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Thread: [HF "get rich quick" eBooks are Ponzi Schemes and involve Multi-Level Scamming](#)

Astro Boy - November 7, 2014, 11:11 am

So these are hugely popular scams on HF eBooks right now, and I believe they constitute the use of fraud and Ponzi Schemes - the method is a simple promise that you'll get rich after selling ebooks on selling ebooks.

Some examples:<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4523320>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4444269>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4504589>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4497162>
<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=4518549>

Consider that they all offer the same:

- Two levels of purchase: standard and premium, with the former option without a refund
- The section on "what the method claims NOT to be" are identical
- T.O.S policy where an unsatisfied buyer can only obtain a refund if they actually try it out (by setting up their own scam)
- Their payout screenshots are either fake or clearly show that they're scamming people with purchasing the same virtual product
- They all make the same lucrative promises and promote one another through sig banners and over hyped marketing sensation

Just a thought, let me know what you guys think. I feel foolish for being stupid enough for falling for these get-rich-quick schemes.

[img]<http://troll.me/images/grandma-finds-the-internet/oh-dear-this-nigerian-prince-needs-help-and-it-looks-like-i-can-make-a-few-dollars-too.jpg>[/img]

NoodleBot™ - November 7, 2014, 11:16 am

There's countless ebook threads, and countless more ebook debunking threads. Why they're still allowed, and why kids still would pay for them, only Jesus knows.

SIM-1729678 - November 7, 2014, 11:17 am

They have to contain a method that tell you to make an ebook and sell that, do they?

Meepo™ - November 7, 2014, 11:19 am

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Astro Boy - November 7, 2014, 11:25 am

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I don't know why I was so naive. Ominous specifically has a sticky in the eBook section saying "no

ponzi schemes" allowed, so why is HF so unresponsive with taking down these illegitimate methods?

Better question yet: why are there no official, trusted, reviewers anymore?

Bravo™ - November 7, 2014, 11:26 am

To tell you the truth from what I have read about these 3 posts they all do seem to be identical, pretty much a pyramid scheme that they have running here. This isn't good for the community at all as it is just a repeat and rinse cycle.

uid=2444325 - November 7, 2014, 11:27 am

All E-Books are just full of copied public methods. There a load of crap. Best way to find a method is find it yourself!

b?xxy - November 7, 2014, 11:27 am

Hi my name is Boxxxy,

annnnnd I completely agree with you. But there are actually SOME E-Books out there with good methods, it's just the market is polluted with everyone and their mother's get rich methods that are saturated that it makes the actual legitimate E-Book sellers look bad ...

Griev?us - November 7, 2014, 11:29 am

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Astro Boy - November 7, 2014, 11:36 am

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Why are you providing this shady "term"? Sure, it's possible to actually make a few bucks scamming people. But ask yourself, is it worth the time and effort while hurting others?

420 Blaze It - November 7, 2014, 11:45 am

You can actually report Ponzi Schemes, I suggest to a staff.

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CPA Exposé - November 7, 2014, 4:44 pm

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Those "coincidences" and similarities are just people copying the same sales format that they see successful ebook sellers use. There is no big conspiracy going on.

A person who is going to sell an ebook for the first time doesn't know how to make a sales page. What does he do? Look at current sales pages and most likely copy what he/she is doing.

And if there is a ponzi scheme going on with some of these ebooks, they don't get taken down quickly because staff rely on reports, they don't buy or check every ebook. Most people don't even

know what a ponzi scheme is, so they fail to report it as one.

Huskar - November 7, 2014, 4:47 pm

I created a thread like this and got like 3 replies.
*criesbecauseuranub3rfuckinbitchfuckyou

NoodleBot™ - November 7, 2014, 5:23 pm

Now you're going to get every pathetic Ebooks owner on this thread defending their claims and books.

Who gives a fuck if your book works or not, really. Just common sense, if you bought something advertised as something and it is not - instead it contains something else. You'd be pretty pissed.

Majestic12 - November 7, 2014, 5:26 pm

I have to agree, ALOT are utter shit. But then again, I sell my own ebook here as well.
Hows about this. I DARE you Astro Boy, to try it out, and if you don't make money, then I'll pay you \$50. The ebook is free of to you only. Investment to start is \$20.
Post your results here.

Aurora - November 7, 2014, 5:29 pm

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That's like saying why do websites have a contact us page, about page, etc.

It's just some "format" sellers use. They have terms set, you want to buy, you follow the terms, simple as that. If you don't want to follow the terms, don't buy. How easy is that?

Just because sellers have "ToS" does NOT mean their eBooks are "the same with everyone else". I personally think if you haven't TRIED any of those examples you listed, you shouldn't put those as examples. Only put the ones you KNOW FOR A FACT (by that I mean proof).

