

Parent Resources

PROMOTE YOUR CHILD'S READING & MONEY SKILLS AT THE SAME TIME!

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Reading together is a great way for parents and children to enjoy time together that promotes children's reading skills and an understanding of money matters at the same time. Storybooks help children relate better to the ideas of earning, saving, spending, borrowing, and sharing money through the experiences and eyes of other fictional children.



Additionally, there are also many nonfiction books for parents providing guidance on allowances, chores, teaching kids how to save, earn, budget, and spend money. Nonfiction books for children and youth help them explore these concepts, as well as learn about investing and building their own businesses. Many of these books are entertaining, as well, as they include fun facts about money, including its history, how coins are made, protecting currency from counterfeiting, and more.

The books included in the list are divided into three categories: 1) children's storybooks whose themes center around at least one of four aspects of financial literacy (earning income, saving, spending money, and borrowing); 2) nonfiction books that children can read to learn more about money and how to earn, save, spend, and invest money; and, 3) parenting books.

If you can't find these books in your local library or bookstore, many can be cheaply ordered through the Internet. Amazon.com offers previews and reviews from actual readers that are helpful in determining whether a book will be useful to you. In addition, many books are available on the Internet in "new" condition at used prices

CHILDREN'S STORYBOOKS

Adams, Barbara Johnston. *The Go-Around Dollar*. Four Winds Press, 1982. (SPENDING)

The story of a dollar bill, found by two boys on their way home from school, and how it was used to pay for many things throughout the day as it went from owner to owner. (Ages 4-8)

Aesop. *The Ant and the Grasshopper*. Houghton Mifflin, 1991. (SAVING)

One of Aesop's classic fables which cleverly illustrates the moral of saving for the future.

Armitage, Ronda. *Harry Hates Shopping!* Cartwheel Books, 1993. (SPENDING)

Mother Koala takes charge when her two children argue during a shopping trip.

Axelrod, Amy. *Pigs Will Be Pigs: Fun with Math and Money*. Alladin Paperbacks, Simon & Schuster, 1997.

(SPENDING) Story of a family of pigs who used money found around the house to order food at a restaurant. (Ages 4-8)

Barbour, Karen. *Little Nino 's Pizzeria*. Harcourt Brace, 1990. (EARNING)

Tony likes to help his father at their family pizzeria restaurant, but things aren't the same when Little Nino's becomes a fancier place.

Berenstain, Stan and Jan. *The Berenstain Bear' Dollars and Sense*. Random House, 2001. (MONEY

MANAGEMENT) Papa Bear gets tired of the cubs asking for money all the time and decides its time to give them an allowance. At first, this doesn't work out so well because the cubs would spend every cent they got in allowance each week. Mama Bear comes up with an idea to help the cubs learn to manage their money better.

