

## Financing The American Dream: A Cultural History Of Consumer Credit (Princeton Paperbacks)

Small businesses are the backbone of the U.S. economy. They are the biggest job creators and offer a path to the American Dream. But for many, it is difficult to get the capital they need to operate and succeed. In the Great Recession, access to capital for small businesses froze, and in the aftermath, many community banks shuttered their doors and other lenders that had weathered the storm turned to more profitable avenues. For years after the financial crisis, the outlook for many small businesses was bleak. But then a new dawn of financial technology, or “fintech,” emerged. Beginning in 2010, new fintech entrepreneurs recognized the gaps in the small business lending market and revolutionized the customer experience for small business owners. Instead of Xeroxing a pile of paperwork and waiting weeks for an answer, small businesses filled out applications online and heard back within hours, sometimes even minutes. Banks scrambled to catch up. Technology companies like Amazon, PayPal, and Square entered the market, and new possibilities for even more transformative products and services began to appear. In *Fintech, Small Business & the American Dream*, former U.S. Small Business Administrator and Senior Fellow at Harvard

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Business School, Karen G. Mills, focuses on the needs of small businesses for capital and how technology will transform the small business lending market. This is a market that has been plagued by frictions: it is hard for a lender to figure out which small businesses are creditworthy, and borrowers often don't know how much money or what kind of loan they need. New streams of data have the power to illuminate the opaque nature of a small business's finances, making it easier for them to weather bumpy cash flows and providing more transparency to potential lenders. Mills charts how fintech has changed and will continue to change small business lending, and how financial innovation and wise regulation can restore a path to the American Dream. An ambitious book grappling with the broad significance of small business to the economy, the historical role of credit markets, the dynamics of innovation cycles, and the policy implications for regulation, *Fintech, Small Business & the American Dream* is relevant to bankers, fintech investors, and regulators; in fact, to anyone who is interested in the future of small business in America.

*The American Dream and the Public Schools* examines issues that have excited and divided Americans for years, including desegregation, school funding, testing, vouchers, bilingual education, and ability grouping. While these are all separate problems, much of the contention over them comes

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down to the same thing--an apparent conflict between policies designed to promote each student's ability to succeed and those designed to insure the good of all students or the nation as a whole. The authors show how policies to promote individual success too often benefit only those already privileged by race or class, and often conflict with policies that are intended to benefit everyone. They propose a framework that builds on our nation's rapidly changing population in order to help Americans get past acrimonious debates about schooling. Their goal is to make public education work better so that all children can succeed.

Can you still achieve the American Dream? You don't have a pension. Social Security and Medicare may not be there when you need it. You pay much more for housing, even adjusted for inflation, than your parents ever did. College education prices have skyrocketed. You may have gone to a good school; you may make good money (even saved some of it) but this is not the life you imagined. You are stressed, you are too "busy," and most days, you feel really tired. What happened to your big dreams? Blending his career in finance and background in politics, Jason Howell has outlined 7 financial strategies to help you reclaim your American Dream. Joy of Financial Planning shows this generation how to overcome the challenges of a highly competitive, politicized economy. The good news is you can still make an

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impact on a world desperately in need of your financial success.

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Rebooting the American Dream

Life After the American Dream

Creative Solutions and Secrets for Buying, Selling and Saving Your Home!

11 Ways to Rebuild Our Country

My First Home

The American Dream is Keeping You Broke

Pious Property

*The transformations of the Strip—from the fake Wild West to neon signs twenty stories high to “starchitecture”—and how they mirror America itself. The Las Vegas Strip has impersonated the Wild West, with saloon doors and wagon wheels; it has decked itself out in midcentury modern sleekness. It has illuminated itself with twenty-story-high neon signs, then junked them. After that came Disney-like theme parks featuring castles and pirates, followed by replicas of Venetian canals, New York skyscrapers, and the*

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*Eiffel Tower. (It might be noted that forty-two million people visited Las Vegas in 2015—ten million more than visited the real Paris.) More recently, the Strip decided to get classy, with casinos designed by famous architects and zillion-dollar collections of art. Las Vegas became the “implosion capital of the world” as developers, driven by competition, got rid of the old to make way for the new—offering a non-metaphorical definition of “creative destruction.” In The Strip, Stefan Al examines the many transformations of the Las Vegas Strip, arguing that they mirror transformations in America itself. The Strip is not, as popularly supposed, a display of architectural freaks but representative of architectural trends and a record of social, cultural, and economic change. Al tells two parallel stories. He describes the feverish competition of Las Vegas developers to build the snazziest, most tourist-grabbing casinos and resorts—with a cast of characters including the mobster Bugsy Siegel, the eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes, and the would-be political kingmaker Sheldon*

