

About the author

Andrew Hill grew up in rural Hertfordshire, attending St Albans School for Boys, where his passion for writing first became evident. Although accepted by St Andrews University to study Maths and Statistics, he was determined to start a career and found the pensions consultancy industry an ideal outlet for his talents in understanding complex legal documents and calculations. He was appointed Pensions Manager of a nationalised industry at 24 and at 28 was Chairman and Managing Director of Kestrel Consultancy, with household names like The National Trust, Letts, The Guide Dogs for the Blind, The Royal Society for Chemistry and a Vickers subsidiary as clients.

In a world of rapidly changing legislation he was able to translate recommendations into plain English and identified several aspects where traditional proposals for dealing with pension fund members' benefits seemed unfair or anomalous. It was the remarkable success of a product launched by Kestrel in 1983 that led Andrew to seek advice in managing a £1m and rapidly growing fund that had built up in a matter of months.

He appointed an American Broker. By March 1984 most of the funds had disappeared. It has never been discovered where they went. The American Broker is a story of what might have happened next.

Andrew now lives in Astcote, Northamptonshire, England and lectures on business, web design and the use of new technology in education.



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