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Budget Before The Holidays: 7 Books That Will Make You A Stellar Money Manager



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While money can't buy happiness, it's sure necessary for many of the things we need and want. If ... [+]
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The holiday spending frenzy is well underway, but that's no reason to lose your head.

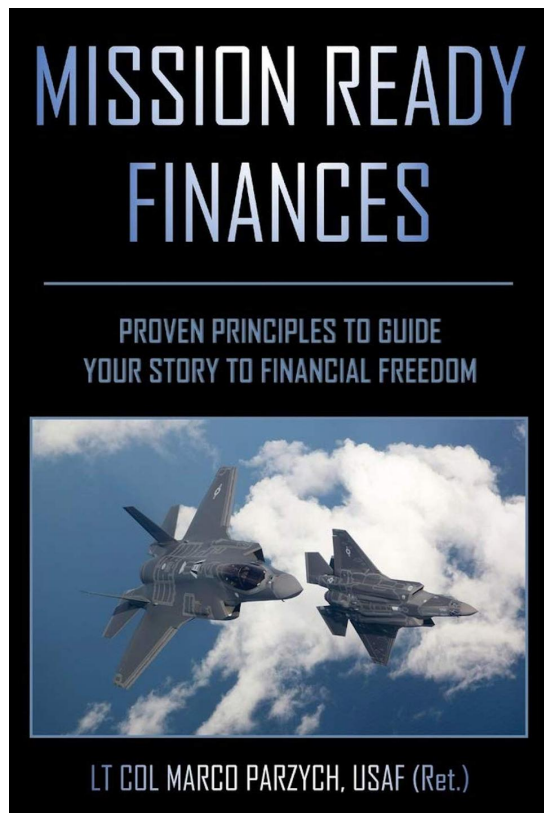
Before you put those more-costly-than-expected stocking stuffers in your cart, seize the



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opportunity to take stock of your financial well-being. That way, you can buy with purpose and take away the sting of weighty January credit card bills.

Each of the books I've reviewed below offers a glimpse into money management techniques to release you from a lifetime of battling with your bucks. The new year is the perfect time to tame your spending, acquire some savings, and put your money to work for you.



Mission Ready Finances by Marco Parzych ONPOINT PRESS

***Mission Ready Finances: Proven Principles to Guide Your Story to Financial Freedom* by Marco Parzych**

During my executive coaching sessions, money often bubbles to the surface as a major cause of stress and top concern. Even seemingly successful professionals can struggle with understanding how to stay on top of their finances and not get bogged down by overwhelming debt and bills. Parzych explains how all of us can do more with our income, whittling away money issues a little at a time. I came away from *Mission Ready Finances* looking forward to applying some of the author's principles to my own personal and business budgets.

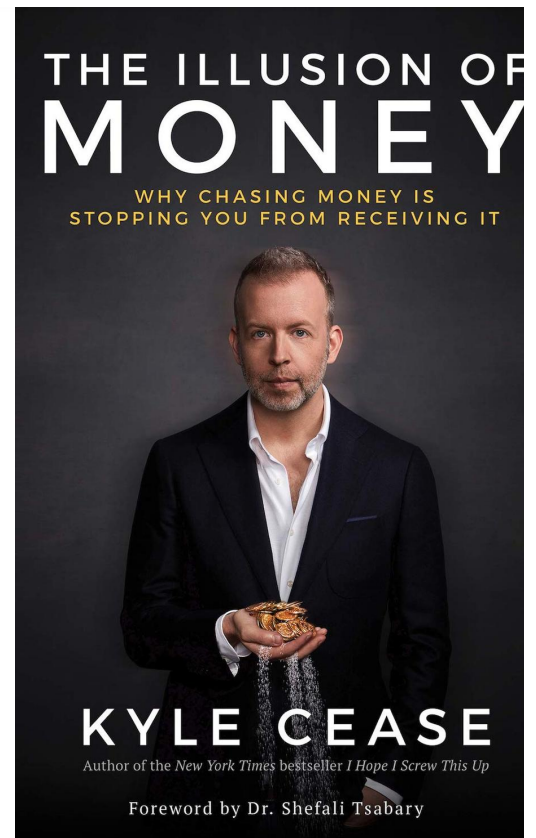
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***The Illusion of Money: Why Chasing Money Is Stopping You From Receiving It* by Kyle Cease**

Have you ever told yourself you couldn't do something because you would lose your

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back tremendously, becoming a source of personal stasis. I agree. I've taken many financial risks throughout my career, turning down the safer plays several times in favor of chasing entrepreneurial objectives—albeit in a calculated way. I'll continue to do as Cease outlines: Stop giving money so much power while still being mindful of my cash needs and flow.



