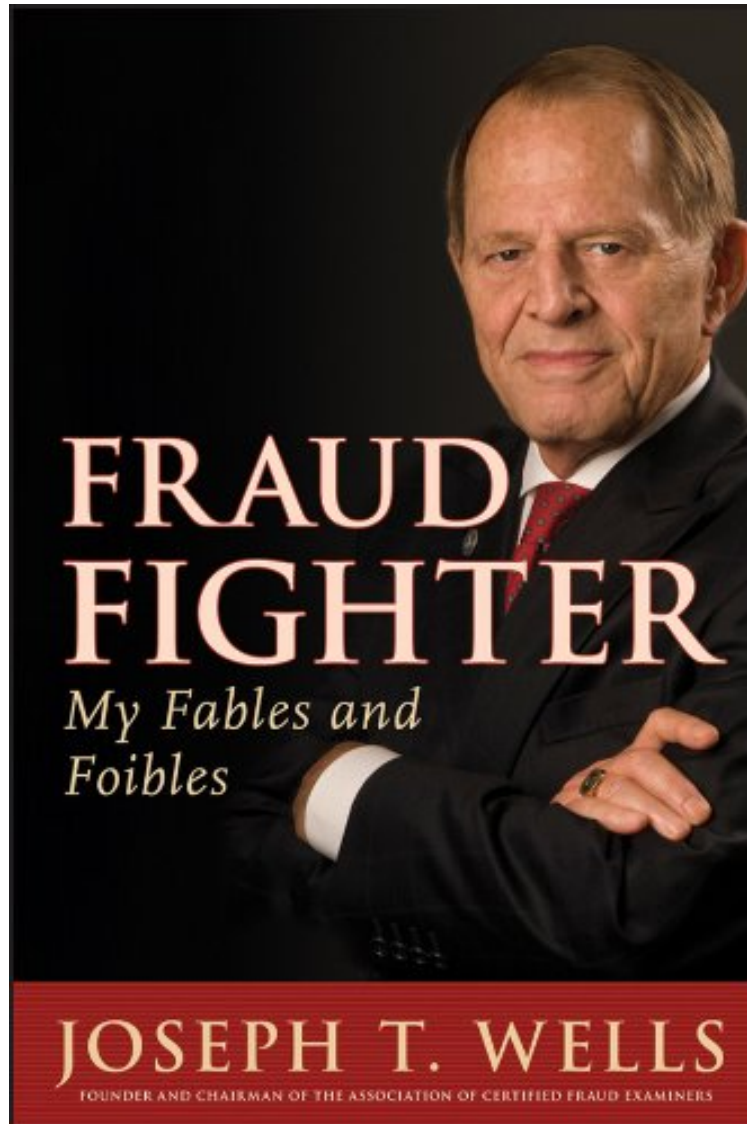


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life, he worked his way through school and became a FBI Special Agent and went on to found the premier fraud-fighting organization in the world. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Interesting Read By Fraud Fighter Steve After hearing many years of stories about Dr. Wells, his colorful background, and the formulation of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), it was refreshing to finally read a detailed account of Dr. Wells' life, career, and accomplishments, both good and bad, and better understand the man behind the ACFE. I firmly believe that for someone to belong to an organization and a profession, they must take the time to learn and understand how things came to be, and not simply follow along because of its existence. This book provided me the best chronology I have found to date on how the fraud profession and the ACFE came into existence, coupled with Dr. Wells' driving force and commitment to making it happen. While some of the details in Dr. Well's account were unexpected, leaving me to wonder why he revealed some of his more personal information outside the scope of the fraud field, the inclusion completed the puzzle I always had based on my personal interactions with him. Regardless, I still respect him for what he accomplished. Simply the ACFE would not exist today had it not been for his vision and his efforts, and some 60,000 ACFE members worldwide have him and a few others to thank for making it possible.

A collection of insightful, poignant, and humorous stories from Dr. Joseph Wells, the world's foremost fraud expert?with gutsy revelations of his own past mistakes From his dysfunctional childhood in rural Oklahoma; his service in the U.S.Navy; a brief stint in public accounting followed by a career in the FBI; and founding the world's largest anti-fraud organization, Wells' colorful life experiences were preparation for his rise to one of the globe's most revered antifraud experts. Written by the preeminent antifraud authority and founder and Chairman of the ACFE Offers a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at the life of one of the most influential white-collar crime experts of our time At a period when dishonesty at top U.S. companies is dominating public attention, *The Fables and Foibles of a Fraud Fighter* is a surprisingly frank and gripping memoir from an unsurprisingly effective fraud fighter. This autobiography forms a full tapestry of a life, displaying wit, intrigue, trepidation, regret, and finally, ultimate victory.