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*Adelson. And he views the Strip in a larger social context, showing that it has not only reflected trends but also magnified them and sometimes even initiated them. Generously illustrated with stunning color images throughout, The Strip traces the many metamorphoses of a city that offers a vivid projection of the American dream.*

*“If we are going to live in a democracy, we need to have a healthy middle class . . . tells us what needs to be done to reclaim what it is to be American.” –Eric Utne, founder, Utne Reader* America does not need an “upgrade.” For years the Right has been tampering with one of the best political operating systems ever designed. The result has been economic and environmental disaster. In this hard-hitting book, nationally syndicated radio and television host and bestselling author Thom Hartmann outlines eleven common-sense proposals, deeply rooted in America’s history, that will once again make America strong and Americans—not corporations and billionaires—prosperous. Some of these ideas will be controversial to both the Left and the Right,

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*but the litmus test for each is not political correctness—but whether or not it serves to revitalize this country we all love and make life better for its citizens. Set yourself up for life as early as possible, and enjoy life on your terms By layering philosophy with practical knowledge, Set for Life gives young professionals the fiscal confidence they need to conquer financial goals early in life. Are you tied to a nine-to-five workweek? Would you like to "retire" from wage-paying work within ten years? Are you in your 20s or 30s and would like to be financially free?the sort of free that ensures you spend the best part of your day and week, and the best years of your life, doing what you want? Building wealth is always possible, even while working full-time, earning a median income, and making up for a negative net worth. Accumulating a lifetime of wealth in a short period of time involves working harder and smarter than the average person, and Scott Trench--investor, entrepreneur, and CEO of BiggerPockets.com--demonstrates how to do just that. Even starting with zero savings, he*

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*demonstrates how to work your way to five figures, then to six figures, and finally to the ultimate goal of financial freedom. Wealth isn't just about a nest egg, setting aside money for a "rainy day" or accumulating an emergency fund. True wealth is about building out a Financial Runway?creating enough readily accessible wealth that you can survive without work for a year. Then five years. Then for life. Readers will learn how to: Save more income--50+ percent of it, while still having fun Double or triple your income in three to five years Track your financial progress in order to achieve the greatest results Build frugal and efficient habits to make the most of your lifestyle Secure "real" assets and avoid "false" ones that destroy wealth Americans are voting with their feet to abandon strip malls and suburban sprawl, embracing instead a new type of community where they can live, work, shop, and play within easy walking distance. In The Option of Urbanism visionary developer and strategist Christopher B. Leinberger explains why government policies have tilted the playing field toward*

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*one form of development over the last sixty years: the drivable suburb. Rooted in the driving forces of the economy—car manufacturing and the oil industry—this type of growth has fostered the decline of community, contributed to urban decay, increased greenhouse gas emissions, and contributed to the rise in obesity and asthma. Highlighting both the challenges and the opportunities for this type of development, The Option of Urbanism shows how the American Dream is shifting to include cities as well as suburbs and how the financial and real estate communities need to respond to build communities that are more environmentally, socially, and financially sustainable.*

*How to Secure a Safe Mortgage, Protect Your Home, and Improve Your Financial Future*

*Dominate Life, Money and the American Dream*

*7 Strategies for Transforming Your Finances and Reclaiming Your American Dream*

*How Technology Is Transforming Lending and Shaping a New Era of Small Business Opportunity*

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***Main Street's Last Stand***

***Who Stole the American Dream?***

***Joy of Financial Planning***

Despite the overwhelming evidence against them, many people still believe they can overcome economic and racial constraints placed upon them at birth. In the first edition, Heather Beth Johnson explored this belief in the American Dream with over 200 in-depth interviews with black and white families, highlighting the ever-increasing racial wealth gap and the actual inequality in opportunity. This second edition has been updated to make it fully relevant to today's reader, with new data and illustrative examples, including twenty new interviews. Johnson asks not just what parents are told about inequality and the American Dream, but to what extent children believe in the American Dream and how they explain, justify, and understand the stratification of American society. This book is an ideal addition to courses on race and inequality.

