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Here at last are the hard-to-find answers to the dizzying array of financial questions plaguing those who are age fifty and older. The financial world is more complex than ever, and people are struggling to make sense of it all. If you're like most people moving into the phase of life where protecting—as well as growing-- assets is paramount, you're faced with a number of financial puzzles. Maybe you're struggling to get your kids through college without drawing down your life's savings. Perhaps you sense your nest egg is at risk and want to move into safer investments. Maybe you're contemplating downsizing to a smaller home, but aren't sure of the financial implications. Possibly, medical expenses have become a bigger drain than you expected and you need help assessing options. Perhaps you'll shortly be eligible for social security but want to optimize when and how to take it. Whatever your specific financial issue, one thing is certain—your range of choices is vast. As the financial world becomes increasingly complex, what you need is deeply researched advice from professionals whose credentials are impeccable and who prize clarity and straightforwardness over financial mumbo-jumbo. Carrie Schwab-Pomerantz and the Schwab team have been helping clients tackle their toughest money issues for decades. Through Carrie's popular "Ask Carrie" columns, her leadership of the Charles Schwab Foundation, and her work across party lines through two White House administrations and with the President's Advisory Council on Financial Capability, she has become one of America's most trusted sources for financial advice. Here, Carrie will not only answer all the questions that keep you up at night, she'll provide answers to many questions you haven't considered but should.

Today in the United States, students are graduating from college already in debt from student loans and beginning their careers in an uncertain economy. Statistics have shown that freshman college students are stressed-not about their grades or about doing well-but rather about the debt they are already accumulating. But is it really possible to graduate from college debt-free? John Lane did, and with his guidebook HOW TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE DEBTFREE, he can teach you how to do the same. Recent college graduate John Lane combines mini-workshops with concrete concepts, interactive exercises, and personal stories in order to provide a complete guide on how students can embark on a successful journey to receiving a college education while becoming financially self-sufficient and paying for education costs at the same time. While encouraging students to be proactive in earning funds prior to attending college, Lane also underlines the importance of setting financial goals, creating affirmations, and developing personal declarations. HOW TO

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GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE DEBT-FREE provides valuable information for any high school or current college students who wants to gain financial freedom and independence and throw their cap in the air on graduation day knowing they are debt-free!

The #1 bestselling author presents his most important book since *The Automatic Millionaire* and gives Canadians the knowledge, the tools, and the mindset to get out of debt — forever. Whether you are working off student loans or trying to meet the minimum balance on your credit card bill, you are probably worried every time you open your mailbox. With salaries frozen and layoffs looming, how will you ever be able to pay down that debt, let alone retire in peace? Here, David Bach offers a new philosophy made for our times, a paradigm-shifting approach to finance that teaches you how to pay down your debt and adopt a whole new way of living. If you have debt, you can be rich but still not free. When you pay down your debt, you reach Freedom Day, that glorious moment when you need a lot less money just to live. On that day, you are truly free. You can have a smaller nest egg and still retire, perhaps even earlier than you expected. With his trademark motivational energy and take-action step by step advice, Bach helps you revolutionize your finances. In these lean times, it's still possible to live your financial dreams. Let David Bach show you how.

Everything done by Dr. Roberts has the personal touch of his great love and care for God's people. Now, in the sunset of a life that has touched millions around the world, he passionately reveals the truths that have altered his life and awakened the church. From the presence of the invisible God, he brings to you the hidden keys that will unlock God's power as it releases His compassion.

Would You Like to Have Zero Debt? Eight out of 10 Americans owe some form of debt. So there's a good chance that you, or someone you know, would like to become debt free. From excessive credit card bills and mounting student loans to hefty car payments and big mortgages, debt can be crippling - and not just financially. Debt takes a toll on you in many ways. It hurts your ability to save, invest and create a better life. It impacts your physical, mental and emotional health. Too much debt even spoils relationships, leading to arguments about money and divorce. Whether you recently got into debt due to circumstances beyond your control, or your own poor choices have kept you in debt for as long as you can remember, know this: Debt does not have to remain a way of life.

