



The Prudence of Mr. Gordon Brown

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DESCRIPTION

A compelling book that examines Gordon Brown's rise to power, his years as Chancellor, and his dramatic decision to give the Bank of England independence

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government was elected, such as health and education, have not yet been satisfactorily addressed, and Gordon Brown is now being criticised for what many see as his imprudence in handling the nation's finances.

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- Examines the professional relationships and private friction between Brown, other members of the Cabinet and the Bank of England
- Includes much previously unpublished material

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