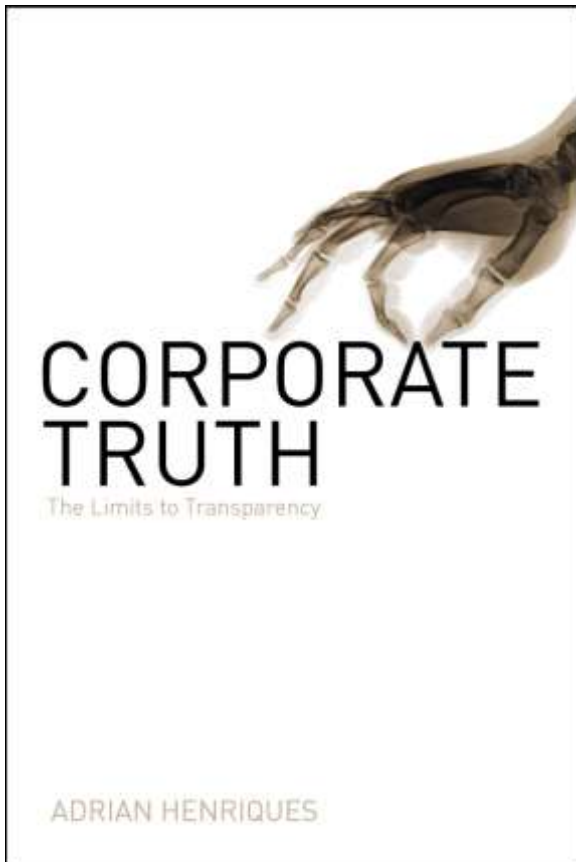


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Companies, especially large international companies, are confronted with increasing pressure to be 'transparent' about their activities and impacts. They also face greater risks to their reputation and value, from a range of stakeholders, if their integrity is questioned or jeopardised. This book is a timely exploration of what 'transparency' entails, the basis for expecting it of companies, and the limits which may apply to adopting it. Notably, the book explores how 'transparency' plays out in relation to some difficult topics, such as corruption and lobbying. This is a welcome contribution both to contemporary debate and to the practical challenges which must be addressed by the creators of wealth.

*David Nussbaum, CEO Transparency International*

### DESCRIPTION

In the corporate jungle inhabited by Enrons and WorldComs, a lack of transparency is the root of all scandal, yet delivering transparency seems immensely difficult with the often competing interests of shareholders, corporate boards, government regulators and other stakeholders.

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