About the Book
This dissertation deals with the evaluation of information security from an economics perspective. The idea that information security has anything to do with economics is relatively new. The economics of information security is an important field of research and catches more and more attention, because organizations have a finite amount of resources.
Economics studies how scarce resources are allocated among competing uses. Scarcity is the condition of not having enough of something to provide for all that is wanted. One of its branches, microeconomics, studies individuals, companies and products rather than the whole economy. In other words, how people make decisions in resource limited situations. Information security economics is concerned with this aspect. The research is of theoretical relevance, because little research has been done on information security economics. Economic-based research on information security is a relatively new area. Little literature has been available on the economic evaluation of information security. In the literature much attention is paid to research of information security on technical aspects.
The research is of social relevance because organizations have limited resources and the economics of information security will help these organizations to prioritize information security investments and to select the optimal level of information security. The results of this research could serve as a starting point for these companies.

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