Brave, clear-eyed, and passionate, *Stakes Is High* is the book we need to guide us past crisis and through an uncertain future. The events of the past decade have forced us to reckon with who we are and who we want to be. We have been invested in a set of beliefs about our American identity: exceptionalism, the inevitable rightness of our path, the promise that hard work and determination will carry us to freedom. But in *Stakes Is High*, Mychal Denzel Smith confronts the shortcomings of our stories -- and with the American Dream itself -- and calls on us to live up to the principles we profess but fail to realize. In a series of incisive essays, Smith exposes the stark contradictions at the heart of the American life, holding all of us, individually and as a nation, to account. We've gotten used to the status quo, but the fissures and casual violence of institutional oppression are ever-present. There

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that is not as grim as our past. In this profound work, Smith helps us envision it with care, his imagination.

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Pulitzer Prize winner Hedrick Smith's new book is an extraordinary achievement, an eye-opening account of how, over the past four decades, the American Dream has been dismantled and we have become two Americas. In his bestselling *The Russians*, Smith took millions of readers inside the Soviet Union. In *The Power Game*, he took us inside Washington's corridors of power. Now Smith takes us across America to show how seismic changes, sparked by a sequence of landmark political and economic decisions, have transformed America. As only a veteran reporter can, Smith fits the puzzle together, starting with Lewis Powell's provocative memo that triggered a political rebellion that dramatically altered the landscape of power from then until today. This is a book full of surprises and revelations: the accidental beginnings of the 401(k) plan, with disastrous economic consequences for many; the policy changes that began under Jimmy Carter; how the New Economy disrupted America's era of shared prosperity, the "virtuous circle" of growth, and how America lost the title of "Land of Opportunity." Smith documents the transfer of \$6 trillion in middle-class wealth from homeowners to banks even before the housing boom went bust, and how the U.S. policy tilt favoring the rich has slowed America's economic growth. This book is essential reading for all of us who want to understand America today, or why average Americans are struggling to keep afloat. Smith reveals how pivotal events and policies were altered while the public wasn't looking, how Congress often ignores public opinion, why moderate politicians got shoved to the sidelines, and how Wall Street often wins political battles by hiring over 1,400 former government officials as lobbyists. Smith talks to a wide range of people

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the stories of Americans high and low. From political leaders such as Bill Clinton, Newt Gingrich, and Martin Luther King, Jr., to CEOs such as Al Dunlap, Bob Galvin, and Andy Grove, to heartland Midwestern Americans such as airline mechanic Pat O'Neill, software systems manager Kristine Serrano, small-businessman John Terboss, and subcontractor Eliseo Guardado, Smith puts a human face on how the middle-class America and the American Dream have been undermined. This magnificent work of history and reportage is filled with the penetrating insights, provocative discoveries, and the great energy of a master journalist. Finally, Smith offers ideas for restoring America's great promise and reclaiming the American Dream. Praise for *Who Stole the American Dream?* "[A] sweeping, authoritative examination of the last four decades of the American economic experience."—The Huffington Post "Some of the best work has been done in explaining the mess we're in. . . . But no book goes to the headwaters with the precision, detail and accessibility of Smith."—The Seattle Times "Sweeping in scope . . . [Smith] offers some steps that could alleviate the problems of the United States."—USA Today "Brilliant . . . [Smith] offers a remarkably comprehensive and coherent analysis of and prescriptions for America's contemporary economic malaise."—Kirkus Reviews (starred review) "Smith enlivens his narrative with portraits of people caught up in events, humanizing complex subjects often rendered sterile in economic analysis. The human face of the story is inseparable from the history."—Reuters

10 Entrepreneurial Success Strategies

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Best Practices in Affordable Homeownership Lending

The 10 Principles of Concentration of Wealth & Power

A History of Mortgage Banking in the West

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### Auctioning the American Dream

The American dream is fading: for nearly two decades, the economy has been performing below par, the quality of life has deteriorated, and the government has not confronted the public problems that concern citizens most. In this provocative book, Alice Rivlin offers a straightforward, nontechnical look at the issues threatening the American dream and proposes a solution: restructure responsibilities between the federal and state government. Under her plan, the federal government would eliminate most of its programs in education, housing, highways, social services, economic development, and job training, enabling it to move the federal budget from deficit toward surplus. States would pick up these responsibilities, carrying out a "productivity agenda" to revitalize the American economy. Common shared taxes would give the state adequate revenues to carry out their tasks and would reduce intrastate competition and disparities. The federal government would be freer to deal with increasingly complex international issues and would retain responsibility for programs requiring national uniformity. A primary federal job would be the reform of health care financing to ensure control of costs and to mandate basic insurance coverage for everyone. Published in the summer of 1992, *Reviving the American Dream* was read by presidential candidate Bill Clinton; by year's end, President Clinton appointed its

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author, Alice Rivlin, as deputy budget director. Today, the ideal in Rivlin's book—and Rivlin herself—are having an impact inside the administration.

