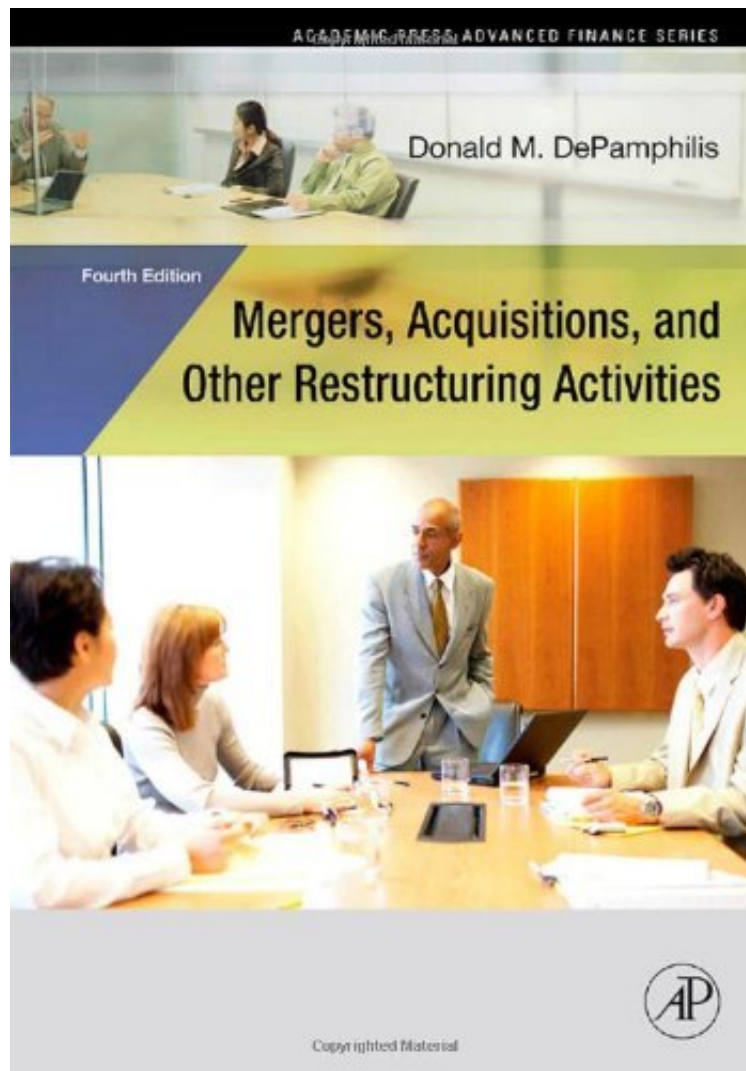


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Luc Renneboog, Professor of Corporate Finance, Tilburg University, The Netherlands; Research Fellow at the Center for Economic Research and the European Corporate Governance Institute, Brussels

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