



Essayist and Risk Analyst
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Nassim Nicholas Taleb spent 21 years as a risk taker (quantitative trader) before becoming a researcher in philosophical, mathematical and (mostly) practical problems with probability.

Taleb traveled the conventional route of education to real-life and theory to practice in inverse sequence from the common one, moving from the practical to the philosophical to the mathematical. He started as a trader, then got a doctorate in mid-trading career; he wrote literary books before writing technical papers, and his work became progressively more technical and formal with time.

Taleb is the author of a multivolume essay, the Incerto (The Black Swan, Fooled by Randomness, Antifragile, and Skin in the Game) covering broad facets of uncertainty. His work has been published in 50 languages.

In addition to his trader life, Taleb has also written, as a backup of the Incerto, more than 70 technical and scholarly papers in mathematical statistics, genetics, quantitative finance, statistical physics, medicine, philosophy, ethics, economics, & international affairs, around the notion of risk and probability (grouped in the Technical Incerto).

Taleb is Distinguished Professor of Risk Engineering at NYU's Tandon School of Engineering (retired). His current focus is on the properties of systems that can handle disorder ("antifragile").

Taleb refuses all honors and anything that "turns knowledge into a spectator sport".

Topics (Selection):

- How Things Love Disorder
- Antifragility
- How to Learn to Love Disorder
- The Pandemic Was not a Black Swan
- Fooled by Randomness
- The Black Swan
- The Global Economy

Publications (Selection):

- Antifragile: Things That Gain from Disorder, 2012
- The Bed of Procrustes, 2010
- Fooled by Randomness, 2007
- The Black Swan