Selected as one of Choice magazine's Outstanding Books of 1993

In today's tighten lending environment many people believe that their hopes and dreams of home ownership must be deferred or forgotten. It seems as if the doors to obtaining mortgage financing have been locked shut. But with the right keys you can open any door, that's why *You Can Achieve The American Dream...With the Right Keys* is a must read for anyone wanting to purchase a home, become a real estate investor, refinance their current home or modify the terms of their mortgage to avoid foreclosure or to simply lower their monthly mortgage payment. Are you one of the millions of people who have put your dream of buying a home on hold due to the belief that mortgage lenders are not approving anyone, unless they have a 700 plus credit score? Do you need to refinance your home to a lower interest rate or before your adjustable rate mortgage increases, but you feel that the value of your home may have decreased? Or is your family one of the millions of families that are struggling to pay their mortgage or ever several months behind on your mortgage, and you're wondering what can you do to avoid foreclosure and save your home? Wonder and search no more, the keys to getting your mortgage company to say yes, are

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in your hands. Over the past 20 years James Rivers has assisted in making the dreams of thousands of families a reality. His clients range from families on fixed incomes who needed a mortgage to purchase a \$40,000 home to professional athletes and entertainers in need of financing to purchase multi-million dollar homes. James often recounts assisting one of his first families with buying their very first home. It was the home that the family had driven by and dreamed of one day owning. Their dream came true. Although, the economic climate and the mortgage industry has changed over the years, James Rivers' passion for helping people obtain the mortgage financing that best fits their needs has not. In his book *You Can Achieve The American Dream...With The Right Keys* he shares his wealth of knowledge and insight in a very straight forward and honest approach. His book provides a clear step-by-step road map to anyone wanting to purchase a home, become a real estate investor, refinance their current home, or modify the terms of their mortgage to avoid foreclosure or to simply reduce their monthly mortgage payment. To find out more visit his website [www.Achieve-The-American-Dream.com](http://www.Achieve-The-American-Dream.com)

Conventional financial mindsets are failing too many people. We save, invest, and borrow the way Wall Street, banks, and the financial media tell us, but we are left unprepared for market losses, financial hardships, and retirement. The

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rules of money and financial well-being have changed, and those who follow them are achieving staggering results. In *Heads I Win, Tails You Lose*, CEO and financial strategist Patrick Donohoe shows you how to embrace a new way of thinking, sharing with you financial secrets used by the wealthy to navigate the rapidly changing economy as well as financial options to help you win no matter what and reach the true American Dream: financial freedom. Discover a new method of managing your money outside of Wall Street using private mutual insurance companies who are redefining themselves as the heroic steward of American savings to prosper a new generation of wealth-building tools and techniques. With this book, you will learn the financial strategies that typical advisors, typical financial planners, and the financial media don't dare give--advice that will empower you to take back your financial future, exit the rat race, and live a life you love.

Ken Koenen is a California attorney with a Masters Degree in Tax Law, who has spent the last five years on cases involving people who either were victims of, or in some cases, followed the crowd who abused the loan programs that were partially to blame of today's economic crisis. Ken's background and practice is in real estate, mortgage and taxation and he has consulted with hundreds of people about the tax and legal ramifications of foreclosures, short sales and possible

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bankruptcy. He will provide some insight into the future of real estate and how to hopefully learn meaningful lessons from this disaster.

