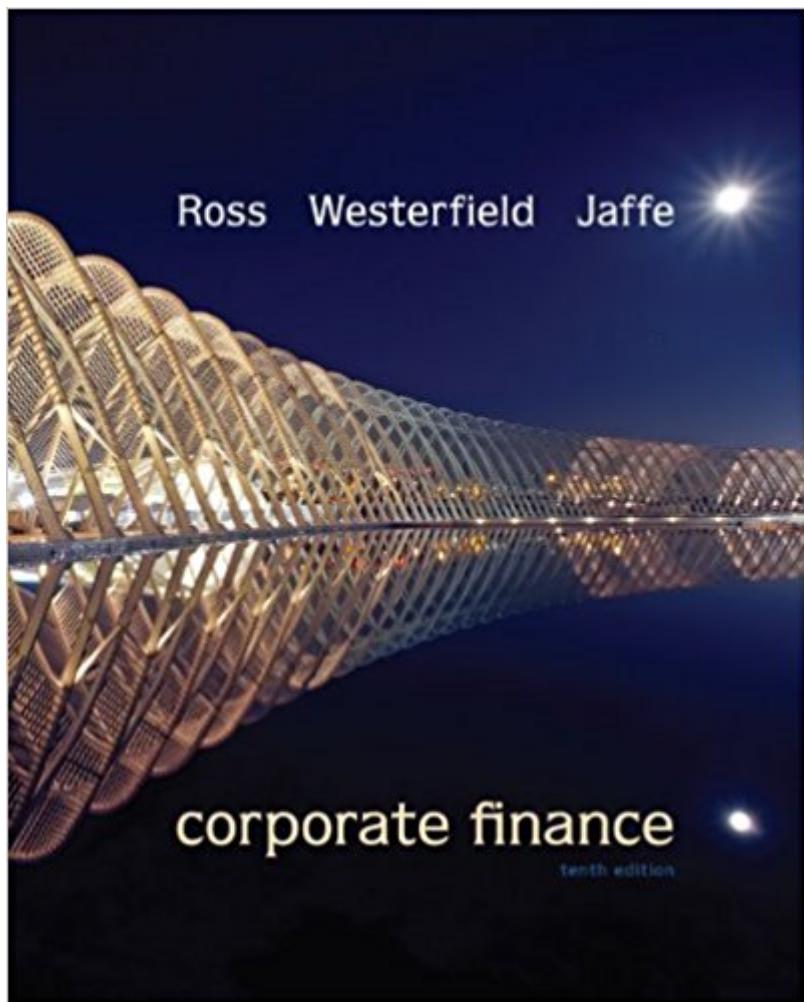


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The two star rating is a reflection of this text as an educational tool. Specific complaints: new words and concepts should be given specific definitions on the page. Many textbooks do this in a sidebar. In this text I often had to turn to the glossary to look up a new word even as it is being applied in the body of the text. Sometimes there isn't a definition at all. Also, the text too often references tables and charts from several pages ago. This is probably unavoidable for some entries, but it does make following the explanations more difficult. Here's my main complaint- the text did a poor job of laying out specifically what the formulas are used for and what specific steps you have to take to make them work. For example, I had to make some calculation regarding financial distress. There was a graph concerning it, but no formula. I'm sure some of these issues were the result of the course creators writing problems that were not worked out in the text, but I'm not reviewing them on . Luckily I have an older textbook by different authors I could turn to (and of course online tools). Depending on the class you are in this text may be just what you need. It wasn't very useful to me.

I use this book for my corporate finance class. The first words out of my instructors mouth were that it was one of the best books on the market used by many schools, and that we would only be using it as a small facet of the course. The book is extremely formula focused and very difficult to understand if you are not strong in math. Our course is calculator based and the formulas are 100% irrelevant. Learning corporate finance by formula is "ridiculous, and holds no real value" said my

instructor so we are to work on the problems in the book while ignoring the formulas. The practice problems in this book are good, but the value of their style of instruction is poor. No one in the industry will require you to know the formula to calculate the present value of annuity. They will simply expect you to know how to get the correct answer. Get a financial calculator and learn how to use the financial functions and ignore all their formula crap and you will succeed in learning this material.

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