- Berenstain, Stan and Jan. *The Berenstain Bears Get the Screemies*. Random House, 1998. (SPENDING) The Berenstain cubs get the “screemies” at the shopping mall and Mama screams back.
- Berenstain, Stan and Jan. *The Berenstain Bears Get the Gimmees*. Random House, 1988. (SPENDING) Gran and Gramps help bother and sister cure their case of the “greedy gimmees” whenever they go shopping.
- Berenstain, Stan and Jan. *The Berenstain Bears Think of Those in Need*. Random House, 1999. (MONEY MANAGEMENT) The bear cubs have too much –toys, books, games and donate their extras to little bears in need.
- Berenstain, Stan and Jan. *Berenstain Bears’ Trouble with Money*. Random House, 1983. (MONEY MANAGEMENT) Brother and Sister Bear find ways to earn money for a video game. Along the way, they find the middle ground between being spendthrifts and little misers.
- Blutenthal, Diana Cain. *Matilda the Moocher*. Orchard Books, 1997. (BORROWING) Libby gets tired of Matilda “the Moocher,” a neighbor who frequently borrows Libby’s belongings and never repays the debts. Libby finally does something about it.
- Bond, Michael. *Paddington Bear and the Christmas Surprise*. HarperTrophy, 1999. (SAViNG) Paddington has saved just enough bun money to take the entire Brown family out to the store for a holiday adventure when everything seems to go wrong.
- Brimmer, Larry Dane. *Country Bear’s Good Neighbor*. Orchard Books, 1988. (BORROWING) Country Bear borrows all the ingredients to bake a cake, then shares it with his neighbor.
- Brittain, Bill. *All the Money in the World*. Harper Trophy, 1992. (SPENDING) Quentin wishes to have all the money in the world so he will not want for anything. When his wish comes true, it creates more bad than good.
- Brown, Marc Talon. *Arthur’s Pet Business*. Little Brown & Co., 1993. (EARNING) Arthur starts his own pet-sitting business to prove that he is responsible enough to have a pet of his own.
- Bulla, Clyde Roberts. *Shoeshine Girl*. Harper Trophy, 1975. (EARNING) Sara Ida is unhappy spending the summer with her aunt in part because Aunt Ida refuses to give her an allowance. So Sara Ida gets a job at a shoeshine stand and a summer of adventure ensues.
- Bunting, Eve. *A Day’s Work*. Houghton Mifflin Paperbacks, 1997. (BORROWING) Believing he should not borrow a day’s wages until a day’s work is done, a Mexican-American decides not to accept pay in advance of work to be performed, even though he is great need of money.
- Bunting, Eve. *Fly Away Home*. Clarion Books, 1991. (SAViNG) Andrew and his father, who work and live at the airport, save to afford an apartment.
- Burkett, Larry. *A Home for a Hamster*. Moody Press, 2000. (SAViNG) This is a story about saving for a pet.
- Chan, Jennifer L. *One Small Girl*. Polychrome Publishing Corp., 1993. (SPENDING) Although warned not to touch anything, Jennifer Lee manages to amuse herself in her grandmother’s Chinatown stores.
- Cosby, Bill. *Money Troubles*. Scholastic, 1998. (EARNING/GIVING) In this story by one of America’s most beloved TV dads, little Bill earns money to buy a telescope. On the way, he learns that others need money more than he does and he ends up donating his telescope money to a food drive for the poor.

- Day, Alexander. *Carl Goes Shopping*. Farrar Straus & Giroux, 1989. (SPENDING)
Carl, the dog, and a baby have lots of adventures while out on a shopping trip.
- Elliot, David. *The Cool Crazy Crickets to the Rescue!* Candlewick Press, 2001. (EARNING/SPENDING) Part of the Cool Crazy Crickets Club Series, this 4-chapter storybook finds its four members in search of opportunities to earn money. (Ages 5-8)
- Fyleman, Rose. *A Fairy Went A-Marketing*. E. P. Dutton, 1986. (BORROWING)
A fairy borrows from nature but always takes good care of what she borrows and returns it in the condition as when she borrowed it.
- Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Count Your Money with the Polk Street School*. Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group. (SAVING) As part of a lesson on learning to save, Ms. Rooney's class saves enough money to take a trip together. (Ages 4-8)
- Gill, Shelley and Tobola, Debroah. *The Big Buck Adventure*. Talewinds, 2000. (SPENDING)
With a dollar in her hand to spend, a little girl is overwhelmed by all the choices she has for spending it. Clever math problems, wonderful illustrations, and a fun verse make this a very engaging story for readers. (Ages 7-10)
- Glass, Julie. *A Dollar for Penny*. Random House, 2000. (MONEY FACTS/COUNTING/EARNING)
Penny learns about money values and how to count money with her lemonade stand. (Ages 4-6)
- Greenstein, Elaine. *Mattie ~ Hats Won't Wear That!* Knopf, 1997. (EARNING)
Mattie's hats are fed up with their creator's crazy designs, so they stage a rebellion to let Mattie know they want things plain and simple. When Mattie decides to let the hats decorate themselves, everyone is happy.
- Herman, Charlotte. *Max Malone Makes a Million*. Holt, 1991. (SPENDING/BORROWING)
After reading about how another boy made his fortune, Max plans his own road to riches.
- Hoban, Russell. *A Bargain for Frances*. Harper Row, 1970. (SAVING)
Frances has a savings goal and diligently saves her money. Problems ensue when her friend decides that she wants the same thing.
- Hudson, Cheryl Willis. *Gb Goes Shopping*. Just Us Books, 1999. (SPENDING)
Gb gets a bit overwhelmed making the rounds of stores, browsing and considering the many choices she has in buying a special birthday present for her friend.
- Inkpen, Mick. *The Great Pet Sale*. Orchard Books, 1998. (SPENDING)
A little boy visits a pet sale and must determine what pet he can afford to buy.
- Jeffers, Susan. *Brother Eagle, Sister Sty*. Dial Books for Young Readers, 1991. (BORROWING)
Chief Seattle's words emphasize the belief that American Indians that we only borrow from Mother Earth and must always take care of and give back or replace what we borrow in some way that helps to preserve our natural resources and Earth.
- Kehret, Peg. *The Richest Kids in Town*. Cobblehill Books, 1994. (EARNING/SAVING)
Two boys both have a savings goal and come up with a variety of different money-making schemes that don't work out as they plan.
- Kiinmel, Eric A. *Four Dollars and Fifty Cents*. Holiday House, 1993. (BORROWING)
A cowboy gets in trouble for borrowing from anyone who will lend him money.
- Konigsburg, E. L. *From the Mixed Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*. Aladdin Books, 1967. (SAVING)
Two girls make many economic decisions during their an adventure in which they stay at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

