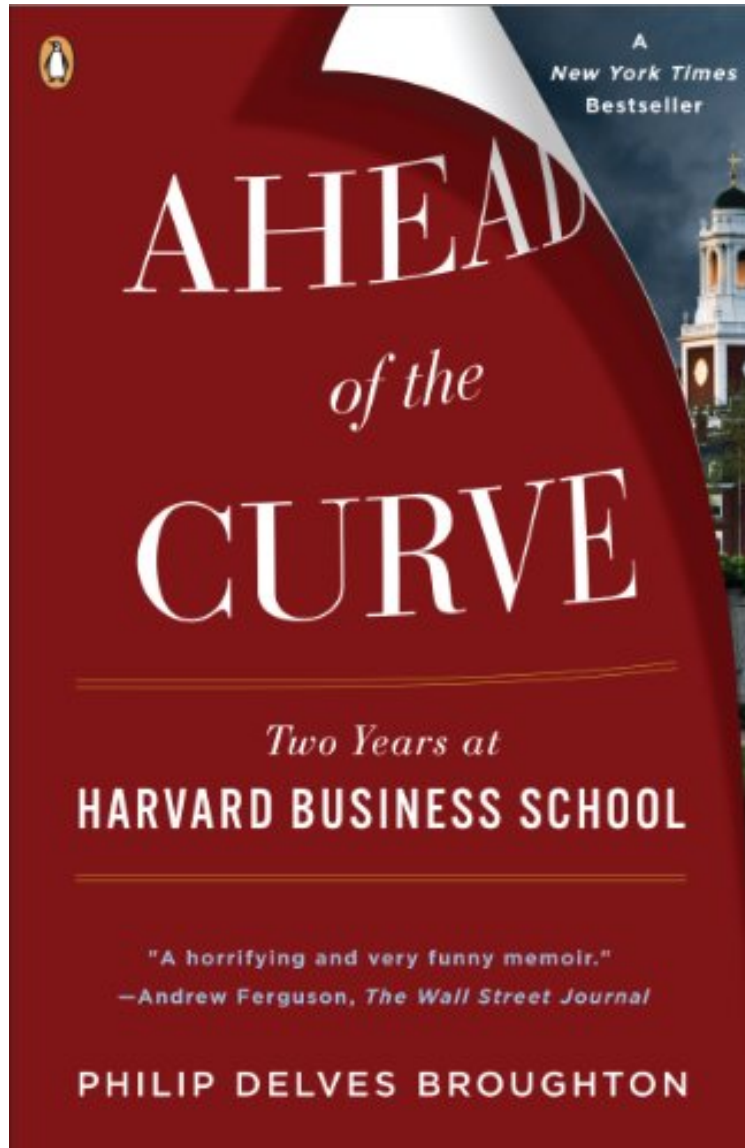


Ahead of the Curve: Two Years at Harvard Business School

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Philip Delves Broughton : Ahead of the Curve: Two Years at Harvard Business School before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ahead of the Curve: Two Years at Harvard Business School:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A good read By Larry Well done, an easy read and has an authentic feel (note - I did my doctorate at HBS and took many MBA classes). Anyone considering a career in business should read this. The one missing item is that the book came out in 2008 but did not mention the great recession. I'd also like to know what the author is doing now and his reflection 10 years on. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful.

Interested in getting an MBA? By Kendall Giles Thinking of a career change in a down economy? Ever wondered how business leaders are trained? Want to gain insight into the world of movers and shakers? If so, you might enjoy reading *Ahead of the Curve: Two Years at Harvard Business School*, by Philip Delves Broughton. Against type, the book depicts a former London journalist's decision to reinvent himself by trying for a Harvard MBA. While many of his classmates are attending the program "on vacation" from their Wall Street jobs, Broughton struggles to keep up with computations using Excel and a demanding class and homework schedule. The story is essentially about Broughton's quest for meaning, his place in the world, and what exactly are the characteristics of the "perfect job". As he goes through the program, he tries to balance all the knowledge and networking relationships he gains with the realization that the resulting careers of those who graduate, though very lucrative, might not be exactly what he is looking for due to the family and personal sacrifices such jobs demand. The book also gives a rare glimpse inside the very successful Harvard MBA program, as well as some of the students in the program. If you are thinking of testing your mettle and going for an MBA, then you might want to read his story. (review by Kendall Giles) 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Witty, Educations, and Rings True By Matthew R. Heusser As bureau chief of the daily telegraph's Paris Office, Philip Broughton was a talented writer before he went to HBS, and it shows. The book was fun to read, providing a cursory understanding of the usefulness of a half-dozen subjects at HBS in plain English. More importantly, Broughton critiques the intellectual and social reality of the school, and the consequences of trying to quantify every business decision. For example, problems with private equity. Broughton explains where the ideas come from, and what happens when they are applied, including when the ideas are pushed too far, to solve problems they can't solve -- and a few that sound good yet are more than a little vapid. For more depth, and critique, of management consulting and the strategy business, you might look to Matthew Stewart's "The Management Myth." If you want something more personal, about this people, this is great. It's a quick read I couldn't put down; five stars.

Two years in the cauldron of capitalism-"horrifying and very funny" (The Wall Street Journal) In this candid and entertaining insider's look at the most influential school in global business, Philip Delves Broughton draws on his crack reporting skills to describe his madcap years at Harvard Business School. *Ahead of the Curve* recounts the most edifying and surprising lessons learned in the quest for an MBA, from the ingenious chicanery of leveraging and the unlikely pleasures of accounting, to the antics of the "booze luge" and other, less savory trappings of student culture. Published during the one hundredth anniversary of Harvard Business School, this is the unflinching truth about life in the trenches of an iconic American institution.