

## The Fundamentals Of Municipal Bonds Wiley Finance

Understand the ins and outs of today's surprisingly versatile bond marketplace As stocks continue their roller-coaster ride, nervous investors will be looking at bonds. FUNDAMENTALS OF THE BOND MARKET gives you the tools you need to master this complex market so you can diversify your portfolio, and get reliable income and safety of principal. Author Esme Faerber has packed this guide with examples, quizzes, checklists, and plain-English explanations to enhance your understanding of everything from the basics of buying and selling to bond ratings, government and international securities, call and convertible features, portfolio management, and more. Before you risk money in real-time trading, let this hands-on tool bring you up to speed on: \*Three steps that determine the best bond mutual fund for any investor \*Corporate, Municipal, Convertible and Zero-Coupon Bonds - which to buy for individual portfolios \*Treasury securities - how and why to invest in T-bills, notes, and bonds \*Tips of the Trade - techniques to calculate yields, buy and sell different types of bonds, and more

Everything on Treasuries, munis, bond funds, and more! The bond buyer's answer book—updated for the new economy “As in the first two editions, this third edition of The Bond Book continues to be the ideal reference for the individual investor. It has all the necessary details, well explained and illustrated without excessive mathematics. In addition to providing this essential content, it is extremely well written.” —James B. Cloonan, Chairman, American Association of Individual Investors “Annette Thau makes the bond market interesting, approachable, and clear. As much as investors will continue to depend on fixed-income securities during their retirement years, they'll need an insightful guide that ensures they're appropriately educated and served. The Bond Book does just that.” —Jeff Tjernejo, Research Director, U.S. and Canada, Lipper, Thomson Reuters “Not only a practical and easy-to-understand guide for the novice, but also a comprehensive reference for professionals. Annette Thau provides the steps to climb to the top of the bond investment ladder. The Bond Book should be a permanent fixture in any investment library!” —Thomas J. Herzfeld, President, Thomas Herzfeld Advisors, Inc. “If the financial crisis of recent years has taught us anything, it's buyer beware. Fact is, bonds can be just as risky as stocks. That's why Annette Thau's new edition of The Bond Book is essential reading for investors who want to know exactly what's in their portfolios. It also serves as an excellent guide for those of us who are getting older and need to diversify into fixed income.” —Jean Gruss, Southwest Florida Editor, Gulf Coast Business Review, and former Managing Editor, Kiplinger's Retirement Report About the Book The financial crisis of 2008 caused major disruptions to every sector of the bond market and left even the savviest investors confused about the safety of their investments. To serve these investors and anyone looking to explore opportunities in fixed-income investing, former bond analyst Annette Thau builds on the features and authority that made the first two editions bestsellers in the thoroughly revised, updated, and expanded third edition of The Bond Book. This is a one-stop resource for both seasoned bond investors looking for the latest information on the fixed-income market and equities investors planning to diversify their holdings. Writing in plain English, Thau presents cutting-edge strategies for making the best bond-investing decisions, while explaining how to assess risks and opportunities. She also includes up-to-date listings of online resources with bond prices and other information. Look to this all-in-one guide for information on such critical topics as: Buying individual bonds or bond funds The ins and outs of open-end funds, closed-end funds, and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) The new landscape for municipal bonds: the changed rating scales, the near demise of bond insurance, and Build America Bonds (BABs) The safest bond funds Junk bonds (and emerging market bonds) Buying Treasuries without paying a commission From how bonds work to how to buy and sell them to what to expect from them, The Bond Book, third edition, is a must-read for individual investors and financial advisers who want to enhance the fixed-income allocation of their portfolios.

Bond Evaluation, Selection, and Management synthesizes fundamental and advanced topics in the field, offering comprehensive coverage of bond and debt management. This text provides readers with the basics needed to understand advanced strategies, and explanations of cutting edge advanced topics. Focusing on concepts, models, and numerical examples, readers are provided with the tools they need to select, evaluate, and manage bonds. Provides a comprehensive exposition of bond and debt management. Covers both the fundamental and advanced topics in the field, including bond derivatives. Focuses on concepts, models, and numerical examples. Reinforces important concepts through review questions, web exercises, and practice problems in each chapter.