- Kunhardt, Edith. *Which One Would You Choose?* Greenwillow Books, 1989. (SPENDING)
An interactive story which encourages readers to help two children make decisions as they go through a day.
- Leedy, Loreen. *The Monster Money Book*. Holiday House, 1992. (MONEY MANAGEMENT)
The members of the Monster Club discuss money and how to manage it. (Ages 4-8)
- Lobel, Arnold and Anita. *On Market Street*. Mulberry Books, 1989. (SPENDING)
A child buys presents from A to Z in the shops along Market Street.
- MacCarone, Grace. *I Shop with My Daddy*. Cartwheel Books, 1998. (SPENDING)
Father and daughter enjoy a trip to the grocery store together.
- MacCarone, Grace. *Monster Money*. Scholastic, 1998. (SPENDING)
Four different levels of books are available under this title for pre-school children to grade 3. The story is about monsters who are consumers and more. (ages 4-8)
- Martchenko, Michael. *Something Good*. Firefly Books, 1990. (SPENDING)
“Something good” is exactly what three children want to put in their shopping cart. The trip turns into a wild adventure.
- Martin, David. *Piggy and Dad*. Millbrook Press, 2001. (SAVING/SPENDING)
An adorable pig named Charlie teaches very young children about the value of saving money. The story follows Charlie through a week in which he tries to decide how to spend his money, but in the end he saves his money to buy a special birthday present for his friend. The book includes a cardboard piggy bank. (Ages 4-6)
- Mayer, Mercer. *Just Shopping with Mom*. Western Publishing Co., 1989. (SPENDING)
Trouble brews on a shopping to the grocery store when two children want everything and mom doesn't. Everyone must make choices.
- Miller, William. *Rent Party Jazz*. Lee & Low, 2001. (EARNING MONEY)
The title of the book is based on the Depression era practice of staging “rent” parties with food, music, and fun to raise money to help neighbors pay rent. The story follows Sonny when his mother loses her job in New Orleans and has trouble paying the rent. Soimy persuades “Smilin’ Jack,” an itinerant trumpet player to be the music for a rent party. Neighbors pitch in with food and coins to share. Good messages about helping others and staying in school. (Ages 7-10)
- Mills, Lauren. *The Rag Coat*. Little, Brown & Company, 1991. (SAVING)
A mother saves scraps of fabric over the years to make her daughter a coat. The daughter wears it proudly, telling story with each scrap, despite classmates’ teasing.
- Mitchell, Margaret King. *Uncle Jed’s Barbershop*. Simon and Schuster, 1993. (SAVING)
Sarah Jane’s Uncle Jed, the only African-American barber in the county, overcomes great obstacles to achieve his dream owning his own barbershop.
- Newton-John, Olivia and Hurst, Brian Seth. *A Pig Tale*. Simon & Schuster, 1993. (SAVING)
A young pig is constantly embarrassed by his father’s need to save items for future use until one day when his father produces an amazing “flying balloon” with the items he saved.
- Olaleye, Isaac. *BikesforRent!* Orchard Books, 2001. (EARNING, BORROWING)
An engaging tale of Lateef, a Nigerian boy who works hard collecting firewood and mushrooms to earn enough money to rent a bike. The bike gets damaged while he is using it, so Lateef agrees to work for the bike owner to pay for damages. (Ages 4 to 8).
- Page, David. *The Lemonade War*. Willowisp Press, 1993. (SPENDING)
Pam and Julie open a lemonade stand to earn enough money to buy a video game, but a war begins when they argue about advertising.