Astro Boy - November 7, 2014, 5:53 pm

Guy's I'm over the loss of my money and reserve the right to my opinions. Just want to warn people that you'll always face a risk with eBooks and if you have the slightest common sense, you'll know that when things are too good to be true, they probably are.

Buyers beware
/thread

Justiciar Knight - November 8, 2014, 1:56 am

Yeah there's a lot of ebooks like those. Thanks for the alert though.

Volgare - November 8, 2014, 2:04 am

I dont think you know what a ponzi scheme is, it certainly is not selling an ebook on selling an ebook.

Hire - November 8, 2014, 2:05 am

Lol, this has been going on for years, it's still the same.

Out of 10 Ebooks, 1 is good.

sonex - November 8, 2014, 3:31 am

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You clearly dont know what ponzi scheme is, telling you after buying an eBook to sell an eBook is ponzi scheme. Such as those sites where you watch an ad to later on purchase your own ad and so on.

However OP here has no clue what multi-level marketing is, multi-level marketing on HF is pretty much when you buy an eBook and they tell you "put a sig and earn by commision", that's called multi-level marketing, that's not even remotely close to "sell your own eBook". Anyway, the amount of stupidity in this thread is just meh, this is incorrect alert since you cant base alerts on assumptions and if I was one of those linked I'd report you the same exact moment. Deal with what you have either directly with sellers or make a deal dispute, stop crying noone gives a fuck. This kind of threads are getting created on daily-basis, dont crave for attention but be smarter next time.

MysticParadox - November 8, 2014, 9:43 am

Nobody cares that they're scams but most of them are LEGITIMATE ways of making money. If you ACTUALLY apply them they'll work, but they're also extremely saturated most of the time and it's just one niche/money making strategy that has some tiny ass twist to make them seem more legit.

Wirt - November 8, 2014, 11:50 am

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Correct. He actually made a rule banning it, I think.

BitzDefender - November 8, 2014, 12:07 pm

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Wirt - November 8, 2014, 2:09 pm

(Nov 8, 2014 01:07 PM)L Marketing Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You have zero idea what a ponzi/pyramid scheme actually entails, do you?

<https://hackforums.net/showthread.php?tid=3967473>

Omni says: "If your ebook is about making money by selling an ebook to make money then you will get a closed account for participating in a Ponzi scheme."

eXero - November 8, 2014, 4:05 pm

There is one eBook that is not a scam and will most likely not be saturated ever.

KarambitBlue - November 8, 2014, 4:08 pm

Why sell a method to make money if you're making more than enough? If I do 40 hours of work a week I can make \$50,000? Why don't I do that instead of selling this "method" for \$10.

prada ? - November 8, 2014, 4:13 pm

I've never heard one good thing about e-books. Just stop fucking buying them and they'll be off HF.

Smexy - November 8, 2014, 4:16 pm

This one time i bought this 1\$ e-book on how to get rich...
that 1\$ could have bought me csgo 2 hours after buying it....

sonex - November 8, 2014, 5:25 pm

(Nov 8, 2014 01:07 PM)L Marketing Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You have zero idea what a ponzi/pyramid scheme actually entails, do you?

He has zero idea what multi-level marketing is as well. Pointless thread made in 5 minutes to crave for attention and blatantly accuse others based on assumptions. Just let this die like every other out there, it will eventually sink it.

Drøm - November 8, 2014, 5:29 pm

Ha, what do you expect? Most methods that involve the words "make money" or "get rich quick" are bound to be fake or a pyramid scheme that doesn't work. This is why E-books involving money shouldnt be alllowed. Most of the idiots that sell them are making money from peoples stupdiity by them buying it because they have "fake vouches" and reviews that aren't real. If it sounds too good to be true then it must be but that's just my two cents I don't like E-books very much.

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A Ponzi scheme is a fraudulent investment operation where the operator, an individual or organization, pays returns to its investors from new capital paid to the operators by new investors , rather than from profit earned by the operator.

cocothecat11 - November 8, 2014, 7:35 pm

Why would anybody release a method on how to make a bunch of money? Then they'll stop making as much money because the method will become too saturated. I don't know why people can't think.

sonex - November 8, 2014, 11:02 pm

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Please tell me you understood it and you just quoted this for lulz? Otherwise you aint the sharpest tool in the shed.

Spookin - November 9, 2014, 1:17 am

Think of it simple as that , you earn alot of money , what gives you the motive to share your'e money-making method with other for (20\$) or less if you earn way more as you claim ??

Smells stinky .

The GRim - November 9, 2014, 2:04 am

Most of the ebooks in the market are shit. If anyone still buys these shitty ebooks, then its their own

fault.

Only ebook I have bought so far is CPA Twister and it was totally worth the money.