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Why Everyone Needs Analytical Skills

Welcome to the age of data. No matter your interests (sports, movies, politics), your industry (finance, marketing, technology, manufacturing), or the type of organization you work for (big company, nonprofit, small start-up)—your world is awash with data.

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In *Keeping Up with the Quants*, authors, professors, and analytics experts Thomas Davenport and Jinho Kim offer practical tools to improve your understanding of data analytics and enhance your thinking and decision making. You'll gain crucial skills, including:

- How to formulate a hypothesis
- How to gather and analyze relevant data
- How to interpret and communicate analytical results
- How to develop habits of quantitative thinking
- How to deal effectively with the "quants" in your organization

Big data and the analytics based on it promise to change virtually every industry and business function over the next decade. If you don't have a business degree or if you aren't comfortable with statistics and quantitative methods, this book is for you. *Keeping Up with the Quants* will give you the skills you need to master this new challenge—and gain a significant competitive edge.



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