fraud examiners must possess to be successful. Each chapter contains stories from actual cases that the author investigated

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Written by fraud fighting expert Martin T. Biegelman

Although fraud will never be completely eradicated, there is much that can be done to reduce the number and size of frauds that take place in any organization. Boiling down the key lessons the author has culled from his long career, Faces of Fraud entertains and informs with stories from real cases the author investigated over his long career, and imparts useful tips you can start using right away in the fraud examination field.