



Recommended Financial Education Books

The list below is just a sampling of the many books that introduce children to the basic concepts of money, saving, budgeting, earning, borrowing, investing, and more. Age guidelines are established by the publishers.

Books for 2024:

- A Penny in My Pocket: A Children's Book About Using Money by CM Harris & Nareh Grigoryan

A Penny in My Pocket is a story about the power of generosity and how even the smallest of gifts can make a big difference. Join young Stevie as he embarks on a journey to the grocery store with his mother and learns the importance of spending, saving, donating, and giving.

- Billy the Borrowing Blue-Footed Booby by Sheila Bair

Billy the Blue-Footed Booby, who lived on the Galapagos, wanted to buy an umbrella, so he went to Selling Seal. But Billy didn't listen to Seal's explanation of what that umbrella would end up costing him. And then Billy wanted a fan like Arlene the tortoise's, a purple-striped wig like Ig the iguana's, neon-green shoes like Niels the lizard's, and Seal's anchovy grill. All his friends and his twin sister Bess tried to help, but Billy lost everything.

- Blossom Possum Learns to Save by Dr. Bobby Gaines

Join Blossom Possum, a curious young adventurer, on an enchanting journey to the general store with her mother. Eager to purchase everything in sight, Blossom's mama imparts the wisdom of responsible spending and saving for the future, all while savoring the joy of giving to others. This captivating tale celebrates adoption and imparts essential life lessons about money in a mesmerizing and relatable way.

- Camping, Here I Come: Keeping a Budget by Lisa Bullard

Can Kyle sell ten boxes of candy in time to go on his club's camping trip? In this delightful story, readers will learn how to count their money and give the right amount of change.

- Daddy, Can You Teach Me About Money by Ashton McCants

Tristan is a very inquisitive boy and wants to learn more about the world around him. He has taken a special interest in how his money works. Join Tristan and his dad as they take you and your children on a financial literacy journey to gain foundational knowledge about money and how it works.

- It Began with Lemonade by Gideon Sterer

One scorching hot summer day, a spunky young girl decides to sell lemonade. . . only to find there are too many other young entrepreneurs on her street with the same idea. So, she sets off with her lemonade stand and ends up at the river's edge, where she discovers a most unexpected, quirky, and very thirsty clientele.

- Katie Woo: Piggy Bank Problems by Fran Manushkin

Even though Katie's dad works at a bank, she prefers to keep her money in her piggy bank. But what happens when she drops her piggy bank and it breaks?

- Liam Takes a Stand by Troy Wilson

Lister and Lester are identical twins who do identical things. But their constant striving to outdo each other means their little brother, Liam, is always left out. When Lester's Lemonade Universe and Lister's Lemonade Multiverse open for business, there's no role for Liam. He does odd jobs around the neighborhood while Lister and Lester's competition spirals into overdrive and their lemonade stands get increasingly, outrageously out of hand.

But then Liam takes a stand with his own business venture, a simple model based on his observations of what not to do, he gives the twins a run for their money.

- Little Daymond Learns to Earn by Daymond John

Meet Little Daymond and his enterprising friends! When Daymond hatches an idea for a small business to make money to buy a music poster he wants, the whole crew comes together and figures out their unique strengths so they can each get exactly what they want — and even have some change to spare.

- Madison's 1st Dollar: A Picture Book About Money by Ebony Beckford

Madison just got her first dollar and is exploring what to do with it! In this children's book about money, using an interactive writing style that encourages kids to chime in, kids will help Madison manage it by recommending whether she should spend, save, donate, or invest it!

- Milton the Money Savvy Pup: Brings Home the Bacon by Jamie A. Bosse

Milton is learning to be smart with his money. Milton learns how to identify the coins in his piggy bank and their value. He knows that you must work to earn money, and quickly learns that sometimes you have to wait to get what you really want. Should he buy a yummy dog bone with the money he has now or wait and save more to buy some scrumptious bacon? What will he choose?

- Milton the Money Savvy Pup: Makes Saving a Habit by Jamie A. Bosse

Milton has a co-worker named Molly who does something cool with her paycheck. Instead of spending it right away, she splits up her earnings between what she will give, what she will save, and what she will spend. What will Milton do when he learns this new habit?

- Money Monsters: The Missing Money by Okeoma Moronu-Schreiner

The Missing Money follows Kai on his adventure to deposit his newly earned money. While on his journey, a seemingly scary ATM monster "eats" all his money! Kai struggles to understand where his money has gone and just before attempting to break his money out, his mother sits him down to explain this confusing turn of events and helps put his mind at ease.

- Money Plan by Monica Eaton

Money Plan offers a clever approach to teaching young readers about money, saving, budgeting, and working hard. Told in rhyming verse, the story follows Mia and her mommy on their Saturday morning trip to the grocery store. When Mia spots her favorite treat, she gets her first introduction to money management.

- Save It! by Cinders McLeod

Honey earns two carrots a week for taking care of her siblings. Her five siblings are so loud and bouncy, and she wishes she had a place of her own to escape to for some peace and quiet. So, what's a bunny to do? Get creative and figure out a savings plan, even if it means forgoing a treat or two. But saving is worth it because with a little patience and perseverance, Honey will be able to make her dream of having her own space come true!

- The Four Money Bears by Mac Gardner

The Four Money Bears teach kids the four basic functions of money. Spender Bear, Saver Bear, Investor Bear, and Giver Bear can each do good and bad things with their money. When they work together, they learn to build a budget and teach each other how to better manage their money. The Four Money Bears and their friends share their stories and give kids fun financial tips. They come together in their forest home to teach everyone money management skills. These skills serve as building blocks for strong financial literacy and expose young children to healthy financial habits.

- The Plastic Rectangle by Katie Friedman

Money is an ever intriguing yet difficult concept to grasp for kids. This book playfully explains how money works while reminding kids (and grown-ups) that nothing is more important than spending time with each other. Printed with OpenDyslexic typeface, which helps people with dyslexia read more efficiently.