Regardless of your situation, you can get on the road to financial freedom - and you can do it yourself in the next 30 days! If you want to dig yourself out of debt once and for all, you need an action plan. This book is your step-by-step, 30-day plan to jumpstart your finances. It's simple. It's easy to understand. And it works. Zero Debt teaches you the exact strategies the author used to pay off \$100,000 worth of credit card bills in just three years - without ever missing a single payment. If she can do it, so can you! In this revised and completely updated version of *Zero Debt*, you'll discover: The best ways to pay off credit card debts (spoiler: it's not what 99% of experts tell you) How to eliminate your student loans

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and reduce auto loans Spending and budgeting tips anyone can use - even shopaholics Insider secrets to negotiating with credit card companies and fixing your credit Your legal rights - and what bill collectors can and can not do under the law Recommendations for reputable debt management firms and credit counselors How to shore up your overall finances so you never go back into debt again Wouldn't you like to be free from financial worries? Don't you want to rest at night knowing your bills are paid? You can have peace of mind when it comes to money matters. It all starts by eliminating excessive debt, and using time-tested strategies to save your hard-earned cash.

A strategy for changing attitudes about personal finances covers such topics as getting out of debt, the dangers of cash advances and keeping spending within income limits.

When Harzog decided she wanted to break free from debt, she found that conventional advice about personal finance didn't work for her. Now she shares her unique debt escape plan, and shows you how to use it as the basis for your own customized debt escape plan.

"Money, for richer or for poorer, affects each of our lives and indeed, our society. Men, women, singles, couples--anyone can get caught by the trap of debt, and many do, and sometimes it seems impossible to ever pull away. But it's not. In this helpful volume, you'll read about people who fell too deeply into a lifestyle of debt, but who applied these proven biblical principles and were able to climb out. In addition, you'll learn about credit, debt traps, bankruptcy, budgeting, financial coaching, and how debt became a way of life. Larry Burkett's Debt-Free Living has emerged as a classic in the world of Christian financial self-help books. This fresh edition includes resources with valuable information, practical tips, and stories of ordinary men and women"--Cover, p. 4.

Financial Peace and Freedom in 21 Days In The 21-Day Financial Fast, award-winning writer and The Washington Post columnist Michelle Singletary proposes a field-tested financial challenge. For twenty-one days, participants will put away their credit cards and buy only the barest essentials. With Michelle's guidance during this three-week financial fast, you will discover how to: Break bad spending habits Plot a course to become debt-free with the Debt Dash Plan Avoid the temptation of overspending for college Learn how to prepare elderly relatives and yourself for future long-term care expenses Be prepared for any contingency with a Life Happens Fund Stop worrying about money and find the priceless power of financial peace As you discover practical ways to achieve financial freedom, you'll experience what it truly means to live a life of financial peace and prosperity. Thousands of individuals have participated in the fast and as a result have gotten out of debt and become better managers of their money and finances. The 21-Day Financial Fast is great for earners at any income-level or stage of life, whether you are living paycheck-to-paycheck or just trying to make smarter financial choices.

A guide to creating a personalized debt reduction plan offers daily spending

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strategies, expense-tracking tools, and budgeting guidance, while offering advice on discussing debt problems with family and downsizing expenses.