Payne, Emmy. *Katy No-Pocket*. Houghton-Mifflin Company, 1972. (SPENDING)

Katy Kangaroo doesn't have a pocket like the other kangaroo mothers for carrying her baby. Katy follows the suggestion of an owl to go the city to find one. Her problem is solved with a carpenter's apron which has many pockets!

Polacco, Patricia. *Chicken Sunday*. Paper Star, 1998. (EARNING)

The author tells a story about how she and two friends dreamed up a brilliant plan to buy a special Easter hat for the friends' grandmother, a lady well known for her delicious chicken dinners.

Rawls, Wilson. *Where the Red Fern Grows*. Bantam Books, 1984. (EARNING)

Billy works and saves for two years to buy his own coon dogs. Billy and his dogs have many great adventures hunting and getting into mischief

Richards, Kitty. *Angelica ~ Awesome Adventure with Cynthia!* Simon Spotlight, 1999. (SPENDING)

In this Rug Rats story, Angelica wanders from the play area of a mall to go to the toy store to get a Cynthia doll condo.

Rockwell, Thomas. *How to Eat Fried Worms*. Dell, 1994. (SAVING)

Billy tries to earn money for a mini-bike by accepting a challenge to eat 15 worms in 15 days.

Russo, Marisbina. *When Mama Gets Home*. Greenwillow, 1998. (EARNING)

A working mother of three has a nice surprise waiting for her at home when her three kids surprise her with dinner That all three kids worked together to make.

Schlessinger, Laura. *But I Waaannt It!* HarperCollins Juvenile Books, 2000. (SPENDING)

Radio advice guru "Dr. Laura" wrote this story about Sammy and his mother who have gone shopping to buy a young cousin's birthday present, but Sammy spends the time whining for every stuffed animal in the store for himself.

Sheindlin, Judge Judy. *Win or Lose by How You Choose!* HarperCollins Juvenile Books, 2000. (SPENDING)

Popular TV Judge Judy asks children and their parents to come up with their own solutions to realistic moral dilemmas. Rather than forcing the "correct" answer on readers, Judge Judy provides four multiple choice answers to each situation and encourages families to discuss each answer before choosing.

Silverstein, Shel. *The Giving Tree*. HarperCollins Publishers, 1964. (EARNING)

This classic children's story of a tree that gives itself as a resource to a boy to satisfy his wants as he grows and changes throughout his entire life.

Silverstein, Shel. *Where the Sidewalk Ends*. HarperCollins Juvenile Books, 1974. (SPENDING)

Another children's' classic book which includes the poem, "Smart," about the decisions one boy makes about money.

Slater, Teddy. *Max ~ Money* Scholastic, 1998. (BORROWING)

Max runs into credit trouble when he wants to buy his mom a birthday present. No one will lend him money because he hasn't paid back money from the last time he borrowed some.

Stevenson, James. *Yard Sale*. Greenwillow Books, 1996. (SAVING)

This story tells of a yard sale where seemingly useless used items, such as a toothless comb and a clock with no hands, are bought by happy shoppers who find new ways to make use of the items.

Thatcher, Fran. *The Pick and Shop Marketplace*. Random House, 1996. (SPENDING)

Four stores unfold and pop out in amazing detail to form a fun, interactive shopping center.

Vaughan, Marcia. *Lemonade Stand*. Grosset & Dunlap, 1999. (EARNING)

Boomer the Bear and his friend, Mouse, set up a lemonade stand but have a hard time selling it and making money. They eventually drink all the lemonade themselves.

Viorst, Judith. *Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday*. Aladdin Books, Macmillan Publishing Company, 1980. (SPENDING)

A great book about a kid whose money burns a hole in his pocket and is left with nothing.

Voigt, Cynthia. *Dacey's Song*. Anthenuem, 1982. (SPENDING)

After a little girl's mother passes away, her grandmother gives her \$100 to spend on Christmas gifts. The girl finds it hard to make choices in spending the money.

Williams, Vera. *A Chair for My Mother*. Scholastic Books, 1982. (EARNING/SAVING)

A little girl and her mother save part of their income to replace a chair destroyed by a fire.

Williams, Vera. *Something Special for Me*. Mulberry Books, 1982. (SPENDING)

Rosa has a hard time deciding on what to buy with her birthday money. She has many things she wants but only enough money to buy one thing.