"This is an autobiography of a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agent who found his way in life, from poor beginnings to creating a world-class organization dedicated to educating fraud fighters. The 289-page book is a quick, fascinating read." (Securitymanagement.com, June 2012) "Dr. Wells' decisions ultimately led to the founding of an association that has given anti-fraud tools and training to thousands. And he had a lot of fun doing it." (Fraud Magazine, April 2011) From the Inside Flap *Fraud Fighter My Fables and Foibles* "Everyone lies. Everyone. Fraud, though, is a lie with a special twist; it is committed to deprive an innocent victim of money or property. In the following pages, you will learn how I ended up in the anti-fraud field. And you'll find out that; like with many of you; much of it happened by accident; by fate; perhaps by pre-destiny; and yes, by occasionally being dishonest. This is not a story of someone pure and blameless but of a man who made many mistakes along the way to his calling." ; Dr. Joseph Wells, from *Fraud Fighter* If you're familiar with the names of WorldCom, Enron, and Madoff, it's thanks to the skilled, vigilant, tireless work of accountants, auditors, and fraud investigators who likely learned their trade at the feet of Joseph Wells. If corporate fraud is more easily discovered before it becomes a train wreck, it is because of the incalculable contribution Dr. Wells has made in educating the public on white-collar crime and promoting fraud prevention and detection. Joseph Wells has lived a life full of adventure; born and raised in the plains of Oklahoma, seeing the world through his years of service in the U.S. Navy, becoming a "real-life, gun-totin' FBI agent," and eventually going after the bad guys through his own creation, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), which would eventually become the world's largest anti-fraud organization. In *Fraud Fighter: My Fables and Foibles*, he shares fascinating stories from his experiences: Prosecuting former U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell for his involvement in the Watergate break-in Working with former NYC mayor and former assistant U.S. attorney Rudy Giuliani His short stint as a music business manager Meeting Ross Perot; and what he really thinks of the former presidential candidate Launching an organization that was destined to change the business world Wells offers his story as an honest account of his life fighting fraudsters; as well as his own demons and missteps along the way. Alternately humorous and heartbreaking, this startlingly frank memoir finds Wells turning the tables on himself, taking inventory of his painful childhood and struggles with addiction to eventually emerge as a renowned white-collar criminologist, award-winning author, philanthropist, and anti-fraud educator. More than a chronicle of a fraud investigator, *Fraud Fighter* showcases the insight and wisdom Wells has gained in his life and career to eventually pave the way for a new generation of accountants and auditors to become active deterrents to the deceit that plagues the business world today. One hundred percent of this book's royalties will go to the ACFE Foundation, a nonprofit organization providing scholarships for future fraud fighters. From the Back Cover Praise for *Fraud Fighter My Fables and Foibles* "Joseph Wells's spellbinding adventures are variously wry, wrenching, racy, sad, and uplifting. But, most of all, they are true tales of a very productive life lived to the hilt. He is a remarkable man with a remarkable story." ; Gilbert Geis, PhD, Professor Emeritus, University of California at Irvine and past president, The American Society of Criminology "I could not put this book down. Dr. Wells is truly the 'investigator's investigator.' More than that, he was at the epicenter of some of the greatest frauds in modern history. But Wells is no

righteous moralist; he had the courage to expose his own human failings, too." mdash;Isabel Mercedes Cumming, Chief of Economic Crimes, Office of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County, Maryland "Dr. Wells's memoir is a real page-turner. His life and career are the stuff of legends. Although the book is primarily a story of the motivations and achievements of one man, it has profound lessons for all. On top of that, he is a wonderfully gifted writer." mdash;Sherron Watkins, who helped uncover the Enron fraud and is among Time magazine's "Persons of the Year" "Even before fighting fraud was the 'right thing to do,' Dr. Wells recognized white-collar crime as a problem that was worsening. But there is much more. He rose from abject poverty to become one of the most famous and respected experts in his field. Nobody but Joseph Wells could have written a book like this. Nobody." mdash;Barry C. Melancon, CPA, President and CEO, American Institute of CPAs "If you've met Joseph Wells, you'd expect his autobiography to be filled with colorful stories of white-collar criminals of all stripes. (And thanks to his tenacity, most of them did end up wearing stripes!) But what amazed me about this book is that Dr. Wells's own life has been far more interesting than even the crooks he tracked down. A terrific read!" mdash;Greg Farrell, Wall Street correspondent, Financial Times