



The IRS: Myths and Realities

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Wheatmark, United States, 2007. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 223 x 147 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. During September 1997 and April 1998, the Senate Finance Committee conducted oversight hearings on Internal Revenue Service (IRS) operations. Through the testimony of a series of witnesses, Senator William Roth, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, painted a picture of the IRS as an out-of-control agency, more evil than the dark side of the Force from Star Wars. Although subsequent investigations by the General Accounting Office and the Treasury Inspector General failed to substantiate most of the witnesses testimony, Congress moved with lightning speed to pass the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (RRA 1998), the most sweeping overhaul of the IRS in 50 years. The public image of the IRS, highlighted in the hearings, was so powerful that Congress felt compelled to act. The IRS: Myths and Realities examines many of the commonly held beliefs about the IRS and the U.S. tax system. Using the Senate Finance Committee hearings as the backdrop, the book traces the evolution of many of the commonly held beliefs about the IRS as portrayed in media accounts and Congressional hearings. The findings from independent...

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