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Review

"TIRM brings a transformation in the way companies would start treating their data and information assets going forward -- seriously and more responsibly."

Piyush Malik, Worldwide Big Data Analytics Center of Excellence Leader, IBM Global Services

"While many proclaim that data and information are key assets, few know how to put that idea into action. This book combines the well-established discipline of risk management with the relatively newer discipline of data management. (...) Readers will be able to assess information risk and, most importantly, be able to take action to manage that risk. Thorough, understandable, actionable. Use TIRM to create tangible business value."

Danette McGilvray, President, Granite Falls Consulting Inc., Recognized Data Governance and Data Quality Thought Leader

"Most organizations have an often-overlooked sweet spot, where risk management and information quality intersect and combine to significantly reduce risk and improve business performance. In this breakthrough book, Alexander Borek leads us there."

C. Lwanga Yonke, Information Quality Practitioner

"When writing about information and data quality, most authors have focused on assessment and improvement. Approaching information quality from the perspective of risk management is a great contribution to the field because it helps to broaden and deepen the conversation in a way that address information quality value and business impact in a quantifiable way. Both IT professionals and business managers will benefit from reading this book."

Professor John R. Talburt, Graduate Coordinator for the Information Quality Graduate Program, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

"A perennial problem facing data quality practitioners has always been how to demonstrate data quality risk to business drivers that stakeholders care deeply about. The TIRM process has helped the profession take a big leap forward in resolving this challenge and the team responsible for TIRM should be commended for their innovation."

Dylan Jones, Founder and Community Leader, Dataqualitypro.com

"Total Information Risk Management (TIRM) is a formal process devised by the four authors of this book. It is intended to provide a degree of assurance for data and to help preserve its confidentiality and integrity... Overall the book, and the process that it describes, offer a comprehensive and potentially effective system for protecting data,..." Score: 7 out of 10--BCS.org, June 2014 "As a book clearly targeted at users who might hopefully adopt TIRM, the discussion is pragmatic and clearly intended to provide resources not

only for the implementation of TRIM, but also to assist the technical staff in presenting a business case for using TIRM within an organization. Even if TIRM is not implemented, the questions and issues raised in the book provide a good framework for a broader discussion of the role of information in most organizations."--ComputingReviews.com, February 26, 2014 "In today's information-centric world identifying and mitigating the risk of your data and information assets is fast becoming a necessity instead of a luxury. Take the time to read Total Information Risk Management and you'll be better prepared to measure the impact of gains in data quality and information insight in your organization."--Data and Technology Today online, November 27, 2013

#### About the Author

Dr. Alexander Borek is the inventor of Total Information Risk Management and the leading expert on how to apply risk management principles to data management. Dr. Borek is a frequent speaker at international information management conferences and author of many research articles covering a range of topics, including EIM, data quality, crowd sourcing and IT business value.

In his current role at IBM, Dr. Borek applies data analytics to drive IBM's world-wide corporate strategy. Previously, he led a team at the University of Cambridge to develop the TIRM process and test it in a number of different industries. He holds a Ph.D. in Engineering from the University of Cambridge.

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