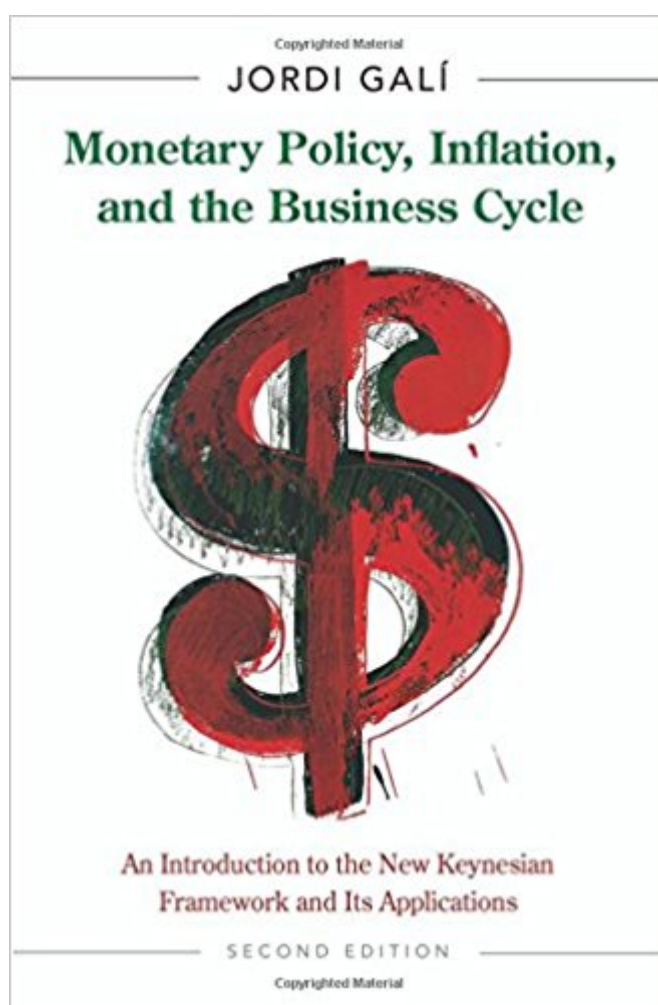


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Excellent textbook to start New-Keynsian economics. Improved clarity and exposition relative to the first edition. Also there is a new chapter in the second edition. Very friendly for beginners.

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This is the textbook for my first year PhD course in terms of NK model and monetary policy. I want to share my experience about how to use this book. For people (like me) who were new to New Keynesian stuff, it is easy to get lost in massive algebra at first because it takes chapters of algebra before reaching the three equation model (NKPC, Dynamic IS and Taylor rule interest rate). The book was painful to read at first: I was so obsessed with checking all those equations that I lost big pictures and intuition why these equations are formulated in those particular way. However, I found this book extremely enlightening when I reread it for my macro qualifier. For example, it has detailed discussion of relationship between money in utility model and flexible price model, a concept my instructor didn't really specify very carefully. The notion of divine coincidence is covered in chapter 4, and to my knowledge this is the best book that talks about optimal policy in efficient flexible price equilibrium (better than Walsh and Woodford). With respect to chapter 5 (optimal policy with cost

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