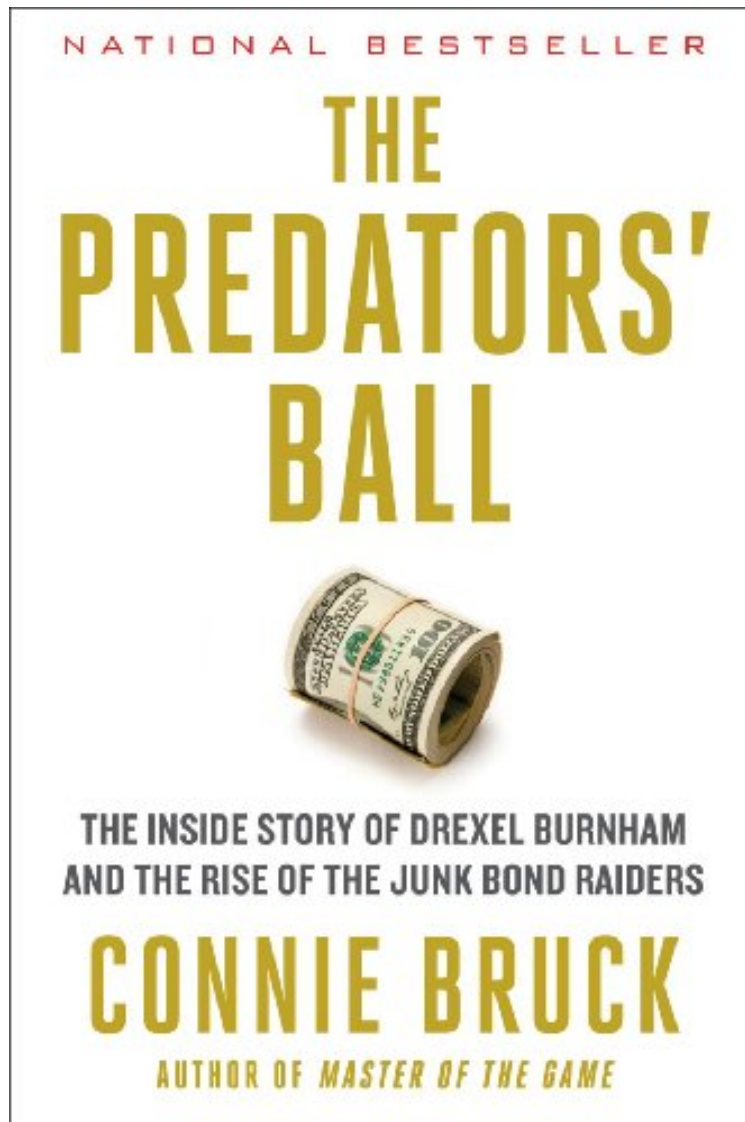


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**Connie Bruck : Predator's Ball** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Predator's Ball:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Thorough yet lengthy; engrossingBy WillConnie Bruck forged an in-depth exploration of the rise of Michael Milken at Drexel Burnham. His signature product, junk bonds, is vividly dissected for their effects on the marketplace, on individuals buying and selling them, and on the companies whose interests they presumably serve. Each major bond issue by Milken's firm is a case study unto itself. The book is lengthy (it took me months to finish, picking it up several times only to realize I did not have the appropriate time to devote to its completion) but that is the result of the author's attention to multifold details that assemble a rich tapestry

telling the story of the major injection of capital into the American economy in the 1980s (aside from mortgage-backed securities). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A time consuming read By E. Kirch The subject matter is fascinating, (Michael Milken), yet the author's continuous use of sophisticated vocabulary made the constant look up of definitions on the Kindle annoying. It reduced the ability to stay with the continuity of the story, which is complex, given how many examples of deals, companies, and related individuals were covered. Den of Thieves tells the story with all players involved in such an enjoyably readable way that you can't put it down. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great story, marginal story telling By TW Very interesting story, but the writing is a little dry and not all that engaging. This is definitely a step below the Liar's Poker of the world, but I'd still recommend for the wonderful information about Micheal Milken and the creation of the junk bond market

An insightful portrait of junk-bond powerhouse Drexel Burnham Lambert and infamous financier Michael Milken, "one of the most brilliant minds ever to have been dedicated to Wall Street's money games." (The New York Times). Milken is purported to have offered to pay award-winning journalist Connie Bruck to stop work on this book, the fascinating story of how a singularly brilliant and intensely private investment banker essentially masterminded the creation of the junk bond market, generating billions of dollars in profits for his clients and himself before ultimately being brought down by charges of insider trading, stock manipulation, and fraud under the RICO Act. Bruck's in-depth narration of the phenomenal career of the man nicknamed "the Junk Bond King" spans Milken's early dealings in high-yield bonds as well as numerous corporate raids and hostile takeovers guided by tactics that were undoubtedly revolutionary, if sometimes unethical—and occasionally outright illegal. Standing alongside other blockbuster tales of business malfeasance such as Liars' Poker and Too Big to Fail, The Predators' Ball is a shocking, bemusing, and enlightening portrait of an era when it seemed anything was possible on Wall Street—as long as Michael Milken was in your Rolodex.