CHILDREN'S NONFICTION

Bagley, Katie. *Bank Tellers*. Bridgestone Books, 2001. (SAVING, COUNTING MONEY)

This book, part of a series on careers, explains what bank tellers do, where they work, and the skills they need, and the service they provide to the community. A hands-on money activity is included with instructions that reinforces addition and counting skills. (Ages 8 and up)

Bagley, Katie. *Cashiers*. Bridgestone Books, 2001. (EARNING, MONEY FACTS)

Part of a career series, this book teaches children about the duties and equipment of cashiers. Like each title in this "Community Helpers" series, this book includes a hands-on activity to help children better understand the information. The activity in this book involves children setting up a lemonade stand. (Ages 6-10)

Bateman, Katherine. *The Young Investor*. Chicago Review Press, 2001. (INVESTING)

A handbook that teaches children about interest earnings, savings and loan/bank investments, and stocks. Helpful activities reinforce the lessons. (Ages 12 and up)

Berg, Adriane G. and Bochner, Arthur Berg. *The Totally Awesome Business Book for Kids: Twenty Super Businesses You Can Start Right Now!* Newmarket Press, 1993. (BUSINESS/MONEY MANAGEMENT)

Co-authored by an 11-year old boy and his mother, this is a fun, fact-filled book for 10 to 17-year olds with quizzes, cartoons, stories, and all the information a young person needs to know about starting a business.

Berg, Adriane G. and Bochner, Arthur Berg. *The Total/v Awesome Money Book for Kids*. Newmarket Press, 1993. (MONEY MANAGEMENT)

Co-authored by an 11-year old boy and his mother, this is a fun book for kids with cartoons, games, riddles, quizzes, and stories that help kids learn the basics of money management.

Bergen, Laura. *Funny Money*. Price Stern Sloan, 1999. (EARNING)

With 200 stickers, cut-out paper "dollars," and lots of fun facts, this book will introduce money to kids in a hand-on way. (ages 4-8)

Burkett, Larry and Temple, Todd. *Money Matters for Teens Workbook: Ages 15-18*.

Burkett, Larry and Temple, Todd. *Money Matters for Teens Workbook: Ages 11-14*.

Burkett, Larry. *Money Planner for Kids*. Chariot Victor Publications, 2001. (MONEY MANAGEMENT) Part of Larry Burkett's Pocket Change series on money management.

Cooper, Jason. *Money Power Discovery Series*. Rourke, 2002. (MONEY FACTS).

This book series includes six titles: *Money Through the Ages*, *Around the World with Money*, *American Coins and Bills*, *How Coins and Bills are Made*, *Keeping Money Safe*, and *Paving Without Money*. (Ages 5-8)

Cordes, Betty and Ron, and Lafontaine, Gary. *Pocket Guide to Safe Babysitting*. Northern Lights Publishing, 1995. (EARNING)

A useful guide for babysitting teens and adults. (Ages 13 and up)

Gardner, David and Tom. *The Motley Fool Investment Guide For Teens: 8 Steps to Having More Money Than Your Parents Ever Dreamed Of* Fireside, 2002. (INVESTMENT/MONEY MANAGEMENT)

A guide for teens on investing and growing money. (Ages 13 and up)

Godfrey, Neale S. *Ultimate Kids' Money Book*. Simon and Schuster, 1998. (MONEY MANAGEMENT) Renowned financial expert, Neale Godfrey, reveals everything kids need to know about money, including how to earn, spend, and save it; the history of money; currencies around the world; credit, checks, and e-banking. Lots of engaging text, illustrations, photographs, charts and diagrams that help young readers relate to the topic of money.

Guthrie, Donna and Stiles, Jan. *Real World Math: Money & Other Numbers in Your Life*. Millbrook Press, 1998. (MONEY

MANAGEMENT) (Ages 10 and up)

Hollis Page Harman. *Money Sense for Kids*. Barron's Educational Series, 1999. (MONEY MANAGEMENT) This book offers the "complete story of money" where it comes from, how to invest it, how to open a bank account and use ATM cards, how to write checks and keep track of money. Lots of games, puzzles and even some interesting history lessons on money.

