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DESCRIPTION

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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Mr. Balkaran has had over 25 years of senior finance and varied internal auditing experience obtained in a wide range of industries in the Caribbean and North America. He has had articles published in several international journals including four in the Institute of Internal Auditor’s (IIA) own prestigious *Internal Auditor*. On top of this, he has authored the following six reference books on international professional accounting and business certification programs: *A Practical Guide to Auditing and Related Terms* [World’s first dictionary of auditing]; *Accountants & Related Professionals: Reciprocal Memberships & Peer Acceptance*; *Handbook of Global Professional Accounting Programs*; *Handbook of Global Professional Business Programs*; *Managerial Control Techniques* and; *Professional Accounting & Business Programs: Effective Study and Examination Techniques*. He also wrote five reference books on his native Guyana. Mr. Balkaran taught courses in Internal Auditing, Management Accounting, and Quantitative Techniques, and was an external examiner to two Commonwealth universities.

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