Saving Your American Dream

Turning the American Dream Into a Nightmare

Requiem for the American Dream

The American Dream Pursued by Other Means

Reclaiming the American Dream

Financing Housing Cooperatives

**Part economic history, part public history, A History of Mortgage Banking in the West is an insider's account of how the mortgage banking sector worked over the last 150 years, including analysis of the causes of the 2007 mortgage crisis. Beginning with the land and railroad development acts that encouraged settlement in the west, E. Michael Rosser and Diane M. Sanders trace the laws, institutions, and individuals that contributed to the economic growth of the region. Using Colorado and the west as a case study for the nation's economic and property development as a whole since the late nineteenth century, Rosser and Sanders explain how farm mortgages and agricultural lending steadily gave way to urban**

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**development and housing mortgages, all while the large mortgage and investment firms financed the development of some of the state's most important water resources and railroad networks. Rosser uses his personal experience as a lifelong practitioner and educator of mortgage banking, along with a plethora of primary sources, academic archives, and industry publications, to analyze the causes of economic booms and busts as they relate to real estate and development. Rosser's professional acumen combined with Sanders's research experience makes A History of Mortgage Banking in the West a rich and nuanced account of the region's most significant economic events. It will be an important work for scholars and practitioners in regional and financial history, mortgage market practice and development, government housing and mortgage policy, and financial stability and of great significance to anyone curious about the role of the federal government in national housing policy and the inherent risk in mortgages.**

**Examines the universal phenomenon of cost-sharing in higher education -- where financial responsibility shifts from governments and taxpayers to students and families. Growing costs for education far outpace public revenue streams that once supported it. Even with financial aid and scholarships defraying some of these costs, students are responsible for a**

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**greater share of the cost of higher education. Shows how economically diverse countries all face similar cost-sharing challenges. While cost-sharing is both politically and ideologically debated, it is imperative to implement it for the financial health of colleges and universities From publisher description.**

**Winner of the Bruss Real Estate Book Award His assignment was to write about a real-estate frenzy lighting up the Redneck Riviera. So Ryan Dezember settled in and bought a home nearby himself. Then the market crashed, and he became one of the millions of Americans who suddenly owed more on their homes than they were worth. A flood of foreclosures made it impossible to sell. It didn't help that his quaint neighborhood fell into disrepair and drug-induced despair. He had no choice but to become a reluctant and wildly unprofitable landlord to move on. Meanwhile, his reporting showed how the speculative mania that caused the crash opened the U.S. housing market to a much larger breed of investors. In this deeply personal story, Dezember shows how decisions on Wall Street and in Washington played out on his street in a corner of the Sunbelt that was convulsed by the foreclosure crisis. Readers will witness the housing market collapse from Dezember's perch as a newspaper reporter. First he's in the boom-to-bust South where a hot-air balloonist named Bob Shallow**

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**becomes one of the world's top selling real-estate agents arranging condo flips, developers flop in spectacular fashion and the law catches up with a beach-town mayor on the take. Later he's in New York, among financiers like Blackstone's Stephen Schwarzman who are building rental empires out of foreclosures, staking claim to the bastion of middle-class wealth: the single-family home. Through it all, Dezember is an underwater homeowner caught up in the mess. A cautionary tale of Wall Street's push to turn homes into assets, Underwater is a powerful, incisive story that chronicles the crash and its aftermath from a fresh perspective—the forgotten, middle-class homeowner.**

**Are you worried about your mortgage, or facing foreclosure? Starting over after losing your home? Buying a home or looking to refinance, and just don't know where to start? In Saving Your American Dream, industry veteran Jason Biro shows you step-by-step how to make it through these tough economic times—without sacrificing the American dream of homeownership. Find out: What happened during the housing and lending crash, and what it means for you How to prevent foreclosure (even if it's already in progress), and how to recover financially if you can't How lending works, what lending and mortgage terms really mean—and what you can do right now to increase your chances of qualifying for an**

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**Real Estate the American Dream? Or Nightmare?**

**Building Personal Cash Flow and Net Worth**

**The Strip**

**Heads I Win, Tails You Lose: A Financial Strategy to Reignite the American Dream**

**The American Dream and the Public Schools**

**Reviving the American Dream**

**Financing America's Dreams**

*Owning a home has always been central to the American dream. For the more than one million Muslims in the United States, this is no exception. However, the Qur'an forbids the payment of interest, which places conventional home financing out of reach for observant*

