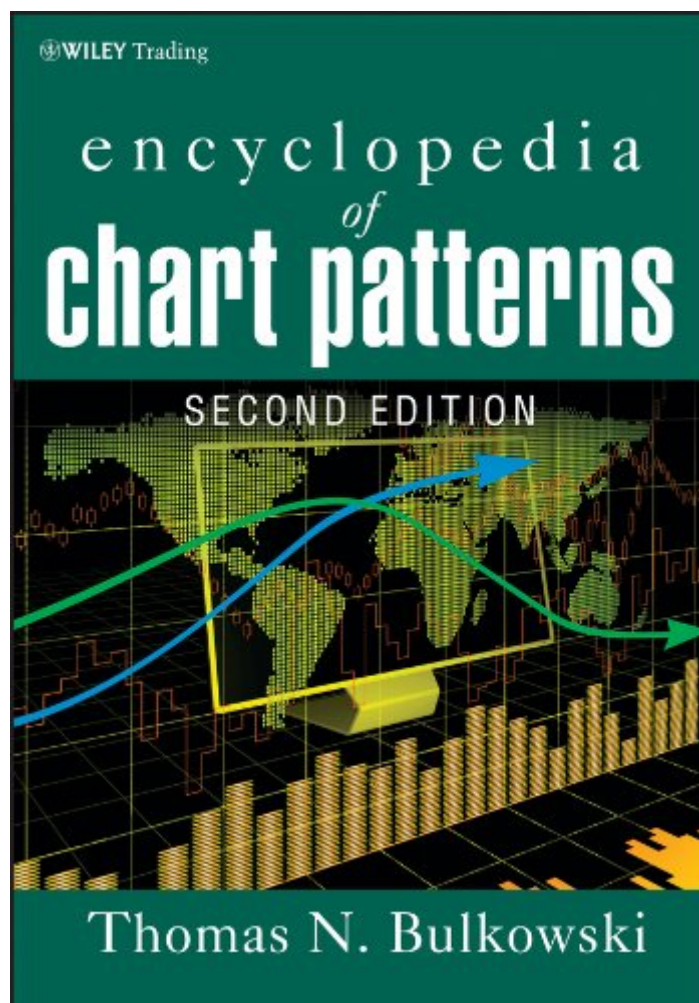# Encyclopedia Of Chart Patterns (Wiley Trading)

Synopsis

In this revised and expanded second edition of the bestselling Encyclopedia of Chart Patterns, Thomas Bulkowski updates the classic with new performance statistics for both bull and bear markets and 23 new patterns, including a second section devoted to ten event patterns. Bulkowski tells you how to trade the significant events -- such as quarterly earnings announcements, retail sales, stock upgrades and downgrades -- that shape today?s trading and uses statistics to back up his approach. This comprehensive new edition is a must-have reference if you're a technical investor or trader. Place your order today. "The most complete reference to chart patterns available. It goes where no one has gone before. Bulkowski gives hard data on how good and bad the patterns are. A must-read for anyone that's ever looked at a chart and wondered what was happening." -- Larry Williams, trader and author of Long-Term Secrets to Short-Term Trading

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Customer Reviews

I don't even know Mr. Bulkowski, but I felt compelled to write this review. One particular reviewer points out a few apparent discrepancies in this 672 page volume of research. It does not matter whether you are an author or have been published in trading-related magazines.The reviewer

sarcastically poses that since the "rectangle bottom" stats on page 659 portray a zero faulure rate, that traders can get rich and never lose money!If you truly read the entire text, including Mr. Bulkowski's opening remarks that define his fresh statistical-analysis approach, then everything falls into place.Furthermore, the author addresses the "zero loss stat" for the rectangle formation on pages 440 and 444. He states that the "sample size" was small for this pattern and said: "Let me emphasize that because I did not find any failures of rectangle patterns with upside breakouts does not mean there are none."This is a good and comprehensive book with a very fresh statistical approach for analyzing classic (and newer) bar chart formations. There is a wealth of information addressing each of the many patterns. It is offered up to the reader as copious amounts of quantified data that any trader/investor can draw from to incorporate into his or her own trading.I too am an author, and I trade stocks full-time for a living. This book is a great resource and fits in the top 15 T.A. books of which I own roughly 300.Yeah, he called a "dogi" a "hanging man." To me that doesn't detract from the other 671 pages.Buy it, read it and use it!

This book is a must-have for anyone interested in technical analysis, whether just starting out or more experienced. It is a thorough review of patterns not seen since Edwards and Magee (1948) and deserves the name "encyclopedia". The author takes a scientific approach and does not make "claims" for one pattern or another, as a critical reviewer states. He clearly acknowledges that patterns, as with any technical method, only indicate, they do not dictate, and we are always working with probabilities. The back-testing that yields statistics on pattern performance (failure rate, average gain, etc.) is useful, but best of all is the absolutely clear description of the patterns with identification guidelines. Of the 100 or so books on technical analysis on my bookshelf, this is far and away the most-consulted. I have been using statistics-based technical analysis for over 20 years (moving averages, stochastics, and the like), but increasingly see patterns like double tops, triangles, etc. This book is an invaluable adjunct to software-generated statistics-based technical analysis. I am a professional financial writer on technical analysis as well as a money manager.

Many years ago, when I was a college student in China, one of my most enjoyable moments was to sit in library reading Encyclopedia Britannica, which always gave me new perspectives for the world. It was natural that the title of this book attracted my attention and I bought it immediately. What a wonderful reference book to add to my trading library! I only wish I had it before the market crashed in 2000, when I lost all my trading accounts.This reader-friendly book consists of Part One Chart Patterns (53 chapters) and Part Two Event Patterns (10 chapters). Each chapter focuses on a

specific chart pattern with informative details. The RESULTS SNAPSHOP and TOUR are very useful to give readers a general idea of each chart pattern. The IDENTIFICATION GUIDELINES and TRADING TACTICS give readers a practical trading guide. The STATISTICS shows the author's new approach to analyze each chart pattern scientifically. The SAMPLE TRADE is a fictitious story to illustrate a trading circumstance. The FOCUS ON FAILURES provides necessary warnings for each chart pattern. All the technically complicated information is smartly rendered in layperson's language. I think if every trader (day traders, swing traders, position traders, and buy-and-hold investors) reads this book, we will be on the same page and will act similarly. Then, our trading will become more consistently profitable.Of course, this is not a book to read from cover to cover. Instead, it is a must-have reference book. Any time I found a chart pattern showing a potential for profits, I checked it with this encyclopedia and designed a proper plan to trade with the pattern. This way, I learned while I earned. However, this book is not a crystal ball, but a great trading tool, which you should master. Should we ask more from a book?Guang Lu, Ph.D.

I have been using statistical techniques for many years and thought most "patterns" are mostly in the eye of the beholder. I have yet to see a head-and-shoulders. But some patterns are so obvious that recently I have looked for definitions and explanations. This author not only provides them, but also has done the heavy lifting of testing 500 securities over 5 years in order to say how often each pattern is successful, how much you are likely to make from it, etc. This has never been done before and is very useful. "Encyclopedia" went to my top 10 technical analysis list in the first ten minutes I had it. It will be the most dog-eared book since Edwards and Magee.

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