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I read that a chartist becomes world class after viewing a million chart patterns. If you analyze one pattern per chart on 250 stocks each trading day, it’ll take 15 years to reach a million. Fifteen years! We don’t have that much time. I’m asking for only a few hours.

Before we go any further, look at the cover of this book. See where it lists the price? If you buy this book and make one profitable trade because of it, that money will be well spent. That’s cheap education, but I’m going to give you so much more.

Chart patterns are the footprints of the smart money, but the dumb money is mixed in as well. Together their footprints leave a trail. I’ll help you follow that trail so that your dream of earning a million can become reality.

One investor did it. She read this book, made a million. It took her a year. But she’s the outlier. You won’t be that lucky.

So let’s begin by discussing chart patterns, starting with the basics: trend-lines, support, and resistance. Then let’s discuss the buy and sell signals, the special situations, and the busted patterns. I’ll sprinkle the text with actual trades that still teach valuable lessons. Near the end of the book, I’ll include a trading checklist and a list of things we’ve learned along the way. Don’t overlook the visual index of chart patterns. It’ll make identification easy.

Throughout the book, I gear the presentation to the beginning investor or trader, but it comes with tips and techniques that will delight and inform the professionals, too.

What differentiates my books from others is that I prove what I say. The statistics mentioned throughout this book are not guesses nor are they copied from others, but are the results of studies I conducted using tens of thousands of chart patterns that I found.

This edition updates most of the statistics. Each statistic represents the performance of hundreds of patterns traded perfectly, without commissions or fees. You won’t be able to achieve those returns, but these numbers provide a basis for comparison, they provide a foundation for dreams.
Let those dreams carry you away. And when you return to earth, let’s get to work on that million.

Begin with this book.
Buy it.
Read it.
Make money.
Maybe a million.

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T. B.
An investor I’ll call Gina e-mailed me her story. She had saved $100,000 in her IRA. Then she bought this book and used its teachings to grow her account. She bought exchange-traded funds that tracked the metals. A year later, her account was worth $1.1 million. She made a million in one year. Wow.

I had a hard time believing her story so I talked to my brother. “She’s an outlier.” She’s the exception to the rule, the one person in the world that makes it to the very top. She was in the right place at the right time and did everything right to make a bundle.

If Gina can do it, why not you?

What Are Chart Patterns?

Have you ever strolled into the woods and found footprints in the soil? If it’s muddy, you may see bird tracks. You may also find larger tracks from cats, dogs, and even deer. You don’t see the actual animal, just their tracks. If you follow the tracks, perhaps you can discover a beautiful creature.

When people trade a stock, they leave behind a footprint. Volume increases. The price bar printed on the chart may also change. String enough of those price bars together and they form patterns, which we call chart patterns.