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Praise for the Classic Guide to the Bond Market "This is simply the most comprehensive, useful look-it-up book on municipal bonds I've ever read (said with all due respect to The ABC of Municipal Bonds my dad wrote in 1937 when I was nine).

Read Fundamentals cover to cover. I'm keeping mine in my briefcase, under my arm, at my fingertips. No accountant, financial advisor, attorney, new bond salesman, reporter, regulator, test-writer, cautious, suspicious first-time investor in municipal bonds, ordinary guest is ever going to catch me again with a question about municipal bonds I can't answer." -Jim Lebenthal, Chairman, Lebenthal & Co. "Judy Wesalo Temel gives us the Rosetta stone of the municipal bond market, the key to unraveling the many mysteries of 'muni's.' Her book, a fresh take on the old standard Fundamentals of Municipal Bonds, updates chapter and verse on everything from investing to underwriting, from over-the-counter to over-the-Internet. The style is clean, crisp, and as simple as this complex subject can be. Are you a novice who wonders how to invest in bonds? She lays out the basics. Examples are easy to follow—even the mathematical ones that are critical to explaining how municipal bonds work. At the same time, there is plenty of meat for the pros. Whether you need to start from square one and learn all about municipal bonds and how they work, or need a ready reference for specific technical questions you run across as a market professional, this book is for you." -Kathleen Hays, Economics Editor, Credit Markets Reporter, and "Bond Belle" CNBC "This is a must-read for every scholar, banker, and public official concerned with local government finance in the United States. Judy Wesalo Temel has done the impossible: she has clearly and insightfully explained how we finance the development of the nation's vital public infrastructure. This is an important book, one

that will be required reading for professionals responsible for planning, designing, and evaluating publicly financed projects—the health care, transportation, and educational facilities that all citizens rely upon. The bond market is an essential element in the life of local and state government, and this book makes it understandable to all Americans."—Mitchell Moss, Henry Hart Rice Professor of Urban Planning and Director, Taub Urban Research Center, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University

"This growth in municipal bond use stems from a number of causes. The state and local government sector of the U.S. economy has expanded significantly since World War II"--

The definitive new edition of the most trusted book on municipal bonds As of the end of 1998, municipal bonds, issued by state or local governments to finance public works programs, such as the building of schools, streets, and electrical grids, totaled almost \$1.5 trillion in outstanding debt, a number that has only increased over time. The market for these bonds is comprised of many types of professionals—investment bankers, underwriters, traders, analysts, attorneys, rating agencies, brokers, and regulators—who are paid interest and principal according to a fixed schedule. Intended for investment professionals interested in how US municipal bonds work, *The Fundamentals of Municipal Bonds, Sixth Edition* explains the bond contract and recent changes in this market, providing investors with the information and tools they need to make bonds reliable parts of their portfolios. The market is very different from when the fifth edition was published more than ten years ago, and this revision reasserts *Fundamentals of Municipal Bonds* as the preeminent text in the field Explores the basics of municipal securities, including the issuers, the primary market, and the secondary market Key areas, such as investing in bonds, credit analysis, interest rates, and regulatory and disclosure requirements, are covered in detail This revised edition includes appendixes, a glossary, and a list of financial products related to applying the fundamentals of municipal bonds An official book of the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA) With today's financial market in recovery and still highly volatile, investors are looking for a safe and steady way to grow their money without having to invest in stocks. The bond market has always been a safe haven, although confusing new bonds and bond funds make it increasingly difficult for unfamiliar investors to decide on the most suitable fixed income investments.