You'd love to get your kids through college debt-free-but your kids aren't getting any scholarships, you haven't saved for college, and you make too much to get government financial aid. Is there still hope? Yes, but you'll need someone to guide you. In LAUNCH, academic strategist Jeannie Burlowski lays out clear, step-by-step strategies that empower parents to get their kids through high quality, best-fit colleges debt-free-and then directly into jobs they love afterward. Experts rave about LAUNCH: "The checklists at the end of each chapter in this book are fabulous. They're golden. Well worth the entire price of the book." -Bob Shorb, former associate dean of admissions and financial aid and director of student aid and family finance, Skidmore College "Students who go through college without career direction are, as Jeannie Burlowski says, 'like archers who pull the arrow back on the bow string, shoot, and then years later look around for the target.' This book helps parents set their kids up to take aim early and fire a sure shot, whether that's at medical school or at some other worthy endeavor." -Dr. Paul Amble, MD, assistant clinical professor, Yale School of Medicine "I'm a Morgan Stanley wealth management advisor, and after I read this book cover to cover I purchased 30 copies for clients. Every financial advisor needs to know the information in this book. It's valuable for all types of families-from those that think their income is too high to qualify for aid, to those that worry they'll go into debt paying for college. We utilize this book in our financial planning practice as we guide our clients to the things that matter most in their lives. If you're confused about how FAFSA works or what your kids should contribute, this book will provide clear answers. I was especially impressed with the way the book breaks down the pertinent information with chapters that align with the age of your kid. And the checklists for each chapter allow families to pick and choose the advice that best works for their family. My favorite part of the book is that it is truly a parenting book-with tips and insight for raising strong, thoughtful people who care about improving the world. The focus is on the outcome: your child becoming a successful and happy adult. If you're going to choose a financial advisor, you need to make sure that they know the specific college planning information in this book and are utilizing these ideas in their practice." -Alix Magner, financial advisor, Morgan Stanley, Minneapolis, MN "I'm a certified financial planner who cares deeply that parents are able to send their kids to college without risking their retirement. You can be sure I'll be recommending this book every chance I get." -Mike Branch, CFP, Focus Financial, Minneapolis, MN "High school guidance counselors have a difficult time covering the intricacies of the college admission and financing process in the small amount of time they have to work with a large number of students. This book fills in all the gaps-and more-for parents." -Josie Robinson, author and former high school guidance and career counselor, White Bear Lake Area High School And here's what parents like you say about LAUNCH: "We only used a small fraction of the ideas in this book, and

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our daughter graduated from an excellent private university at age 20 and went straight to her dream job at Disney. Read chapters 1 and 2 when your kid's in middle school!" -Liz and Tim Weatherhead, Bloomington, MN

Preparing for college is an exciting time of life, but I know it can be dampened by the mountain-sized financial obstacles standing between you and the college experience of your dreams. The many parents and student athletes I speak with today are in the exact same boat. They want to know what to expect throughout their college journey. They crave more knowledge, they want to know they're on the right track, and they want an amazing college tenure that doesn't leave them high and dry financially. Well, hindsight is 20/20, and I'm excited to share insights with you to ensure you have the best college experience possible. By the end of our time together you will have the training you'll need to graduate completely debt-free. That means no student-loans, no parent-loans, and freedom after graduation to live your calling and change the world. See you inside!

Beating the College Debt Trap presents students with a better way to do college. The radically counter-cultural truth is that students don't have to be totally dependent on Mom, Dad, or Uncle Sam to get the most out of college.

Graduation on a solid financial foundation is possible. But it will require intentionality, creativity, hard work, and a willingness to delay gratification.

Chediak gets into the nitty-gritty of how to get work and make money during the college years, pay off any loans quickly, spend less, save more, and stay out of debt for good. He also unpacks how to transition from college into career, honor God while achieving financial independence, and use your finances to make a positive, eternally-significant difference in the lives of others. As a young engineering professor with an aptitude for finances and money management, Chediak has become particularly concerned with the financial health of young adults, especially in light of the ever-increasing costs of college. In *Beating the College Debt Trap* he helps do something about this problem. He engages, in a friendly manner, the "real world" financial issues that 17-25 year olds face, with clarity, practical help, lots of illustrations, and a little humor, while conveying a distinctly Christian perspective.

Struggling with debt? Get realistic help that's actually useful, from Liz Weston, one of the most popular and respected personal finance experts! Today, people struggling with debt have far fewer options: lenders are stingier, which makes it harder to avert disaster, or to recover from setbacks like foreclosure, short sales, or bankruptcy. (Meanwhile, people with good credit have more options than ever, including some of the lowest interest rates in decades.) You need an up-to-date guide that can help you assess options, find help, discover opportunities, and take action that works. Liz Weston's *Deal with Your Debt, Updated and Revised Edition* is that guide. Weston reveals why most "conventional wisdom" about debt is just dead wrong. For most people, it's simply impractical to pay off every dime of debt, and live forever debt free. In fact, doing that can leave you a lot poorer in the long run. You're more likely to give up, or pay off the wrong debts. You could

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leave yourself too little flexibility to survive a financial crisis. You could neglect saving for retirement. You might even wind up in bankruptcy -- just what you're trying to avoid! For most people, it's smarter to control and manage debt effectively. In this extensively updated guide, Weston shows how to do that. You'll learn which debts can actually help build wealth over time, and which are simply toxic. You'll find up-to-date, real-world strategies for assessing and paying off debt, money-saving insights on which debts to tackle first, and crucial information about everything from debt consolidation loans to credit scores and credit counseling. Weston offers practical guidelines for assessing how much debt is safe -- and compassionate, realistic guidance if you've gone beyond the safety zone. If you've ever worried about debt, you'll find the new edition of *Deal with Your Debt* absolutely indispensable.