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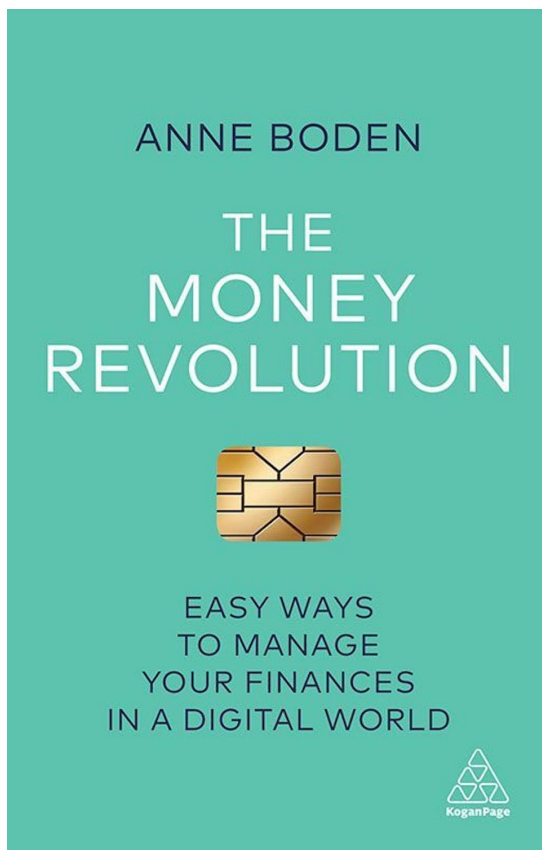
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***The Money Revolution: Easy Ways to Manage Your Finances in a Digital World* by Anne Boden**

Most of us rely on the internet to assist with money management. We check balances online. We Venmo our buddies. We may day trade as a lark. But Boden goes further by talking about specific methods we can use to get more from each Washington. Even if you think you already know everything about digitally managing your money, you'll end up looking at finances through a whole new lens. I found myself making notes while reading *Money Revolution*, and I'm going to set aside this work as a reference.

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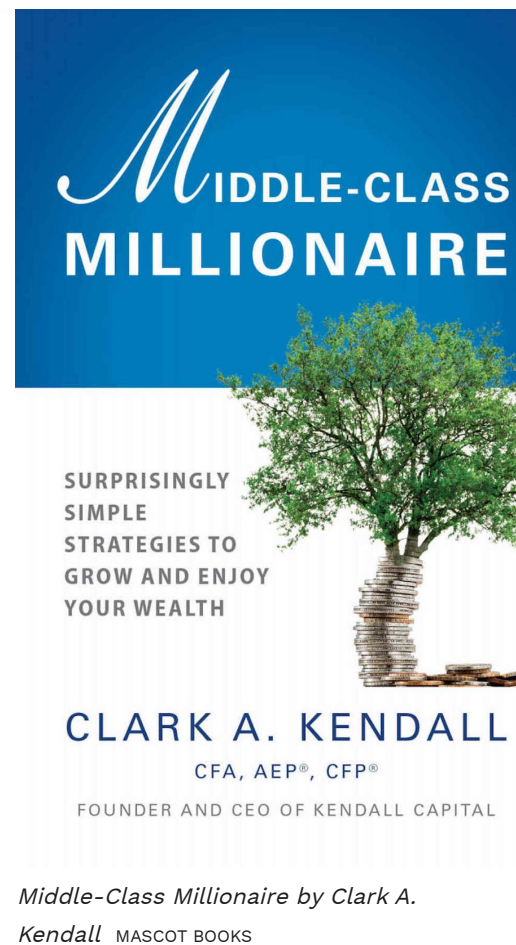
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***Middle-Class Millionaire: Surprisingly Simple Strategies to Grow and Enjoy Your Wealth* by Clark A. Kendall**

Plenty of people lament their lack of money. I know I've fallen into that trap before, assuming that without x amount of dollars, I was somehow languishing. Clark Kendall points out that many of us could reach millionaire or even multimillionaire status through a series of thoughtful, continuous actions. We just need to make the most of every dollar to grow our net wealth. I may never be one of the so-called "1%," but this book made me view middle- and upper-middle-class living in a new light.

