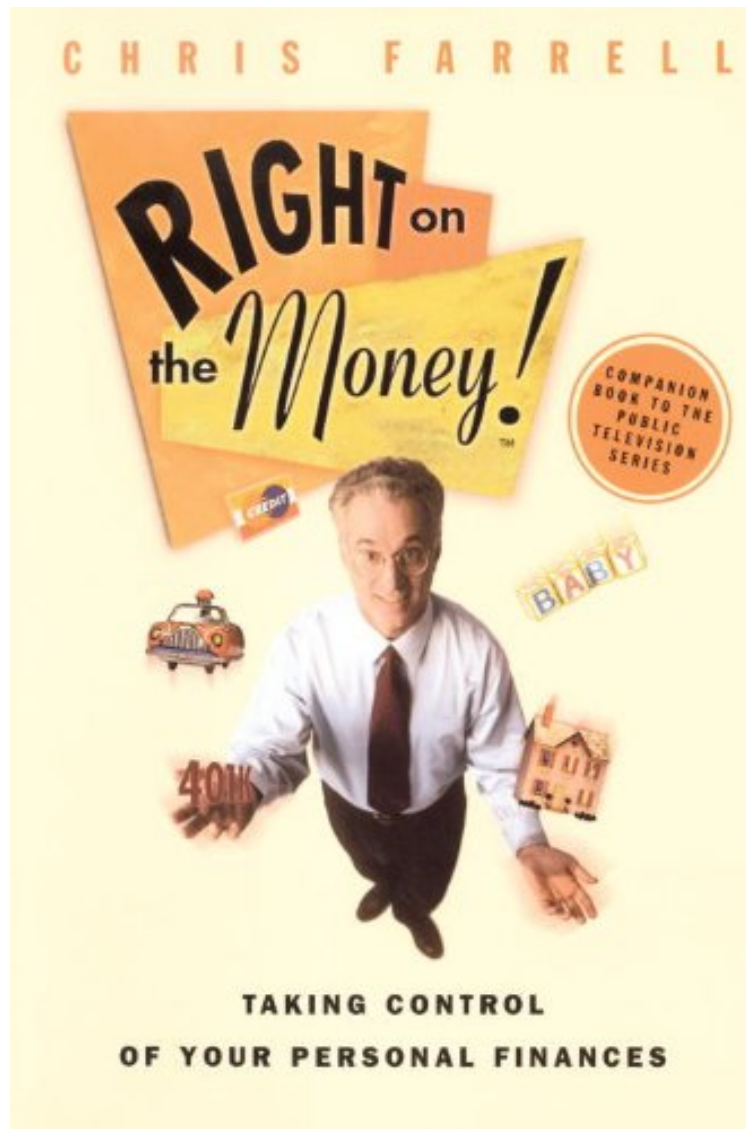


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Also, having been written in 2000, some of the information is a bit dated. (I'm hoping he'll write a new book with current data for more advanced investors?!) However, it's a good beginner book. It covers lots of the important basic topics: Budgeting, Buying a Car, Buying a House, College Savings, Retirement Savings, Investing, Credit Cards, Kids and Money. Each chapter has a section for references at the end where readers can go to learn more information on the topic. Overall, I think that if you are new to budgeting and personal finance, this is a great book to read. It has good, solid advice. Just keep in mind that for any of the details (like IRA Contribution limits), you will need to do additional research to get up-to-date numbers. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good intro book but reads dated. By James Varghese Still worth the read for those who are just starting out in PF but there are similar books out now that don't read quite as dated.

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From Publishers Weekly Farrell, host of the PBS radio show *Sound Money* and a contributing editor to *Business Week*, offers a nonthreatening, easily digestible approach to personal finance that is solid if not unique. Writing in a breezy style, Farrell draws on the problems of real-life families, including his own, to introduce the basics of paying for college, buying a car, budgeting, etc. Contrary to similar guides, Farrell focuses on managing money for family needs over the long haul, and includes only a brief overview of the "hot" topic of investing. He addresses such key concerns as whether parents should have college accounts in their children's names, what to avoid when buying a used car and how far in advance to budget. Farrell's advice is sensible, low-key and comforting. For example, in the chapter on budgeting, he advises, "Don't try to do too much in any one sitting. Set up a regular once-a-week meeting where both of you come together for a defined period of time to work over the budget. Afterward, do something together you both enjoy. Reward yourself and remind each other why you got together in the first place." In all, Farrell delivers a good primer, especially for people who would prefer to do anything but consider the consequences of their spending. (June) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. "It sometimes seems that managing our hard-earned dollars threatens to become a full-time occupation. We worry about the choices we're making, and it's clear that many people are unsure about their decisions. Have you ever asked: "How much of my retirement portfolio should go into stocks?" "Should I invest in technology stocks?" "Why do I keep slipping back into credit card debt?" "How will I ever afford to send my kids to college, save for my retirement, and still pay the monthly bills and daily expenses?" From the Inside Flap People want to know more about money--their own money. As a new century dawns, with countless new ways to manage money and spend it, Chris Farrell provides what is most needed: reliable and up-to-the-minute information on personal finance. In the tradition of the great "how-to" series on public television, *Right on the Money* offers a practical, hands-on approach to making savvy financial decisions. In each chapter, finance expert Chris Farrell visits an individual or family facing a financial crossroads in their lives and, aided by a team of street-smart experts, helps them take control of their finances. From setting up a budget to saving for retirement, *Right on the Money* not only gives readers the knowledge and tools they need, but also shows how to make informed decisions among the options at hand. Subjects discussed include balancing love and money, investment, the stock market, dealing with credit card debt, buying a car, buying a home, creating a household budget, and paying for college. Informative and fun, with a "roll-up-your-sleeves-and-solve-the-problem" attitude, *Right on the Money* is destined to become a new classic of personal finance.