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TriNet Communications is about to join the ranks of Enron, WorldCom and ImClone.....

MERGER

By Sanjay Sanghoo

"One compulsively readable book, with an understandably expert portrayal of a tough world, rather like James Bond meets *The Bonfire of the Vanities*. A great beach book, provided your CEO didn't see you reading it."

— **Susan Schwartz, author of *Hostile Takeover***

"I thought a lot of the merger mania was madness before, but I didn't know how murederous it was until I read *Merger. The Firm meets Wall Street* in this explosion of merger mayhem!" —**Walter Wager, Edgar Award-winning author of *Die Hard 2***

The 80s are over, but a new breed of corporate criminal has emerged—smarter and infinitely more dangerous. In **MERGER** (A Forge Hardcover; \$24.95; July 16th, 2005) a gruesome murder kick-starts an explosive saga of greed, corruption and mayhem. Set in the secretive world of multi-billion dollar mergers and ruthless plays for money and power, **MERGER** takes readers behind the closed doors of Wall Street to witness the shocking dealings of corrupt CEOs and unethical bankers who violate the public trust for their personal gain.

Like Enron and Worldcom, TriNet Communications is a juggernaut in the media world. The appetite of TriNet's powerful and flamboyant CEO, Vikram (Vik) Suri, is equally large. When Vik decides to merge his company with a leading satellite operator, no one suspects his hidden agenda.

Behind the façade of oak-paneled boardrooms, fancy personal jets, and lavish mansions, Vik masterminds a grand scheme of market manipulation, smuggling, money

laundering, and extortion through an international network of banks, brokerage houses and dummy corporations. He is a megalomaniac who will stop at nothing to get what he wants...he'll even kill for it.

Tom Carter, an investment banker working on the deal, struggles with his conscience when he realizes that a massive fraud may have been committed. When a chance incident brings the SEC to his door, Tom realizes that time is running out. Grappling with a personal crisis as well as the damning truth that his own boss may be involved in the cover-up, Tom finds himself in the crosshairs of both his own firm and the law.

Amanda Fleming is an intrepid New York Times reporter eager to "break" the big story behind the merger. But she has underestimated the stakes and now her life is in jeopardy. Tom and Amanda must not only outsmart the brilliant Vik, but also untangle a complicated love triangle, and try to stay alive!

The merger hides a sinister secret—one that can destroy the integrity of the U.S. financial system forever

About The Author

Sanjay Sanghoo has an MBA from Columbia Business School and worked as an investment banker with the Media Group at Lazard Freres & Co., LLC, specializing in banking transactions for major companies, including Time Warner and Comcast. Subsequently, he worked for Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein as a mergers and acquisitions advisor. He currently works for Ramius Capital Group, a \$7 billion diversified fund and is the Chairman of the Media & Entertainment Committee for Columbia Business School's New York Alumni Club.

Talking Points for Sanjay Sanghoo

- With Eliot Spitzer running for governor of New York State, is he going to continue turning up the heat on corporations? How will this impact Wall Street?
- Is *MERGER* an indictment of corrupt corporate culture or corrupt individuals?
- How does *MERGER* reflect Enron, WorldCom and similar scandals that have hit the news? Is the cut-throat world portrayed in *MERGER* accurate?
- Can individuals truly wield the kind of power that focal character Vikram Suri does? Has money simply replaced guns as a way of exerting power and control?
- What impact do the recent spate of corporate scandals have on the credibility of American business?
- What is the true cost of corporate crime – in human terms as well as for the U.S. economy as a whole?
- Does corporate crime feed money laundering, drug trafficking, arms peddling, smuggling and terrorism?
- Do incidents such as Grasso's payout at the NYSE, or Kozlowski's slush fund at Tyco, count as criminal activity or simply unethical behavior?

- Are corporations becoming too powerful and what place does the individual have in this environment?
- How deeply are investment banks, accounting firms, consultants and lawyers involved with the criminal activities of corporations? Do conspiracy theories have an element of truth to them? Should these companies be held accountable for turning a blind eye?
- What is the appropriate punishment for corporate crime? Is it really “white collar” or should CEOs and Boards do real jail-time for their actions?

Sanjay Sanghooe is available for interviews.

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