Humboldt, Karin. *Financial Planning for Teenagers*. Reynolds Publishing, 1998. (MONEY MANAGEMENT) (Ages 13 and up)

Julio, Susan. *Consumer Math. Activities to Teach Counting, Saving, Shopping, and Banking, Grades K-3*. Carson-Dellosa Publishing Company, Inc., 1998. (SAVING/SPENDING)

An excellent activity book for children to learn about earning, spending, and saving money.

Karlitz, Gail. *Growing Money: A Complete and Completely Updated Investing Guide for Kids*. Price Stern Sloan/Penguin Putnam Books for Young Readers, 2001 (INVESTING)

This book explains how to make money grow through the stock market for kids as young as 8. (Ages 8 and up)

Liebowitz, Jay. *Wall Street Wizard: Sound Ideas from a Savvy Teen Investor*. Simon & Schuster for Young Readers, 2001. (INVESTING)

This teenage author gives his step-by-step approach to investing with a well-written book that puts information in the hands of potential young investors with simple, easy-to-understand language. (Ages 13-18)

Maestro, Betsy. *The Story of Money*. Clarion/Mulberry, 1995. (MONEY FACTS)

This book traces history of money from early civilization person-to-person barter to our increasingly cashless society with machine-to-machine money transfers. (Ages 4 and up)

Mariotti, Steve, DeSalvo, Debra, and Towle, Tony. *The Young Entrepreneur's Guide to Starting and Running a Business*. Three Rivers Press, 1996. (EARNING/MONEY MANAGEMENT)

A great guide for older children and up on how to start and run a business. From the International Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship. Recommended reading from Junior Achievement.

Mayr, Diane. *The Everything Kids' Money Book: From Saving to Spending to Investing Learn All About Money* Adams Media Corporation, 2000. (MONEY MANAGEMENT)

A great money management book for kids, it is a fun educational book about money, too. It includes a lot of fun facts, word origins, words to know, fun money activities, as well as book and web-site references for more in-depth information on a topic.

McAleese, Tama. *Money: How to Get It, Keep It, Make It Grow*. Millbrook Press, 1998. (MONEY MANAGEMENT)
Age 10 and up)

McLuskey. *Entrepreneurs*. Crabtree Publishing, 1999. (EARNING)
This book chronicles the achievements of six successful women entrepreneurs.

Merrill, Jean. *The Toothpaste Millionaire*. Houghton Mifflin, 1999. (EARNING)
This is the story of a sixth-grader who develops and markets his own toothpaste.

Mitchell, Barbara. *A Pocketful of Goobers: A Story About George Washington Carver*. Lerner Publishing, 1989.
(EARNING)
This biography summarizes the scientific work of George Washington Carver, including his more than 300 uses for peanuts.

Mitchell, Barbara. *Shoes for Everyone: A Story About Jan Matzeliger*. Carolrhoda Books, 1988. (EARNING)
Jan Matzeliger invented a machine that made the production of shoes faster and cheaper so that everyone could afford to own and wear comfortable shoes.

Morgan, Rowland. *How to Make A Million*. Franklin Watts, 2001. (MONEY FACTS)
The history of money and how it came to be of value is the main focus of this book. The author also provides a humorous look at legal and illegal ways of becoming a millionaire. A good selection for children with an interest in capitalism and wealth in general. (Ages 9 -13)

New Moon. *New Moon Money: How to Get It, Spend It, and Save It*. Crown Books for Young Readers, 2000.
A book written by nine girls (ages 10-14) that helps other girls understand money. Includes ideas for making money and biographical pieces on successful businesswomen.

Northrup, Mary. *American Computer Pioneers*. Enslow Publishers, 1998. (EARNING)
Ten brief biographies of people who revolutionized technology in the 20th century.

Offinowski, Steve. *The Kid's Guide to Money: Earning It, Saving It, Spending It, Growing It, & Sharing It*. Scholastic, 1996.
(MONEY MANAGEMENT)
A practical guide for kids who want to be smart earners, savers, and consumers, including how to start a business, budgeting and spending money, being a smart consumer, saving money, banks, philanthropy, loans and credit, investments, and a variety of helpful indexes.

Roper, Ingrid. *Money Makers: Good Cents for Girls*. Pleasant Company, 1998. (EARNING) A great book full of entrepreneurial ideas for children.

St. Pierre, Stephanie. *The Story of Jim Henson, Creator of the Muppets*. Gareth Stevens, 1997. (EARNING)
Story of Jim Henson and how he used his interests, talents and entrepreneurial spirit to create the Muppets and a remarkably successful business.