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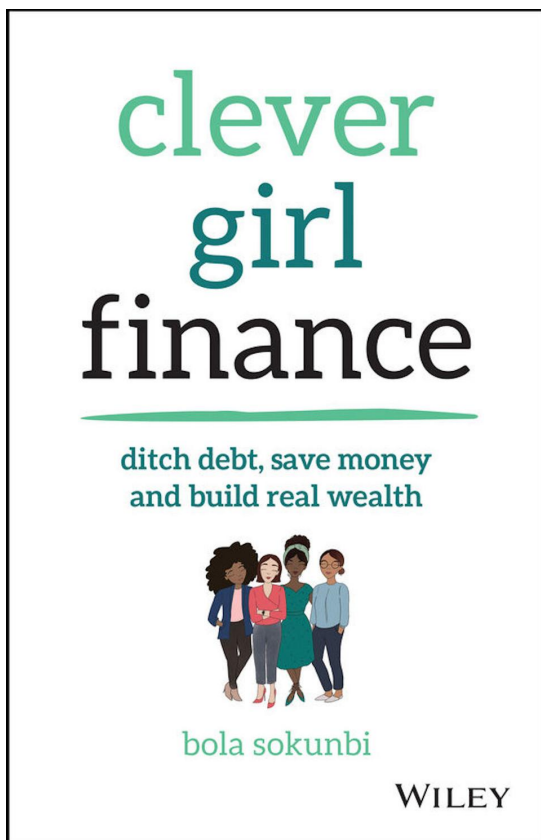
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***Clever Girl Finance: Ditch Debt, Save Money and Build Real Wealth* by Bola Sokunbi**

I like to learn through stories and anecdotes, and Bola Sokunbi dishes them up in *Clever Girl Finance*. She outlines not just money errors she's made, but the ways she and others have used innovative strategies to build nest eggs and stop feeling like their creditors' indentured servants. Despite the title, this work pertains to anyone who keeps making the same money mistakes and wants to get off the debt train. I was making mental notes throughout, and I intend to lean on some of Sokunbi's fiscal management strategies.

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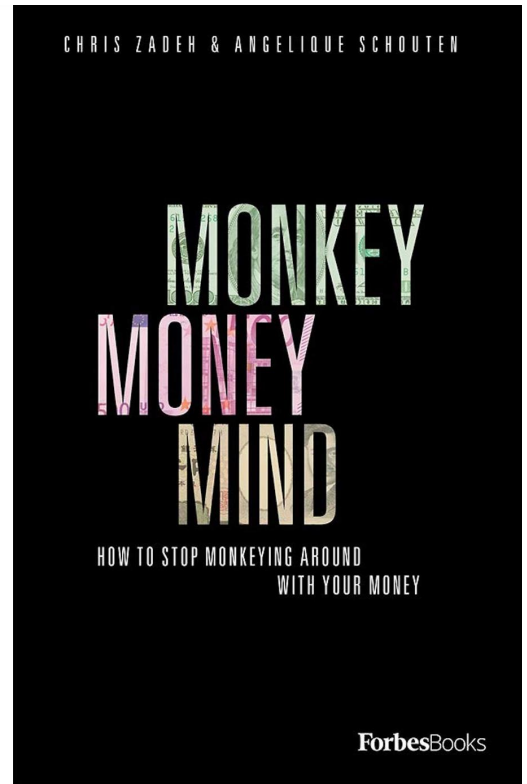
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***Monkey Money Mind: How To Stop Monkeying Around With Your Money* by Chris Zadeh and Angelique Schouten**

Money and strong feelings are often linked, which can lead to bad judgment calls and never-ending debt. Chris Zadeh and Angelique Schouten talk about the psychology behind money, revealing exactly why we make some poor financial decisions. I've been guilty of emotional spending, and I plan to refer to the lessons in *Monkey Money Mind* to curb my desire to make unnecessary purchases in the future. If you're spinning your wealth wheels and getting nowhere, you'll come away with important new skills by the end of this book.

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"I've been reading and writing about personal finance for fifteen years but still learned a ton from this book." —J. D. ROTH, creator of *Get Rich Slowly* and author of *Your Money*

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Kristy Shen and Bryce Leung

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Though I'm hardly ready to spend my days lounging on a tropical island, I appreciate learning real-world tips to make my dollars work. And these authors gave me tons of ideas. If you fantasize about worrying less about your bank account and devoting more energy realizing your goals, this book is a winner. Kristy Shen and Bryce Leung lay out logical strategies to reach retirement-level financial solvency, and they have

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acquisition techniques. (Spoiler alert: Shen retired in her early 30s.)

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