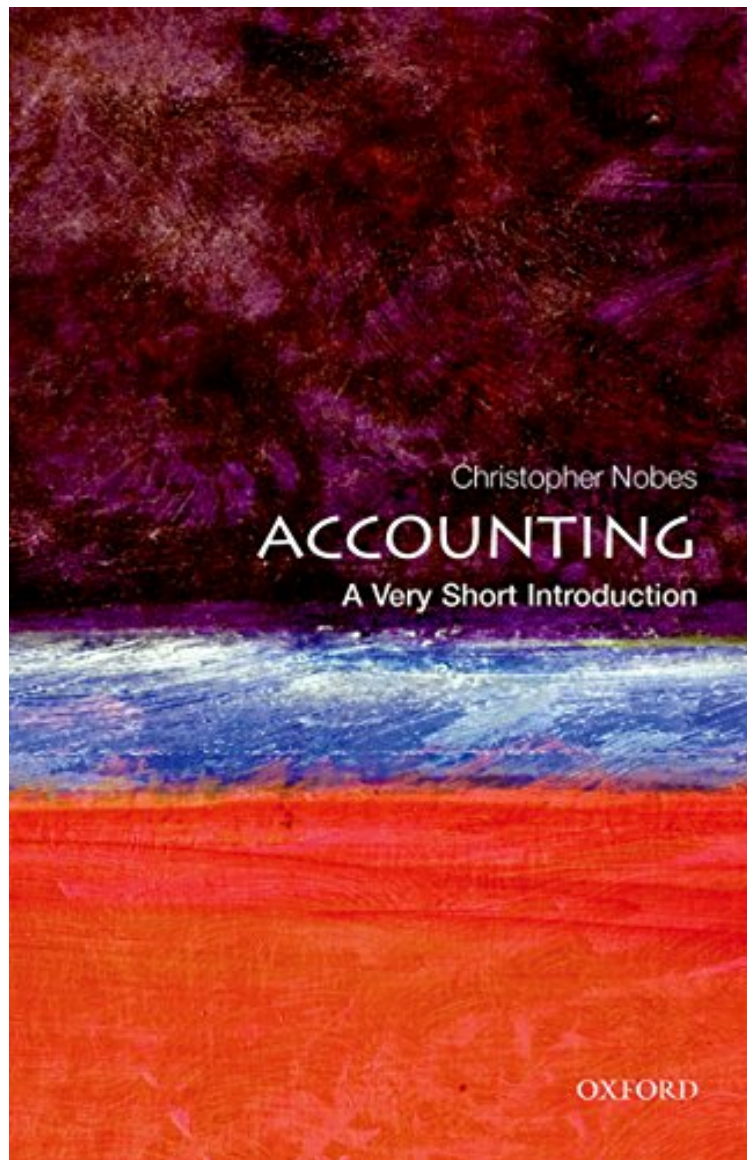


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accounting, per se. And to be fair, it's also an excellent biography of the field of accounting which explains the origins of many of its most critical concepts and practices. Unlike every other accounting book I've ever read, Professor Nobes actually knows the origins of the "debit" and "credit" terms, and why they are placed on the left and right sides of accounting entries. You won't get that little tid-bit anywhere else but this book, I've found. But what's crucially missing from this book is any discussion of the accounting cycle itself, which is the actual, integrative backbone of what actual accountants do in their work. And while I won't go into exhaustive detail on what the accounting cycle is, let me just say that it's a delightfully elegant process of "transaction digestion" by which the financial processes of an organization are handled very much like the digestive process of an animal. It's absolutely worth covering, if only in conceptual overview, which isn't done in this book, regrettably.

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