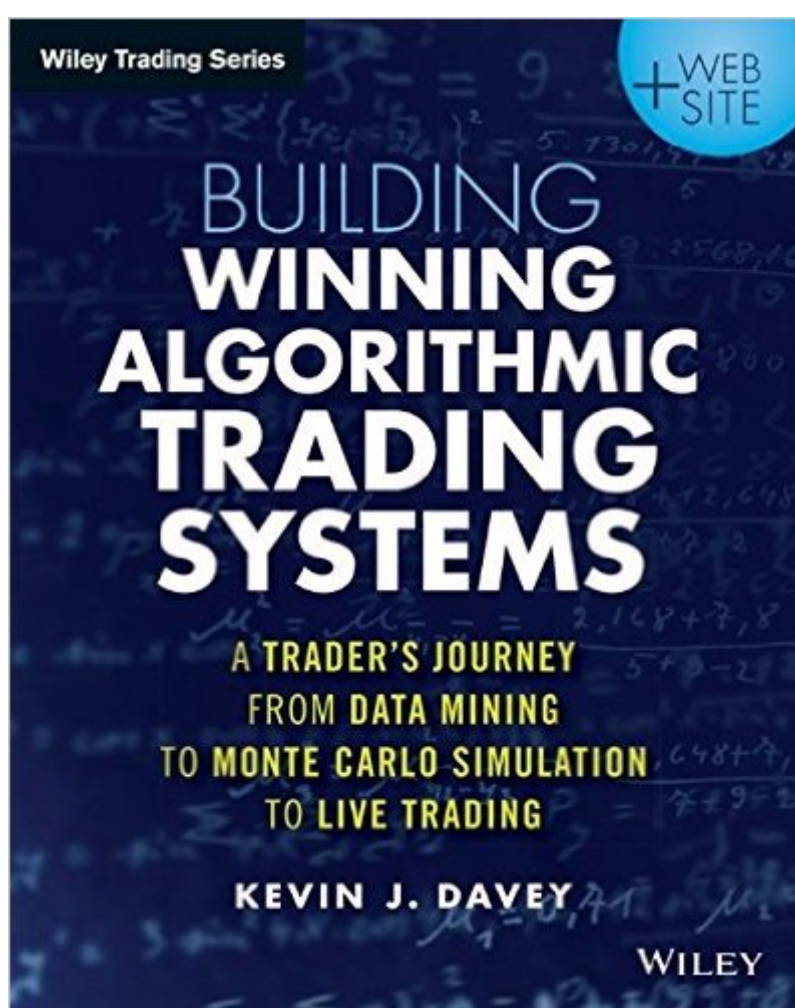


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# Building Winning Algorithmic Trading Systems, + Website: A Trader's Journey From Data Mining To Monte Carlo Simulation To Live Trading (Wiley Trading)



## Synopsis

Develop your own trading system with practical guidance and expert advice In *Building Algorithmic Trading Systems: A Trader's Journey From Data Mining to Monte Carlo Simulation to Live Training*, award-winning trader Kevin Davey shares his secrets for developing trading systems that generate triple-digit returns. With both explanation and demonstration, Davey guides you step-by-step through the entire process of generating and validating an idea, setting entry and exit points, testing systems, and implementing them in live trading. You'll find concrete rules for increasing or decreasing allocation to a system, and rules for when to abandon one. The companion website includes Davey's own Monte Carlo simulator and other tools that will enable you to automate and test your own trading ideas. A purely discretionary approach to trading generally breaks down over the long haul. With market data and statistics easily available, traders are increasingly opting to employ an automated or algorithmic trading system—enough that algorithmic trades now account for the bulk of stock trading volume. *Building Algorithmic Trading Systems* teaches you how to develop your own systems with an eye toward market fluctuations and the impermanence of even the most effective algorithm. Learn the systems that generated triple-digit returns in the World Cup Trading Championship Develop an algorithmic approach for any trading idea using off-the-shelf software or popular platforms Test your new system using historical and current market data Mine market data for statistical tendencies that may form the basis of a new system Market patterns change, and so do system results. Past performance isn't a guarantee of future success, so the key is to continually develop new systems and adjust established systems in response to evolving statistical tendencies. For individual traders looking for the next leap forward, *Building Algorithmic Trading Systems* provides expert guidance and practical advice.

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I recently purchased *Building Algorithmic Trading Systems: A Trader's Journey From Data Mining to Monte Carlo Simulation to Live Trading* (Wiley Trading). I found the book to be very detailed and true to its title. This book is a comprehensive look at the author's logical and honest comprehensive approach to algorithmic trading. I say logical because even the rank beginner to the experienced trader can learn from his logical stepwise approach. This isn't a book that bogs the reader down with mathematical formulas but clearly illustrates important concepts that must be understood to follow the author's thought process. What I appreciate are the clear lessons learned that are shared throughout the book. I find it rare that someone of his caliber (he is someone you can at least attempt to do due diligence on, a real algorithmic trader with verifiable multi-year experience with his

own real money accounts generating over 100% annual returns ) would share not only his success but also his many failures that led to his growth and development as a trader. I found this a breath of fresh air given the number of books and educational content produced by people who flat out don't trade real money or hide the fact that they are so confident in their methods that all they can do is trade sim instead of real money and have a multitude of excuses of why they don't have any verifiable performance yet can talk a good sales game selling you on their confidence in their methods. Well back to the book.

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