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Valuation is the essence of finance. But it is an art, not a science: Corporate executives and valuation analysts face many choices and dilemmas when assessing a company's value. This concise guide offers an up-to-date, practitioner-oriented view of valuation in the context of mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and corporate restructurings. It has been extensively revised to present today's most widely used valuation methods, and to offer realistic solutions for making informed choices and dealing with common dilemmas.

Leading experts Barbara S. Petitt and Kenneth R. Ferris cover the entire valuation process, presenting practical advice and real-world examples and illustrations. They review and compare frequently used valuation methods, including discounted cash flow models, earnings multiples, economic value analysis, and real option analysis.

Petitt and Ferris address issues that are closely related to valuation, such as accounting, financial reporting, and tax considerations. They also identify common valuation errors and show how to avoid them. Whether you are an executive or an analyst, this guide will help you play a far more effective role in valuation for M&As or corporate restructurings.

- Understanding the challenges of valuation

  Why valuation errors cause so many acquirers to overpay
- Understanding valuation methods and tradeoffs

  When and how to use multiples, discounted cash flow models, or real option analysis
- Performing financial review and pro forma analysis
   How to analyze a company's performance and forecast its future earnings and cash flows
- Avoiding overconfidence and the "winner's curse"

  How to uncover assumptions that could wreck your forecasts and valuation

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