Take charge of your finances and achieve financial independence – the Clever Girl way Join the ranks of thousands of smart and savvy women who have turned to money expert and author Bola Sokunbi for guidance on ditching debt, saving money, and building real wealth. Sokunbi, the force behind the hugely popular Clever Girl Finance website, draws on her personal money mistakes and financial redemption to educate and empower a new generation of women on their journey to financial freedom. Lighthearted and accessible, Clever Girl Finance encourages women to talk about money and financial wellness and shows them how to navigate their own murky financial waters and come out afloat on the other side. Monitor your expenses, build a budget, and stick with it Make the most of a modest salary and still have money to spare Keep your credit in check and clean up credit card chaos Start and succeed at your side hustle Build a nest egg and invest in your future Transform your money mindset and be accountable for your financial well-being Feel the power of real-world stories from other “clever girls” Put yourself on the path to financial success with the valuable lessons learned from Clever Girl Finance.

Shares timely recommendations for eliminating debt, improving overall credit, and retiring well, in a guide based on cash-flow analysis that covers a range of topics from bankruptcy and debt settlement to the Fair Credit Reporting Act and consumer credit rights.

Struggling with debt? Frustrated about work? Just not satisfied with life? The Simple Dollar can change your life. Trent Hamm found himself drowning in consumer debt, working in a job he couldn't stand... and figured out how to escape that debt and build the fulfilling career he'd always dreamt about, all at the same time. Hamm shared his experiences at TheSimpleDollar.com—and built it into one of America's top personal finance websites. Now, *The Simple Dollar* is a book: packed with practical tips, tools, and lessons you can use to transform your life, too. This isn't just “another” personal finance book: it's profoundly motivating, empowering, practical, and 100% grounded in today's American realities. Trent Hamm will show you how to rewrite the rules, creating healthier relationships with money... and with your loved ones, too. With his help, you can get out of debt, start moving forward, and build the strong personal community that offers true happiness—no matter what happens to the economy. · Escape the plastic

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prison, and stop running to stand still 5 simple steps to eliminate credit card debt... and 5 more to start moving forward · Shift your life's balance towards more positive, stronger relationships Learn how to put the golden rule to work for you · Discover the power of goals in a random world Then, learn how to overcome inertia, and transform goals into reality · Navigate the treacherous boundaries between love and money Move towards deeper communication, greater honesty, and more courage

"A startling new philosophy and practical guide to getting the most out of your money--and out of life--for those who value memorable experiences as much as their earnings"-- A lighthearted guide to debt management explains the difference between good debt and bad debt while arguing that specific forms of debt may be financially beneficial, in a volume that shares personal stories and original cartoon illustrations to cover such topics as emotional spending, home buying, and retirement. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

"A leading economist makes the case that college is still a smart investment, and reveals how to increase the odds of your degree paying off. The cost of college makes for frightening headlines and politics. The outstanding balance of student loans is more than \$1.5 trillion nationally, while tuitions continue to rise. And on the heels of a pandemic that nearly dismantled the traditional "college experience," we have to wonder: Is college really worth it? From a financial perspective, the answer is yes, says economist Beth Akers. It's true that college is expensive. But once we see higher education for what it is--an investment in future opportunities, job security, and earnings--a different picture emerges: The average college graduate earns a million dollars more over their lifetime, and most four-year schools deliver a 15 percent return on investment--double that of the stock market. Yet these outcomes are not guaranteed. Rather, they hinge upon where and how you opt to invest your tuition dollars. Simply put, the real problem with college isn't the cost--it's the risk that your investment might not pay off. In *Making College Pay*, Akers shows how to stack the deck in your favor by making smart choices about where to enroll, what to study, and how to pay for it. You'll learn why choosing the right major matters more than where you enroll the best criteria for picking a school (hint: not selectivity or ranking) why there's a high cost of working part-time while earning your degree why it's often best to borrow, even if you can afford to pay outright the pros and cons of nontraditional degree programs how to take advantage of new, low-risk financing tools Full of practical advice for students and parents, *Making College Pay* reminds us that higher education remains an engine for opportunity, upward mobility, and prosperity"--