*Debt Markets and Investments* provides an overview of the dynamic world of markets, products, valuation, and analysis of fixed income and related securities. Experts in the field, practitioners and academics, offer both diverse and in-depth insights into basic concepts and their application to increasingly intricate and real-world situations. This volume spans the entire spectrum from theoretical to practical, while attempting to offer a useful balance of detailed and user-friendly coverage. The volume begins with the basics of debt markets and investments, including basic bond terminology and market sectors. Among the topics covered are the relationship between fixed income and other asset classes as well as the differences in fundamental risk. Particular emphasis is given to interest rate risk as well as credit risks as well as those associated with inflation, liquidity, reinvestment, and ESG. Authors then turn to market sectors, including government debt, municipal bonds, the markets for corporate bonds, and developments in securitized debt markets along with derivatives and private debt markets. The third section focuses on models of yield curves, interest rates, and swaps, including opportunities for arbitrage. The next two sections focus on bond and securitized products, from sovereign debt and mutual funds focused on bonds to how securitization has increased liquidity through such innovations as mortgaged-and asset- backed securities, as well as collateralized debt-, bond-, and loan obligations. Authors next discuss various methods of valuation of bonds and securities, including the use of options and derivatives. The volume concludes with discussions of how debt can play a role in financial strategies and portfolio creation. Readers interested in a broad survey will benefit as will those looking for more in-depth presentations of specific areas within this field of study. In summary, the book provides a fresh look at this intriguing and dynamic but often complex subject.

An accessible reference that explores every aspect of the municipal bond market Until now, there has been no accessible encyclopedia, dictionary, nor guide to the world of municipal bonds. Comprehensive and objective, this groundbreaking volume covers the history and mechanics of the municipal market in clear and understandable terms. It covers all aspects of the market, including pricing, trading, taxation issues and yields, as well as topical events such as the financial crisis, hysteria about defaults and Chapter 9 municipal bankruptcy, fraud, and regulation. *Encyclopedia of Municipal Bonds* also contains entries on important historical events and provides much-needed context for this field. Everything you ever wanted to know about municipal bonds in one comprehensive resource Joe Mysak is the author of the Bloomberg bestseller *Handbook for Muni Issuers* Demystifies the world of municipal bonds for both the novice and professional investor Explores issues such as the Orange County bankruptcy, the Jefferson County default, the New York City financial crisis, and the surprisingly recent creation of the modern municipal market *Encyclopedia of Municipal Bonds* offers an essential reference guide for investors, professionals, regulators, insurers, and anyone else involved in the municipal bond market.

In *The Handbook of Municipal Bonds*, editors Sylvan Feldstein and Frank Fabozzi provide traders, bankers, and advisors—among other industry participants—with a well-rounded look at the industry of tax-exempt municipal bonds. Chapter by chapter, a diverse group of experienced contributors provide detailed explanations and a variety of relevant examples that illuminate essential elements of this area. With this book as your guide, you'll quickly become familiar with both buy side and sell side issues as well as important innovations in this field.

A practical guide to profiting from the high yield municipal market This unique guide to the high yield municipal bond market sheds some much-needed light on this esoteric but profitable corner of the fixed-income world. It fills the void between the general reference handbooks on municipal bonds and the superficial treatment of do-it-yourself bond guides, with an emphasis on practical trading applications. Having witnessed the beginning of the modern high yield tax-exempt institutional market, author Triet Nguyen documents its historical evolution, outlines a conceptual framework for high yield tax-free investing, one that takes into account both interest rate and credit cycles, and reviews the latest historical data on municipal defaults, including for the first time the non-rated sector. Current distressed opportunities are also discussed. Along the way, Nguyen takes the time to discuss in detail the pros and cons of investing in pre-packaged high yield vehicles—from mutual funds to hedge funds to exchange-traded funds—with frank and objective insider tips on how these slickly marketed products really work. For the truly committed investor who wants to do his or her own homework, Nguyen and a group of industry experts go over the key investment considerations for several major classes of high yield tax-exempt bonds. Offers unique insights into the risk/return, trading, and liquidity characteristics of high yield municipal instruments Includes interesting case studies to fully illustrate the high yield investing process Written by an insider of both the asset management industry and the broker-dealer community Investing in the High Yield Municipal Market will put you in

a better position to profit in this arena and help you excel in today's tough financial environment.

