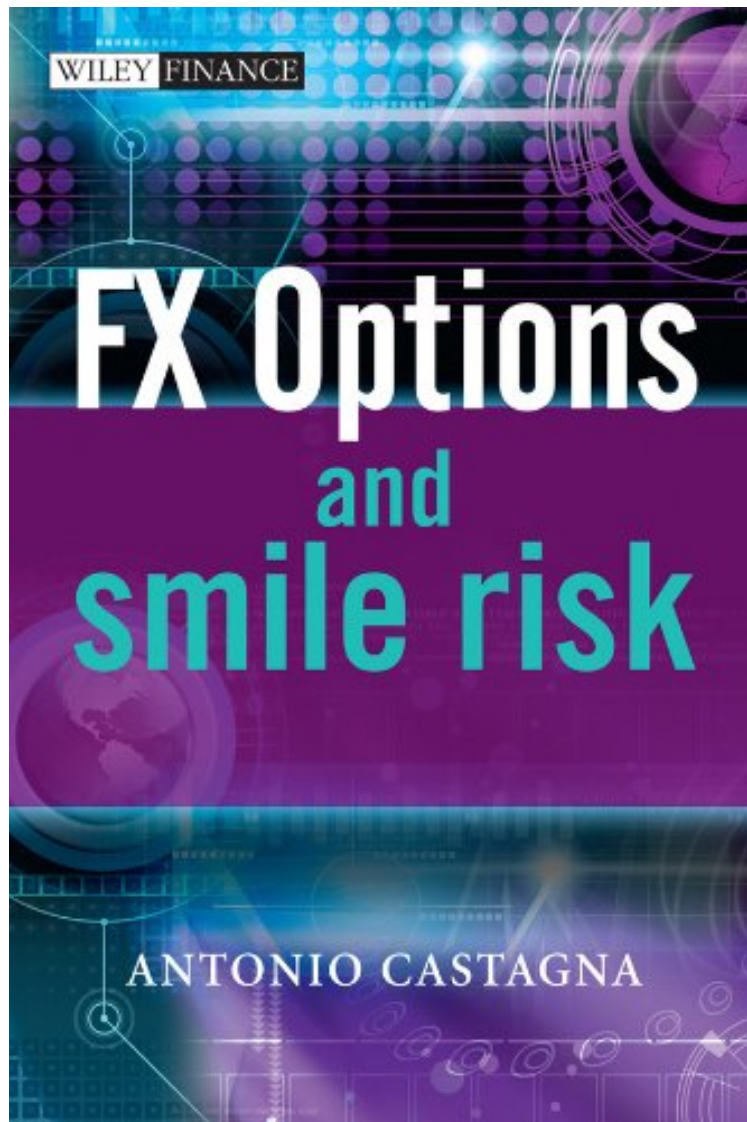


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all cases but would it have killed Castagna to work out one real world example for say, a Down and Out Call with real world inputs ? He could have even put this in an appendix. The excel spreadsheet is a little unclear as to how it gets to its' reduction. Yes one could put in enough effort, but why not just explain it and save the reader the work?I work in the field and rather than wading through it (the unbelievable amount of terms and sub equations in the result equation), multiple colleagues are leaning towards just buying an implementation.The spreadsheets which implement the equations do not match Bloomberg,FINCAD/SuperD within any acceptable margin either which is deeply disappointing since they should at least be in the same range.Still it's a good read for an overview and unfortunately the best I've found.2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great book and very usefulBy eddie buonopaneMy only issue with this book is some of the errors in the wording and graphs could be confusing for someone who is just learning about FX Options. I would recommend waiting for the second edition where those mistakes are corrected. Overall this book is great and very helpful.2 of 4 people found the following review helpful. ExcellentBy WojciechThe best book on fx options I have ever seen. A lot of hints for implementation. Market practice described in detail.