Schwartz, David. *If You Made a Million*. Scholastic, 1989. (MONEY MANAGEMENT)
This book poses the question about what could be done with a million dollars. Covers concepts of earning income, saving and spending money.

Schwartz, David M. *If You Made a Million*. Mulberry Books, 1994. (EARNING/SAVING)
Marevelosissimo the Mathematical Magician helps children understand finances, including how to earn and invest money, showing how dividends and interest work, and much more.

- Scans, Michael J. *Allowance Kit, Junior! A Money System for Little Kids*. Summit Financial Products, 1997. (MONEY MANAGEMENT)
Winner of Parents Choice Award and the Most Innovative Product of the Year award, this book and tape bridges an information gap that exists in teaching young children the basic principles of money and finance.
- Shelley, Susan. *Complete Idiot's Guide to Money for Teens*. Alpha Books, 2001. (MONEY MANAGEMENT) (Ages 13 and up)
- Spies, Karen B. *Our Money*. Millbrook, 2001. (MONEY FACTS)
This book covers the history of money in America, explains how coins and currency are made, circulated, and sometime counterfeited. (Ages 7-12)
- Talbot, Jim. *Coin County: A Bank in a Book*. Innovative Kids, 1999. (COUNTING/MONEY VALUES)
A counting and saving books that includes slots to save more than \$20 in coins while building early math skills. (Ages 4-8)
- Temple, Todd. *Money: How to Make It, Spend It, and Keep Lots of It*. (MONEY MANAGEMENT) (Ages 13 and up)
- Vallee, Danielle. *Whiz Teens in Business: Enjoy Yourself While Making Money! A Simple and Complete Guide for Teenagers to Starting and Managing Their Small Business*. (MONEY MANAGEMENT) Truman Publishing, 1999. (Ages 13 and up)
- Weil, Lisi. *Let's Go to the Library*. Holiday House, 1990. (BORROWING) A factual introduction to libraries and borrowing books.
- Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *The First Four Years*. Harper Trophy, 1973. (EARNING)
In this book, one of a series on which TV's Little House on the Prairie was based, Laura marnes Almanzo and they begin their lives as farmers. With the drought, hailstorms, blizzards, and snow, their little farm faces many economic difficulties.
- Williams, Rozanne Lanczak. *The Coin Counting Book*. Charlesbridge Publishing, 2001. (MONEY FACTS/COUNTING) This book, which is written in rhyme, introduces simple math to children, identifies different coins and encourages counting. (Ages 4-8)
- Wood, Heather. *101 Marvelous Money Making Ideas for Kids*. Tom Doherty Associates Books, 1995
One of many great books that help kids earns money through jobs or their own business. Lots of great ideas and tips for kids to learn to succeed in business!
- Zakarin, Debra Mostow. *The Ultimate Babysitter's Handbook: So You Want to Make Tons of Money*. Reed Business, 1997.
Last chapter includes other money-making ideas.

PARENTING BOOKS

- Albertson, J. Raymond. *Money-Savvy Kids: Parent Penny- Wise Kids in a Money-Hungry World*. Water brooks Press, 2002. A Director for Campus Crusade for Christ, Albertson discusses his experiences in teaching his own children (now Grown) how to give generously, save and spend wisely.
- Bodnar, Janet. *Dollars and Sense for Kids: What They Need to Know and How to Tell Them*. Kiplinger Books, 1999.
Kiplinger's "Dr. Tightwad" discusses how to teach kids about money.
- Blue, Ron and Judy. *Raising Money-Smart Kids: How to Teach Your Children the Secrets of Earning, Savings, Investing, and Spending Wisely*. Thomas Nelson, 1992.
- Bodnar, Janet. *Dr. Tightwad's Money-smart Kids*. Times Books, 1997.
"Dr. Tightwad" shows parents how to turn their kids into super saves, savvy shoppers, and cautious users of credit--and even have fun doing it.

- Bodnar, Janet. *Mom, Can I have That? Dr. Tightwad Answers Your Kids' Questions About Money*. Kiplinger Books, 1996.
This book tackles all those questions that kids ask frequently about money, including “Are we poor? Can I have a raise in my allowance? Why is a dime smaller than a nickel if it’s worth more? Will you pay for my lost library book? Why can’t I have one, everyone else does?”
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