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*Muslims. To meet the growing Muslim demand for home purchases, a market for home financing that would be halal, or permissible under Islamic law, has emerged. In Pious Property, anthropologist William Maurer profiles the emergence of this new religiously based financial service and explores the ways it reflects the influence of Muslim practices on American economic life and vice versa. Pious Property charts the development of Islamic mortgages in America, starting with Islamic interpretations of the prohibition against riba—literally translated as "increase" but interpreted as "usury" or "interest." Maurer then explores the different practices that have emerged as permissible options for Islamic homebuyers—such as lease-to-own arrangements, profit-loss sharing, and cost-plus contracts—and explains how they have gained acceptance in the Islamic community by relying on payment schemes that avoid standard interest rate payments. Using interviews with Muslim homebuyers and financiers, and in-depth analysis of two companies that provide mortgage alternatives to Muslims, Maurer discovers an interesting paradox: progressive Muslims tend to use financial contracts that seemingly comply better with the prohibition against interest, while traditional Muslims seem more inclined to take on financing very similar to interest-based mortgages. Maurer finds that Muslims make their decisions about using Islamic mortgage alternatives based not only on the views of*

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*religious scholars, but also on their conceptions of how business is supposed to be conducted in America. While one form of Islamic financing is seemingly more congruent with the prohibition against riba, the other exhibits more of the qualities of American mortgages—anonymity and standardized forms. The appearance that an Islamic financing instrument is legal and professional leaves many Muslim homebuyers with the impression that it is halal, revealing the influence of American capitalism on Muslim Americans' understanding of their religious rules. The market for halal financial products exists at the intersection of American and Islamic culture and is emblematic of the way that, for centuries, America's newcomers have adapted to and changed the fabric of American life. In Pious Property, William Maurer explores this rapidly growing economic phenomenon with historical perspective and scholarly insight. The gap between the rich and the middle class is growing at a faster rate than ever before. The rich really are getting richer while the poor are only getting poorer as the years go by. What is going on in society that's driving the alarming growth of this wealth gap? The answer is actually very simple. The poor and middle class are busy chasing after the American Dream, and in doing so are unconsciously burying themselves in a huge amount of financial trouble. You see, the meaning of the American Dream has changed since its*

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*inception...and has in essence been hi-jacked by banks and financial institutions who have turned around and used it to their marketing advantage. "Live the American Dream" they tell you, which really means: -Go to a Prestigious College -Have a Huge Wedding -Buy a Big House -Buy nice Cars -Send your Kids to Private Schools -Eat at Fancy Restaurants -Take Extravagant Vacations -Buy top of the line Clothes, Shoes, and Accessories -Retire Comfortably and Sail around the World It all sounds amazing! But all costs a ton of money that most Americans simply don't have. That doesn't stop the majority of people from spending however, because banks and financial institutions are there to save the day in the form of loans, credit cards, and financing. In other words, banks and financial institutions are happy to finance our purchases through DEBT. Why are they happy when people are in debt? Because they make money! Lots and lots of money. The part that is really unfortunate however is that by the time most people realize they are in financial trouble it's usually too late. They have an overwhelming amount of debt, are living pay check to pay check, can barely afford to get by, aren't able to save any money, are stuck at a job they usually hate, drive hours and hours in traffic, and really have no idea what to do to move forward. This only leads to more problems: people become extremely anxious about the future, frustrated at the situation they are in, become desperate*

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*for a way out, feel like a huge weight is on their shoulders holding them down, incredibly stressed and pressured to keep up with their payments, ashamed of what has transpired, unfulfilled with their life and career, angry at themselves for not being able to do more, jealous and envious of others who were able to "figure it out", and at the end of the day disappointed and discouraged about not being able to make a change. It's a sad truth that millions and millions of Americans are having to come to terms with. Retirement has truly become out of reach for the majority of individuals. What can you do to not land in this predicament you might be wondering? The answer is....Education, but not in the form of formal education through schools and universities. Instead, self-education when it comes to your finances. Through financial and self-education you'll be able to shift your mindset from an obedient student-employee to a think outside the box business-investor perspective which will allow you to actually have control of your own future. It'll put you on the other side of the equation allowing you to profit when others are in debt, you'll see opportunities where others only see problems, you'll be able to pursue your passions and have a fulfilling life and career, you'll provide an abundance of options for yourself and your family, you'll be able to give back to your community, and live a life of freedom without financial worry. Which is the exact aim of this book.*

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*Through a common, no non-sense approach this book takes the reader on a journey of basic financial literacy and provides a road map to financial prosperity. Forget about "little known secrets" to amass massive riches, get rich quick pyramid schemes, and insider stock and trading tips. If you're ready to stop burning through money and build real wealth, this is the*

