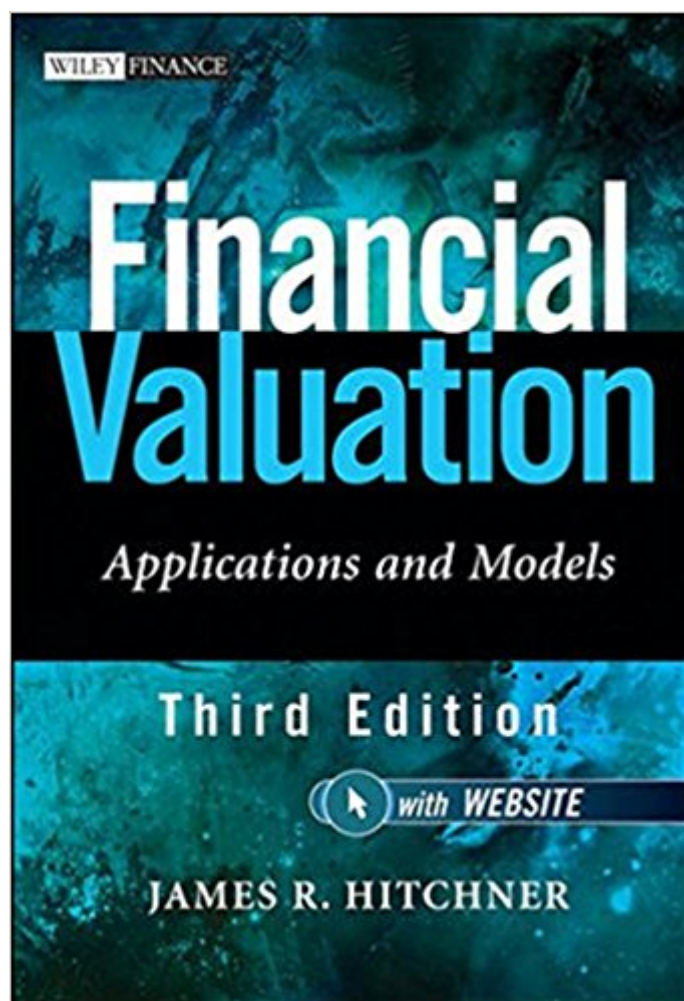




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This, along with Shannon Pratt's book(s), is currently one of the books most often cited by business valuation professionals. It is the "test book" for many business valuation courses. In fact, I used it as the text book for a class at a local university. That said, it's not a text book in the traditional sense with practice questions. It does a good job of laying out the basics of business valuation and pointing out the areas of debate within the industry. There is a workbook and website that accompanies or can be purchased along with the book. Frankly, they do offer a little bit more, but are generally not necessary to understanding the book's contents.

Great!

James Hitchner and his 29 well-respected peers from the valuation industry have realized an impressive tour de force in describing and commenting on the proper methods of valuations for a wide variety of public and private business entities such as C corporations, S corporations, and other pass-through entities. Valuations can be needed for a wide variety of purposes such as internal planning, mergers and acquisitions, estate, gift, and income taxes, shareholder disputes,

marital dissolution, buy-sell agreements, etc. Whoever believes that financial valuation is an exact science will quickly change his/her mind by reading only the last chapter that focuses on controversial issues that still prevail in the valuation industry (pp. 1261-1304). Hitchner and his peers want their audience to use their book as a guide that cannot be construed as a substitute for professional judgment. Furthermore, financial valuations do not exist in a vacuum. Facts and circumstances underlie well-done financial valuations. The greatest value of the authors' book lies in their in-depth analysis of applications in the valuation industry. Their thorough examination of sample evaluation reports (pp. 469-549; 1261-1304) and their review of case laws (pp. 451-468; 731-777) come top of mind. Although Hitchner and his peers do a great job at cross-referencing their manual, readers are advised to connect additional dots on their own to derive the most value from this guide. In a third edition of "Financial Valuation Applications and Models," Hitchner and his peers could consider the following suggestions:

- 1) Introduce readers in chapter 1 not only to concepts such as the purpose of valuation, standards of value, premises of value, and approaches to value (pp. 2-8), but also to the different levels of value applicable to a business or a business interest (pp. 376-378; 1156).
- 2) Move forward chapter 21 (pp. 935-1014) dedicated to the valuation of intangible assets and place it for example after chapter 7 (pp. 317-374) that focuses on the asset approach to valuation. Intangible assets are an increasingly important contributor to value in more and more business entities as the authors themselves note repeatedly.
- 3) Dedicate a separate chapter for each of the topics of chapter 24 (pp. 1047-1131) such as the valuation of early-stages technology companies and real option valuations.
- 4) Make chapter 20 (pp. 883-933) about strategic benchmarking for value more practical through the use of real examples. Whoever has already used scorecards in his/her job will derive little value from this chapter.
- 5) Add a CD-Rom to the book with a sample of evaluation reports for the different purposes mentioned in the introduction to financial valuation (p. 2). Furthermore, the CD-Rom could contain the Excel files that are behind a number of exhibits across the book.
- 6) Use a more flexible jacket that will give the book a longer shelf life to better withstand its regular use over time.

To summarize, the book under review clearly does not target readers who have a short attention span, lack persistence, or are looking for some magic, simplistic formulas in the area of financial valuations. This book could benefit anyone interested in attaining a deep understanding of financial valuations..

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This is a well written highly technical specialty book. It is recommended reading for any one interested in the Business Valuation industry and is well worth investing in for your personal library. I purchased it to enhance my self study for the AICPA exam for certification in Business Valuation. The other study materials and continuing education courses I took were totally lacking in content and depth. My only concern is that I bought it right before the new edition was published. I think I would prefer to have the later edition but was unaware that a revised copy was eminent.

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