A simple, proven-effective formula for freeing yourself from debt—and staying that way • Revised and updated, with a new Preface by the author “A must read for anyone wanting to get their head above water.”—The Wall Street Journal **THE CLASSIC GUIDE, REVISED WITH UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION OUT OF THE RED** • Do this month's bills pile up before you've paid last month's? • Do you regularly receive past-due notices? • Do you get letters threatening legal action if immediate payment is not made? • Do the total amounts of your revolving charge accounts keep rising? **INTO THE BLACK** Whether you are currently in debt or fear you're falling into debt, you are not alone. Sixty million Americans—from doctors to secretaries, from executives to the unemployed—face the same problem and live under the same daily stress. Based on the proven techniques of the national Debtors Anonymous program,

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here is the first complete, step-by-step guide to getting out of debt once and for all. You'll learn • how to recognize the warning signs of serious debt • how to negotiate with angry creditors, collection agencies, and the IRS • how to design a realistic and painless payback schedule • how to identify your spending blind spots • how to cope with the anxiety and daily pressures of owing money • plus the three cardinal rules for staying out of debt forever, and much more! This book is neither sponsored nor endorsed by Debtors Anonymous. A recovered debtor, the author is intimately familiar with the success of the Debtors Anonymous program.

DEBT-FREE LIVING 2% AT A TIME In The 2% Rule To Get Debt Free Fast, Alex and Cassie break down the steps that took them from over \$100,000 in consumer debt to living a debt-free life in just a few short years. Alex and Cassie's step-by-step plan is for even the most financially illiterate, and has helped thousands of their followers on their website, TheThriftyCouple.com, get their finances in order. In this easily digestible guide, they show you how small changes can have a big impact so you can skip the quick fixes and change your life forever. They'll teach you: • How to pay off your mortgage quickly without draining your budget • How to create an emergency fund fast while juggling your monthly bills • What unsecured and secured loans really mean and how much they are costing you • When you should be paying in cash and when you should use a credit card • Creative ways to save on everyday expenses • How to still eat out without breaking the bank Complete with personal anecdotes, helpful worksheets and money-saving tips and tricks, The 2% Rule To Get Debt Free Fast has everything you need to live a life unencumbered by debt.

What you are about to discover in this book will be new to many readers very new! To some the principles will seem radical. They will even appear foolish to a non Christian. I have written this book for those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour and are seeking to make Him Lord of their lives as well. The materialistically oriented cannot fathom that it really is more blessed to give than to receive, and that life does not consist in the abundance of our possessions. This book will illustrate the importance of these principles.

Striking out on your own for the first time is exhilarating. But in a culture full of bad advice, predatory banks, and splurge-now-pay-later temptations, it can also be extremely dangerous—leading you to make financial decisions that could hurt you for years to come. Combine this with a slumped economy, mounds of student loans, and dubious examples from reality TV stars to politicians to your own parents, and it's no wonder so many twenty-somethings are struggling. Twenty-three-year-old Zac Bissonnette—the author of *Debt-Free U*—knows exactly what you're going through. He demystifies the many traps young people fall victim to in their post-college years. He offers fresh insights on everything from job hunting to buying a car to saving for retirement that will give you a foundation for a secure, stable, and happy life. In the process, he reveals why FICO scores are overrated, online job applications are a waste of time, car loans are for suckers, and credit card rewards are a scam. With detours to discuss wine connoisseurs, *Really Broke Housewives*, and Lenny Dykstra, Zac shows you how to make better choices today so you can be richer, smarter (and better-looking!) for years to come.

