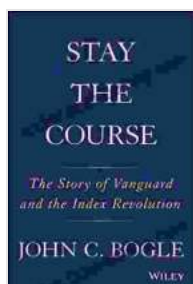


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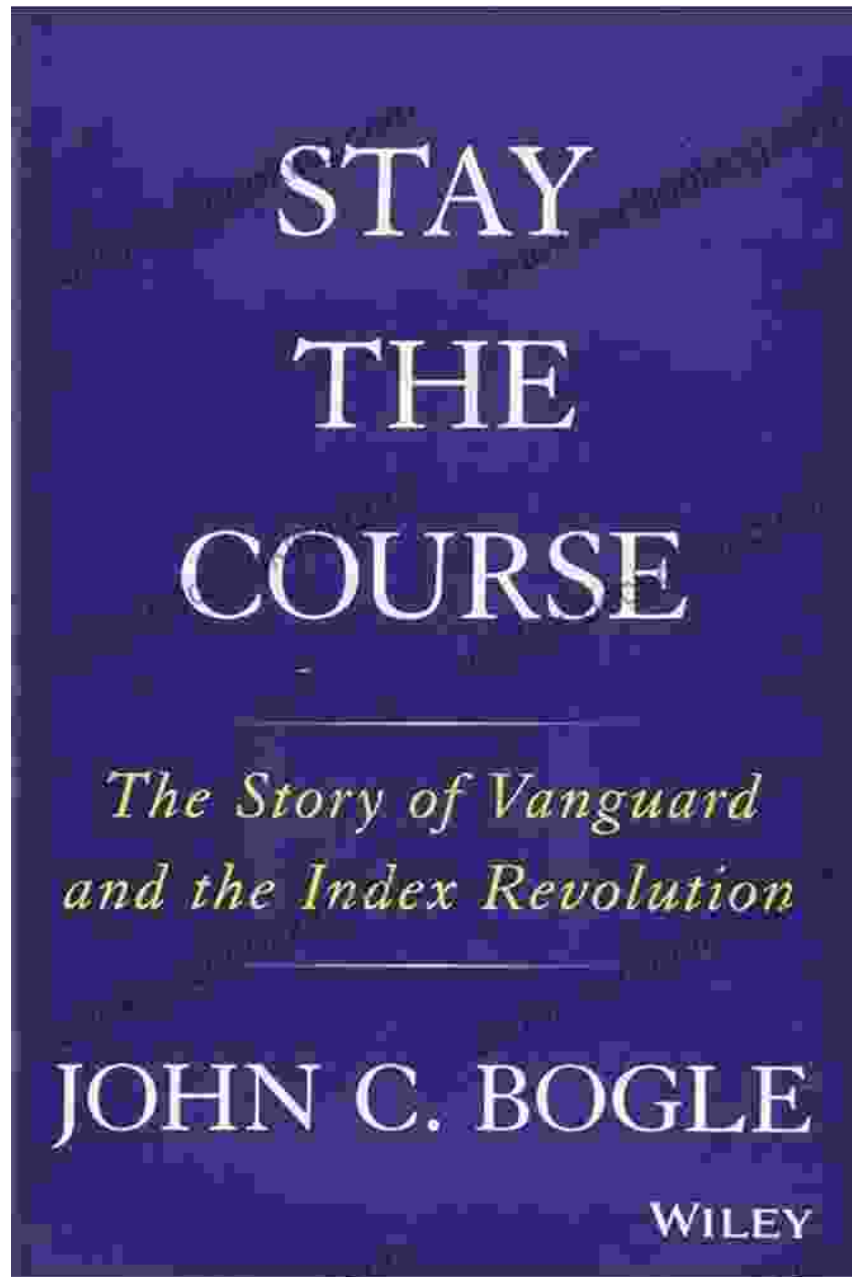
Vanguard's Origins and Vision

Vanguard was founded by John C. Bogle, a visionary who believed in the power of index investing. Bogle's conviction stemmed from his belief that the average investor could achieve superior long-term returns by investing in a diversified portfolio of stocks or bonds that tracked the overall market.

This approach challenged the prevailing wisdom of the time, which emphasized stock picking and active portfolio management.

The Birth of the Index Fund

In 1976, Vanguard launched the Vanguard 500 Index Fund, the first mutual fund to track the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. This innovative product provided investors with a low-cost, convenient way to gain exposure to the entire U.S. stock market. By eliminating the need for active management, the index fund significantly reduced investment costs and democratized access to the benefits of broad market diversification.



The Index Revolution

The success of Vanguard's index fund ignited a revolution in the investment industry. Other companies followed suit, launching their index funds and challenging the traditional active management model. As investors flocked to the low-cost, tax-efficient benefits of index funds, the popularity of active management waned. This shift toward passive investing has had a

profound impact on the investment industry, reducing fees and improving investment outcomes for millions of investors.

Vanguard's Leadership and Innovation

Vanguard has remained at the forefront of the index revolution, continuously innovating and expanding its offerings. The company introduced bond index funds, international index funds, and target-date retirement funds, providing investors with a complete range of low-cost investment options. Vanguard's unwavering commitment to low fees and investor education has made it the world's largest asset manager with over \$7 trillion in assets under management.



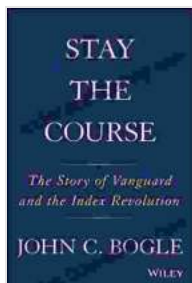
Vanguard's Growth as an Asset Manager

The Power of Indexing

William Bernstein's "The Story of Vanguard and the Index Revolution" provides a comprehensive account of the transformative impact of index investing. The book documents the historical evolution of index funds, the empirical evidence supporting their superiority, and the positive consequences for investors. Bernstein argues that index funds have

enabled average investors to reap the rewards of investing while minimizing risk and expenses.

"The Story of Vanguard and the Index Revolution" is a must-read for anyone interested in the history and impact of index investing. William Bernstein's insightful analysis and lively storytelling make this book both informative and engaging. By providing a detailed account of Vanguard's pioneering role and the profound changes brought about by index funds, this book serves as a testament to the transformative power of low-cost, diversified investing.



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