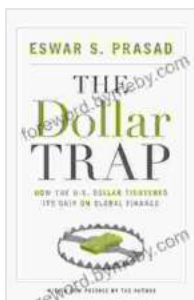


How the Dollar Tightened Its Grip on Worldly Finance

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In his new book, "How the Dollar Tightened Its Grip on Global Finance," historian David Harvey traces the history of the dollar's rise to dominance. He argues that the dollar's success is due to a combination of factors, including the United States' military and economic power, as well as the willingness of other countries to accept the dollar as the global reserve currency.



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The Rise of the Dollar

The origins of the dollar's dominance can be traced back to the late 19th century. At that time, the United States was rapidly industrializing and becoming a major economic power. The dollar was also benefiting from the country's vast gold reserves.

In 1900, the United States passed the Gold Standard Act, which pegged the value of the dollar to gold. This made the dollar a safe and stable currency, and it quickly became the preferred currency for international trade.

After World War II, the United States emerged as the world's leading economic power. The dollar was used to finance the Marshall Plan, which helped to rebuild Europe after the war. The dollar also became the currency of choice for oil exports, thanks to the United States' close relationship with Saudi Arabia.

As the global economy grew, the dollar's dominance increased. By the 1970s, the dollar was the world's reserve currency, and it was used in over 90% of international transactions.

The Challenges to the Dollar

The dollar's dominance has been challenged in recent years. The rise of China as an economic power has led to some calls for a new global reserve currency. The euro, which is the currency of the European Union, has also been proposed as a potential challenger to the dollar.

However, the dollar remains the world's dominant currency. It is still the preferred currency for international trade and investment, and it is the currency of choice for most central banks.

There are several reasons for the dollar's continued dominance. First, the United States is still the world's largest economy. Second, the dollar is a safe and stable currency. Third, there is no viable alternative to the dollar as the global reserve currency.

The Future of the Dollar

The future of the dollar is uncertain. The rise of China and the euro could eventually challenge the dollar's dominance. However, the dollar is likely to remain the world's reserve currency for the foreseeable future.

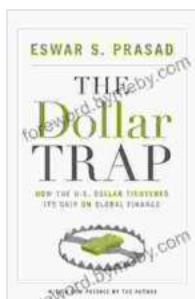
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Of course, the future is always uncertain. There could be a sudden loss of confidence in the dollar, or a major economic crisis could lead to the adoption of a new global reserve currency. However, for the time being, the dollar is likely to remain the world's dominant currency.

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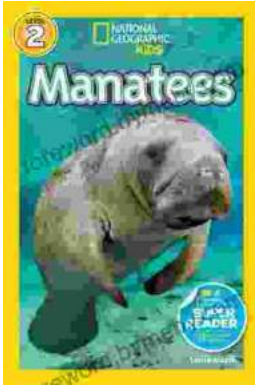


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