*This work is for entrepreneurs and people who yearn to build or grow a business, improve lives, and achieve financial freedom. Whether you are a company of one or a company of 1000 the strategies of this book should take you from dream to reality using practical methods that have proven successful in businesses nationwide.*

*Once there was a golden age of American thrift, when citizens lived sensibly within their means and worked hard to stay out of debt. The growing availability of credit in this century, however, has brought those days to an end--undermining traditional moral virtues such as prudence, diligence, and the delay of gratification while encouraging reckless consumerism. Or so we commonly believe. In this engaging and thought-provoking book, Lendol Calder shows that this conception of the past is in fact a myth. Calder presents the first book-length social and cultural history of the rise of consumer credit in America. He focuses on the years between 1890 and 1940, when the legal, institutional, and moral bases of today's consumer credit were*

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**radical inequality that reduces, rather than enhances, autonomy. Good governance must be centrally concerned with the distribution of freedom for all: if my autonomy matters, so does yours. Valuing the autonomy of others is authentic autonomy. Distributive autonomy is necessary to ensure that participatory democracy retains its truly democratic elements, which may be a necessary condition for long-term, prosperous capitalism. A profound synthesis of theory and practice, Politics and Capital is crucial to understanding the ominous political and economic problems besetting twenty-first century America.**

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humor, about settling in as a senator, seeking to balance the demands of public service and family life, and his own deepening religious commitment. At the heart of this book is Barack Obama's vision of how we can move beyond our divisions to tackle concrete problems. He examines the growing economic insecurity of American families, the racial and religious tensions within the body politic, and the transnational threats—from terrorism to pandemic—that gather beyond our shores. And he grapples with the role that faith plays in a democracy—where it is vital and where it must never intrude. Underlying his stories is a vigorous search for connection: the foundation for a radically hopeful political consensus. Only by returning to the principles that gave birth to our Constitution, Obama says, can Americans repair a political process that is broken, and restore to working order a government that has fallen dangerously out of touch with millions of ordinary Americans. Those Americans are out there, he writes—“waiting for Republicans and Democrats to catch up with them.”

**A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER!** In his first major book on the subject of income inequality, Noam Chomsky skewers the fundamental tenets of neoliberalism and casts a clear, cold, patient eye on the economic facts of life. What are the ten principles of concentration of wealth and power at work in America today? They're simple enough: reduce democracy, shape ideology, redesign the economy, shift the burden onto the poor and middle classes, attack the solidarity of the people, let special interests run the regulators, engineer election results, use fear and the power of the state to keep the rabble in line, manufacture consent, marginalize the population. In *Requiem for the American Dream*, Chomsky devotes a chapter to each of these ten principles, and adds readings from some of the core texts that have influenced his thinking to bolster his argument. To create *Requiem for the American Dream*, Chomsky and his editors, the

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**filmmakers Peter Hutchison, Kelly Nyks, and Jared P. Scott, spent countless hours together over the course of five years, from 2011 to 2016. After the release of the film version, Chomsky and the editors returned to the many hours of tape and transcript and created a document that included three times as much text as was used in the film. The book that has resulted is nonetheless arguably the most succinct and tightly woven of Chomsky's long career, a beautiful vessel--including old-fashioned ligatures in the typeface--in which to carry Chomsky's bold and uncompromising vision, his perspective on the economic reality and its impact on our political and moral well-being as a nation. "During the Great Depression, which I'm old enough to remember, it was bad--much worse subjectively than today. But there was a sense that we'll get out of this somehow, an expectation that things were going to get better . . ." —from Requiem for the American Dream**

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First time home buying is a special occasion in everyone's life. But because of the complexities around it, most people approach it with a mix of fear, anxiety, and uncertainty. This book was written with the sole purpose of making the process easier and more predictable. The book has tried to demystify the entire process by avoiding the jargon as much as possible. The book first helps you in deciding whether you are ready to buy or not and then gives a step by step instruction on what you can expect along the process should you decide to buy. The book takes it a step further and even advises you on steps you can take to remain a happy home owner. The book has been designed with a lot of thought, keeping you the reader in mind. It's broken down into 5 sections. Section 1 is titled "Getting Ready." It helps with the preliminary work you need to do to even consider home buying. Section 2 provides all the information you need to find your first home and get your offer accepted. Section 3 teaches you about different financing and down payment options. Section 4 details the loan process

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