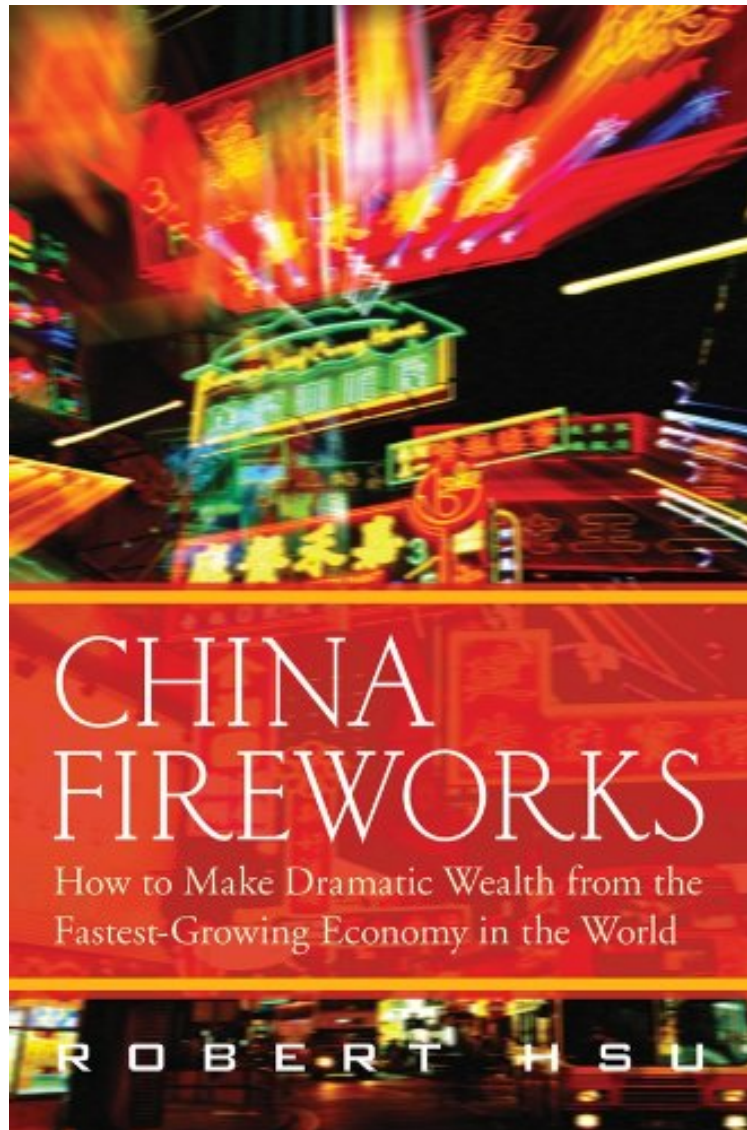


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2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. If you've read "A Bull in China," this won't tell you too much that's new. By Fry Boy A few years back, I read Jim Rogers' A Bull in China: Investing Profitably in the World's Greatest

Market, carefully underscoring those securities that I could actually buy. (If you don't know already, Rogers' talks about some Chinese companies that only trade on the Shanghai or Shenzhen exchanges, which is difficult for the typical investor to do, especially if that typical investor isn't a confirmed resident of China. He did, however, also discuss companies traded on Hong Kong and American exchanges, among a few others. Hong Kong-exchange stocks can be bought via an E*TRADE global trading account. 'nuff said there. Now on to "China Fireworks." Hsu raises some good points about buying stocks sold on the Hong Kong exchange, namely that you have to buy minimum lot sizes, which means you can't buy three or 12 shares of something, but instead must make a minimum buy of 200 to 10,000 shares, depending on the security. (The good news is that 1 USD is equivalent to about 7.75 HKD, so it might not be as expensive as you think.) Fine so far. But then Hsu steers away from trading on the Hong Kong exchange and goes on to discuss only those stocks traded on American exchanges. Well, that's great, but everyone on earth and their grandmother has heard of most of these Chinese stocks, many of which are probably riding on CSNBC, SmartMoney, Forbes and Fortune hype. Here's a few: China Mobile, PetroChina, CNOOC, The 9 Focus Media, CTRIP, PeLong, Home Inns, Hotels Management, Suntech Power Holdings, Trina Solar, Huaneng Power, China Aluminum, China Southern. He then goes on to recommend a bunch of other stocks as good investments in the "China Miracle" (a phrase he tends to use overmuch, IMHO), but we've all heard of these, too: Citigroup, Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan (of which I am a proud owner), Travelocity, Expedia, Mosaic, Tyson Foods, Motorola (of which I was the proud owner, later the disgusted seller), Nokia, Intel. While Hsu raises good points on why these are good investments with regard to China and its people, the book is overlong at 257 pages. I realize that a seven-page list of all the stocks Hsu mentions might not be sell as a book, but it might be all that YOU, the investor, need. Armed with that and a Morningstar or ValueLine membership, you can check them all out and see if they're overpriced or not. Save yourself some time. Hsu does point out that investment in Chinese companies that manufacture goods is not the best idea, which rings true when you think about it. Many manufacturing companies in the world operate with razor-thin margins and a lot of competition. Also discusses "momentum investing" which, I would say, is not a bad way to go with some companies. Bottom line: an informative yet overlong book that doesn't list enough strictly Hong Kong-traded stocks (Li Ning, anyone? [the Nike of China]) while discussing too many stocks every savvy investor already knows about. If you haven't read *A Bull in China: Investing Profitably in the World's Greatest Market* (also reviewed by me), then "China Fireworks" might be a good introduction for you regarding certain aspects of China investment. Note: On the book jacket of "China Fireworks," Hsu looks thin and young, but if you go to his website and look at pictures of him in China, he appears to be older and to have been packing on the pounds! What does the real Robert Hsu look like? 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Cracker wee book. By Roger Thompson. As the reviewer above, alludes, Mr Hsu operates an online subscription newsletter. One small niggle I have with the book is that it occasionally lapses into "advertorial" mode. Another grizzle is that the author takes a negative slant on the USA stockmarket. Examples given, of extended periods of low capital growth, do not include the dividend quotient. At those times dividend pay-outs were greater than today, and it is a tad naughty to overlook them as a part of the total returns. But, aside from these points, this book is a mine of useful information for investors seeking an "emerging markets" exposure. Mr Hsu draws upon his personal life as a native of Taiwan, and presents, in an easily readable style, a brief history of China, and a progression to where the merger of capitalism and communism has brought China today. He gives excellent examples of stocks, mostly listed as ADRs on the NYSE, and their respective positive and/or negative attributes. At a cost of only \$ 25, less than the brokerage fee on one share trade, this book represents stunning value. Bravo Mr Hsu. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars. By Alentejo. Muy interesante.

