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the authority on the subject, but reading him makes my head ache.

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Really informative. Specific. The excessive footnotes made me crazy.

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