Living a life with debt can be overwhelming. You may feel suffocated and become frustrated when trying to get it under control. If these struggles are not

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addressed, your physical and mental health will be negatively affected. Overcoming these struggles is no easy task, but the road to becoming debt-free will be a major learning experience and an opportunity for personal growth. I owed \$134,617 in student loan debt. I felt anxious and depressed over my debt, and it was on my mind all day, every day. I reflected on this way of thinking, and I knew it was not healthy. I had to find a way out of this situation. I took action and clearly defined my goals, gained a strong grasp on my financial situation, and developed a well thought out strategy on the approach I was going to take in paying off my debt. This process was the foundation to my success in paying off my debt in a matter of four years, while simultaneously saving thousands of dollars in interest. Being debt-free has been a weight lifted off my shoulders and has felt like a new beginning. The topics here are practices, procedures, and guidelines that helped me overcome my debt. My hope is that the material here will be a guide to get you through your journey. <https://thedebtfreeme.com> Zac figured out how to get an outstanding education at a public college, without bankrupting his parents or taking on loans. Now you can, too!

If you're tired of living in debt and ready for financial independence, then *Debt Free & Set for Life* is your solution. Management consultant Les J. Tripp shows you how to become successful and achieve genuine wealth in every area of your life. Utilizing tried-and-true concepts of responsibility, hard work, and dedication, Tripp reveals how you can take control of your debts and credit nightmares to completely change your life. Tripp discusses the emotional impact of debt, the power money has over our lives, and even the way money contributes to our social standing. He also helps you analyze your spending habits, explains the difference between debt and equity, and explores the numerous benefits of investments. The road to financial success is not the path of least resistance, but with a true commitment to creating a better financial portfolio, you can enjoy financial freedom. Find relief from debt and pursue the lifestyle you were meant to have: *Debt Free & Set for Life!*

Get rid of your debt without giving up your life No one wants to be in debt. But life happens and if you've got debt, life has happened to you. Whether you have a rolling balance of \$2,000 on your credit card or an \$80,000 line of credit you are positive you will carry to your grave, debt can be a huge cause of stress—affecting both your emotional and financial wellness. After working with thousands of financial planning clients, Shannon Lee Simmons knows that your only way out of the debt cycle is to truly understand all of your spending triggers so you can shut them down for good. In *Living Debt-Free*, she shows you that it is possible to have a life and pay down debt at the same time. In fact, that's the only way your debt plan will work. You will learn to take control of your finances and pay down your debt in a realistic way that will keep you motivated long enough to see it through to the end. No shame. No blame. No scare tactics. In *Living Debt-Free*, Simmons focuses on creating a debt repayment plan that will motivate you for a long time, rather than an unrealistic one that's strictly about paying the least

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amount of interest charges. (Collective gasp—how dare she!?) Listen, everyone knows that paying interest on debt is bad and to be avoided as much as possible, but human beings are complex. Life is complex. Debt is complex. There cannot be a one-size-fits-all plan, so Living Debt-Free will help you build your plan—the one that will help you finally put the debt behind you, start fresh and feel good about your money again.

This book can save you more than \$100,000. These days, most people assume you need to pay a boatload of money for a quality college education. As a result, students and their parents are willing to go into years of debt and potentially sabotage their entire financial futures just to get a fancy name on their diploma. But Zac Bissonnette is walking proof that this assumption is not only false, but dangerous—a class con game designed to rip you off and doom your student to a post-graduation life of near poverty. From his unique double perspective—he's a personal finance expert (at Daily Finance) AND a current senior at the University of Massachusetts—Zac figured out how to get an outstanding education at a public college, without bankrupting his parents or taking on massive loans. Armed with his personal knowledge, the latest data, and smart analysis, Zac takes on the sacred cows of the higher education establishment. He reveals why a lot of the conventional wisdom about choosing and financing college is not only wrong but hazardous to you and your child's financial future. You'll discover, for instance, that: * Student loans are NOT a necessary evil. Ordinary middle class families can- and must-find ways to avoid them, even without scholarships. * College "rankings" are useless—designed to sell magazines and generate hype. If you trust one of the major guides when picking a college, you face a potential financial disaster. * The elite graduate programs accept lots of people with non-elite bachelors degrees. So do America's most selective employers. The name on a diploma ultimately won't help your child have a more successful career or earn more money. Zac can prove every one of those bold assertions - and more. No matter what your current financial situation, he has a simple message for parents: "RELAX! Your kid will be able to get a champagne education on a beer budget!"