A hands-on visual guide to understanding and investing in an important and consistently safe investment vehicle Bloomberg Visual Guide to Municipal Bonds offers step-by-step guidance to the nature and diversity of municipal securities credit structures. This valuable guide demonstrates the dependability of the overwhelming majority of municipal securities, and points out particular market sectors that may yield greater rewards, but also present greater risks. This book also directs readers to good sources of up-to-date information as well as new market tools, byproducts of recent market enhancements, so as to assist you in making informed investment decisions. Filled with reliable and highly accessible information needed for making sound decisions when investing in municipal securities Author Robert Doty is a noted expert on municipal securities A valuable addition to the new Bloomberg Visual Series Engaging and informative, this reliable resource is an easy-to-use "how to" guide to municipal securities that will help you create more effective investment strategies.

Fixed Income Mathematics is an easy-to-understand introduction to the mathematics of common fixed income instruments. This book offers explanations, exercises, and examples without demanding sophisticated mathematics from the reader. Not only does the author use his business and teaching experience to highlight the fundamentals of investment and management decision-making, but he also offers questions and exercises that suggest the applicability of fixed income mathematics. Written for the reader with a general mathematics background, this self-teaching book is suffused with examples that also make it a handy reference guide. It should serve as a gateway to financial mathematics and to increased competence in business analysis. International comparisons are used to illustrate how interest is compounded. This text will be a valuable resource for professional insurance and other actuaries who invest in bonds and who are concerned with inflation, asset-liability management, the time value of money, interest rates, rates of return, risk, and investment income. It will also appeal to MBA students and anyone seeking a general introduction or overview of the subject. \* An easy-to-understand introduction to the mathematics of common fixed income instruments \* Offers students explanations, exercises, and examples without demanding sophisticated mathematics \* Uses international comparisons to illustrate how interest is compounded

This dissertation focuses on the municipal bond market. Chapter 1 first introduces the classification of municipal bonds, then summarizes the literature that talk about the determinants of municipal bond yields, and finally classifies the determinants into three classes: the economic status of the state where the bond is issued, the demographic characteristics of the state, and the financial status of the state or the local government where the bond is issued. Chapter 2 introduces two nonparametric econometric techniques, including nonparametric regressions and gradient boosting. Compared with traditional ordinary least square methods, these two techniques can help us capture both nonlinearity and potential random interactions among key determinants in the analysis of municipal bond yields. Chapter 3 performs a comprehensive analysis on the determinants of general obligation municipal bond yields and examines the impact of the recent financial crisis on the underlying relations. A systematic comparison of the relations before and after the 2008 financial crisis shows that the economic and financial health of local governments has become markedly more diverse since the crisis began. The relation between the municipal bond yields and the economic and financial health of the local governments has also become stronger because of the larger differentiation among the local governments and hence larger signal to noise ratio, as well as closer scrutiny by market participants on the economic fundamentals of municipal governments. Chapter 3 also provides a new prediction framework and shows that accommodating nonlinearities and random interaction effects can significantly enhance the predictive performance on the municipal bond yields.

China's bond market is destined to play an increasingly important role, both at home and abroad. And the inclusion of the country's bonds in global indexes will be a milestone for its financial market integration, bringing big opportunities as well as challenges for policymakers and investors alike. This calls for a good understanding of China's bond market structure, its unique characteristics, and areas where reforms are needed. This volume comprehensively analyzes the different segments of China's bond market, from sovereign, policy bank, and credit bonds, to the rapidly growing local government bond market. It also covers bond futures, green bonds, and asset-backed securities, as well as China's offshore market, which has played a major role in onshore market development.

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