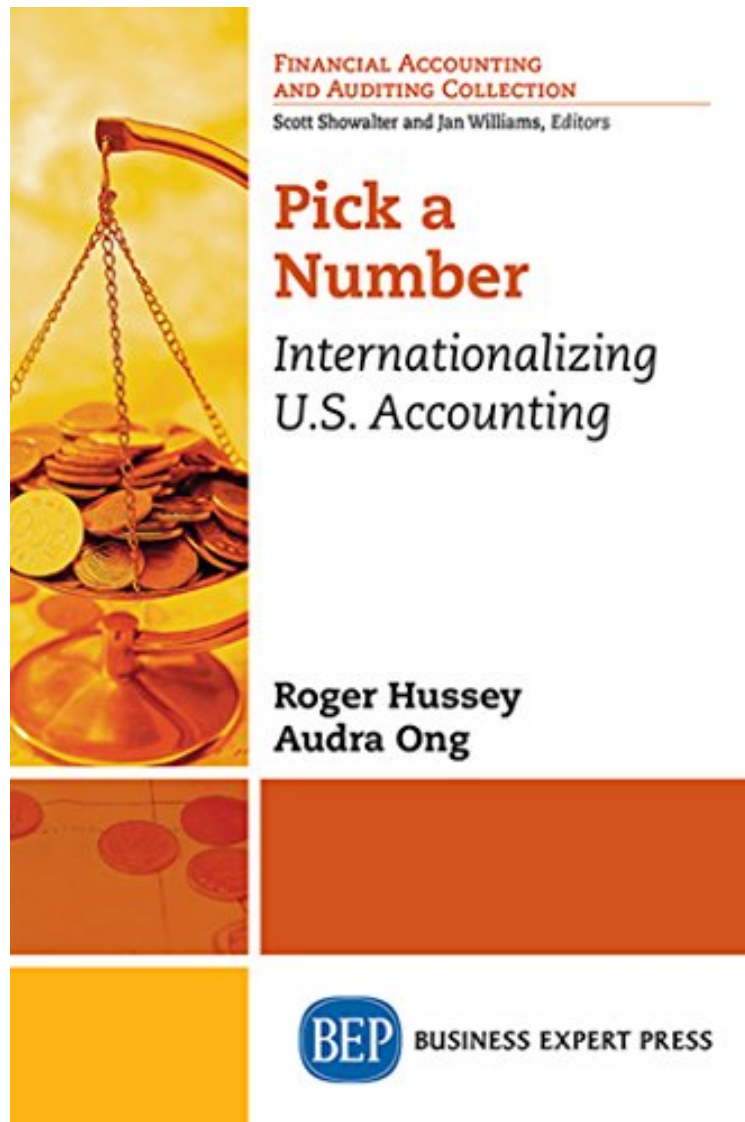


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(IASB). Since 2002, the standardsetter in the United States, the Financial AccountingStandards Board (FASB), has been actively engaged withthe IASB in attempting to converge U.S. regulations withinternational accounting standards. This book describes:

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- Differences that have halted convergence and theU.S. strategy
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