In her debut book *Dear Debt*, personal finance expert Melanie Lockert combines her endearing and humorous personal narrative with practical tools to help readers overcome the crippling effects of debt. Drawing from her personal experience of paying off eighty thousand dollars of student loan debt, Melanie provides a wealth of money-saving tips to help her community of debt fighters navigate the repayment process, increase current income, and ultimately become debt-free. By breaking down complex financial concepts into clear, manageable tools and step-by-step processes, Melanie has provided a venerable guide to overcoming debt fatigue and obtaining financial freedom. Inside *Dear Debt* you will learn to: - Find the debt repayment strategy most effective for your needs - Avoid spending temptations by knowing your triggers - Replace expensive habits with cheaper alternatives - Become a frugal friend without being rude - Start a

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side hustle to boost your current income - Negotiate your salary to maximize value - Develop a financial plan for life after debt

Free yourself from maxed-out cards, mounting interest, and constant money stress with this “entertaining and easy to read” guide (Windsor Star). If you’re afraid to open your bills, if you’ve never added up how much you owe, if you can’t even imagine being debt-free—it’s time to join the thousands of people Gail Vaz-Oxlade has helped. Her straightforward approach to money management is based on self-control, hard work, and prioritizing what’s really important. Debt-Free Forever is Gail’s step-by-step guide, and she’ll show you how to: figure out how much you’ve actually been spending calculate how much you owe—and what it’s costing you build a budget that works maximize your debt repayments so you can be free of consumer debt in three years or less prepare for a rainy day so it doesn’t cause a major setback set goals for your new, debt-free life Make no mistake: Getting out of debt isn’t easy. But in Debt-Free Forever, Gail gives you a clear strategy and the steps needed to implement it. So if you’re finished with excuses, overdue notices, and maxed-out credit cards, follow the plan—and start becoming debt-free forever.

Every parent wants the best for their child. That’s why they send them to college! But most parents struggle to pay for school and end up turning to student loans. That’s why the majority of graduates walk away with \$35,000 in student loan debt and no clue what that debt will really cost them.¹ Student loan debt doesn’t open doors for young adults—it closes them. They postpone getting married and starting a family. That debt even takes away their freedom to pursue their dreams. But there is a different way. Going to college without student loans is possible! In Debt-Free Degree, Anthony O’Neal teaches parents how to get their child through school without debt, even if they haven’t saved for it. He also shows parents: *How to prepare their child for college *Which classes to take in high school *How and when to take the ACT and SAT *The right way to do college visits *How to choose a major A college education is supposed to prepare a graduate for their future, not rob them of their paycheck and freedom for decades. Debt-Free Degree shows parents how to pay cash for college and set their child up to succeed for life.

With an in-depth analysis of the American economy, Neil McHugh offers a thorough evaluation into this all too common cause of stress - Debt Before we can dig ourselves out of this dark and unpredictable hole, we must first understand what exactly is causing it. When we evaluate ourselves and our way of living, we can truly begin to understand the primary factors which weigh us down and restrict us from living a stable and essentially happy life. **YOU CAN BECOME DEBT FREE!** -This book will show you how.

Today in the United States, students are graduating from college already in debt from student loans and beginning their careers in an uncertain economy. Statistics have shown that freshman college students are stressed not about their grades or about doing well but rather about the debt they are already

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accumulating. But is it really possible to graduate from college debt-free? John Lane did, and with his guidebook **HOW TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE DEBT-FREE**, he can teach you how to do the same. Recent college graduate John Lane combines mini-workshops with concrete concepts, interactive exercises, and personal stories in order to provide a complete guide on how students can embark on a successful journey to receiving a college education while becoming financially self-sufficient and paying for education costs at the same time. While encouraging students to be proactive in earning funds prior to attending college, Lane also underlines the importance of setting financial goals, creating affirmations, and developing personal declarations. **HOW TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE DEBT-FREE** provides valuable information for any high school or current college students who wants to gain financial freedom and independence and throw their cap in the air on graduation day knowing they are debt-free!

