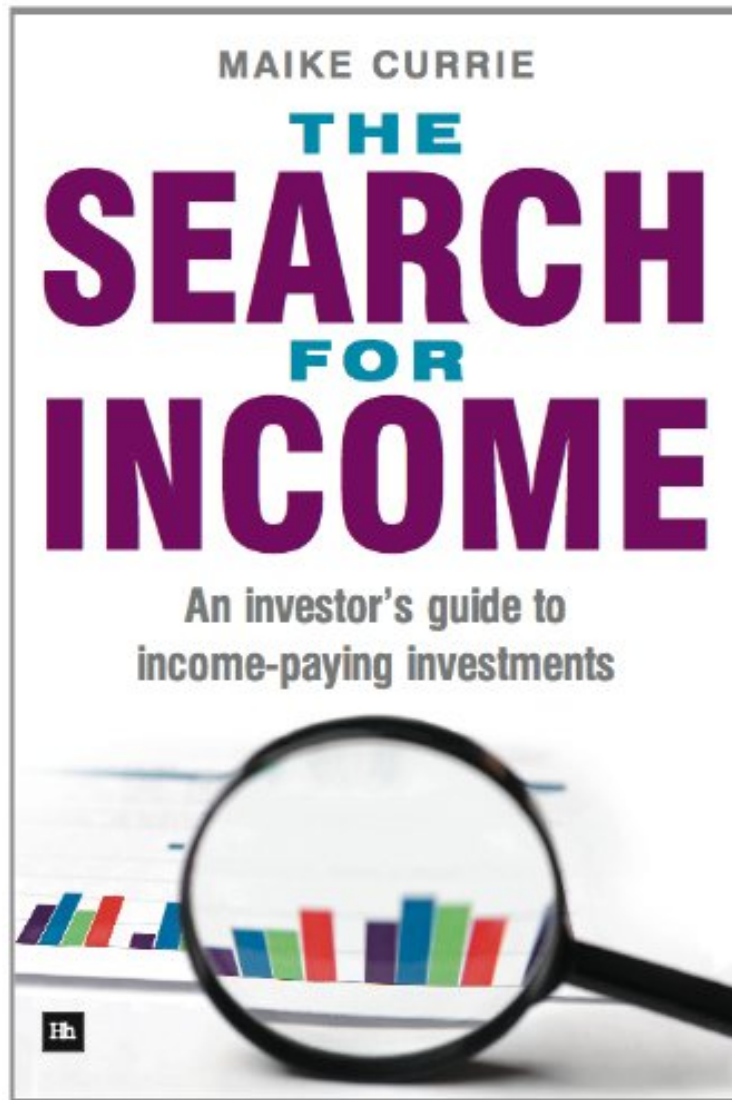


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About the Author Maïke Currie writes about income on a weekly basis. She has worked across the Financial Times Group - notably for Investors Chronicle magazine - as a reporter and editor covering the fundamentals of income investing in its various forms. Maïke started her journalism career in South Africa, moving to the UK just in time to witness the excesses of the boom years descend into an environment of low interest rates, high debt levels and the culling of dividends. She is in no doubt that the age of austerity has arrived but maintains that there is still income to be found - provided you look in the right places.