As one of the leading experts on investing in China's economy, author Robert Hsu advises people every day on how a China strategy will truly take them to a new level of investing. With his new book, Hsu shows you how to build your fortune by participating in what he calls the "China Miracle." Page by page, Hsu helps you navigate this dynamic market and reveals the best ways to invest in the world's fastest-growing economy.

"...top tips on investment strategy to exploit the "China miracle" of runaway growth..." Private Eye Thursday 7 August 2008. From the Inside Flap: China is on fire! In the course of barely a decade, China has become the world's fastest-growing economy and it is now the world's most important marketplace. China produces more steel, coal, clothing, and toys than any other country in the world, and exports to the U.S. alone have grown by more than 1,500% since the 1990s. These are the figures that everyone talks about. What they don't know is that the Chinese consumer is the real growth driver and has become singularly important to the global economy. Because of the incredible growth in China, there are 1.3 billion people who suddenly have the ability to create personal wealth. This new reality has created an unprecedented opportunity for global investors to grow their portfolios and build their fortunes. As big investors scramble for their piece of the China pie, however, individual investors are being fed misinformation and conflicting reports that could lead to disastrous investments. Investing in China is easier to navigate and much more profitable when you know what to look for, and *China Fireworks* will show you the way. Author Robert Hsu has been making money for years by watching China's growth and identifying trends that deliver the greatest return for

investors. As one of the leading experts on investing in China's economy, he advises people every day on how a China strategy will truly take them to a new level of investing. With this book, Hsu shows you how to build your fortune by participating in what he calls the "China Miracle." Hsu begins by explaining the key differences between China's major economic and geographic regions, as well as Hong Kong, providing insight into how consumer spending habits differ and what that means for you when building an investment strategy in China. He then shows investors how to take advantage of China's economic boom by identifying companies that are: Providing the government of China with what it needs and the people of China with what they desire Improving their bottom lines by effectively utilizing China's manufacturing capabilities Excelling in the international marketplace thanks to the innovation of China's new class of entrepreneurs Along the way, Hsu also details exactly how to find industries that are growing, pick industry leaders, make your buys, and sell for a profit. With China Fireworks as your guide; along with some thoughtful research and common sense; you'll be well on your way to getting rich from the "China Miracle." From the Back Cover Praise for China Fireworks How to Make Dramatic Wealth from the Fastest-Growing Economy in the World "Robert Hsu is our most trusted source of investment guidance in the China market. China Fireworks is a must-read for any investor or business person interested in the world's most dynamic emerging market." —Ken and Daria Dolan, America's First Family of Personal Finance and founders of www.dolans.com "This book is a wonderful revelation on how China transformed itself from a third-world country to the economic superpower it is today. Robert shares his unique and honest insights into what is really happening in China with a candor and sincerity I found very refreshing. His insights into the best growth areas make this a must-read book for all serious international investors and those eager to learn more about this growing superpower." —Louis Navellier, CIO, Navellier Associates, and author of *The Little Book That Makes You Rich* "There is no question that the China growth story is real, but it can also be a bit treacherous for investors. Robert Hsu knows the history, the people, the 'lay of the land,' and the companies to help you profitably navigate this mega-opportunity." —Tobin Smith, ChangeWave Investing