Erin Skye Kelly wrote *Get the Hell Out of Debt* after her own struggle to become consumer-debt free. She was tired of listening to middle-aged men in suits tell her to consolidate and refinance her debt when all that seemed to happen was she'd end up in more of it while they profited from it. When Kelly figured out the two most important tools to money management—and started achieving massive results—other women wanted to join in on the debt-free journey. With her sense of humor and straight-shooting sensibilities, Erin began transforming lives. This book is not only a step-by-step process that will walk you through how to pay off your debt—it's a deeply personal journey centered around changing your mindset. As you master each of the three phases through repetition, you will create your own financial freedom, allowing you to live debt-free forever and create wealth and abundance that will positively impact your life—and the people you love and serve. No matter how much consumer debt you carry, this book is a judgment-free zone from cover-to-cover. Your dreams are welcome here.

Popular blogger Anna Newell Jones of AndThenWeSaved.com delivers this self-help manifesto that reveals how a "spending fast" will help you get on the road to living debt-free. In 2009, young photographer Anna Newell Jones was rapidly suffocating under the weight of too much debt. An inveterate "spender," she was in way over her head, to the tune of almost \$24,000. She knew her debt was only going to get worse if she didn't take action, but she didn't know where to look for help. On a whim, Anna decided to go on a spending fast—an idea she heard in passing but knew little about. Creating her own method, she learned what worked and what didn't and wrote about it on her blog, AndThenWeSaved.com.

Amazingly, Anna was able to eliminate all \$23,605.10 of her debt in only 15 months! She was interviewed in *Forbes*, *Self*, *Glamour*, *Good Housekeeping*, and the *Chicago Tribune*. Anna's journey inspired people and showed them that they too could change the way they dealt with their own money woes. The *Spender's Guide To Debt-Free Living* takes readers through a detailed step-by-step plan on how to do a Spending Fast and get out of debt, including: Creating a

personalized Debt-Free Life Pledge. Understanding where your money is going when you're in debt, and where it will come from to pay it off. Learning why putting money into a savings account before (or while) paying off debt may not be the best idea for you. Finding additional income sources and generating side gigs. Re-integrating spending into your life once you're out of debt, so that you stay out of debt. Filled with do-it-yourself ideas, insight from experts, and tons of motivational tips and real-life practical advice, *The Spender's Guide to Debt-Free Living* proves that you don't have to win the lottery or get a new job to change your life.

Overwhelmed with debt? There is hope and freedom for you no matter how big your problem. Skyrocketing debt has crippled and divided millions in this age of rampant credit, interest-only mortgages, and record loan defaults. The way out from under debt burdens is not a declaration of bankruptcy, but surrender to the Word of God. Becoming debt-free may seem an impossible dream for many, but it is actually an attainable goal according to Howard Dayton, cofounder of Crown Financial Ministries. He overcame his own struggle with debt by applying God's principles to managing his finances, principles he lays out in this practical, encouraging, never-give-up book.

The untold history of how America's student-loan program turned the pursuit of higher education into a pathway to poverty. It didn't always take thirty years to pay off the cost of a bachelor's degree. Elizabeth Tandy Shermer untangles the history that brought us here and discovers that the story of skyrocketing college debt is not merely one of good intentions gone wrong. In fact, the federal student loan program was never supposed to make college affordable. The earliest federal proposals for college affordability sought to replace tuition with taxpayer funding of institutions. But Southern whites feared that lower costs would undermine segregation, Catholic colleges objected to state support of secular institutions, professors worried that federal dollars would come with regulations hindering academic freedom, and elite-university presidents recoiled at the idea of mass higher education. Cold War congressional fights eventually made access more important than affordability. Rather than freeing colleges from their dependence on tuition, the government created a loan instrument that made college accessible in the short term but even costlier in the long term by charging an interest penalty only to needy students. In the mid-1960s, as bankers wavered over the prospect of uncollected debt, Congress backstopped the loans, provoking runaway inflation in college tuition and resulting in immense lender profits. Today 45 million Americans owe more than \$1.5 trillion in college debt, with the burdens falling disproportionately on borrowers of color, particularly women. Reformers, meanwhile, have been frustrated by colleges and lenders too rich and powerful to contain. *Indentured Students* makes clear that these are not unforeseen consequences. The federal student loan system is working as designed.