

Bookshelf of Riches

13 Books That Changed How I Think About Life + Money

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This isn't a Top 10. It's not a roundup. It's a real list of 13 books that changed something in how I think, live, or spend and that's why they're here.

The Algebra of Wealth

Author: Scott Galloway

Why it made the list: A no-nonsense view on building wealth through ownership, time, and discipline.

Takeaway: Wealth is less about brilliance, more about boring consistency.

<https://amzn.to/4mmziQy>

Financial Joy

Author: Ken & Mary Okoroafor

Why it made the list: A culturally grounded take on building wealth with purpose, joy, and discipline.

Takeaway: Financial freedom is about legacy, not just lifestyle.

<https://amzn.to/4k3s2aN>

The Meaning of Mariah Carey

Author: Mariah Carey

Why it made the list: An unexpected reminder of the power in owning your full story, not just the edited version.

Takeaway: Every chapter matters, even the ones you didn't choose.

<https://amzn.to/4jc077c>

Money on Your Mind

Author: Rahim Taghizadegan

Why it made the list: Deep and philosophical, it explores money through a behavioural, historical, and personal lens.

Takeaway: The value of money is shaped not by what we buy, but by how we think.

<https://amzn.to/3EYdWZ5>

The Psychology of Money

Author: Morgan Housel

Why it made the list: Reminds me that money is more emotional than logical — and that's okay.

Takeaway: Being wealthy is quiet. Being rich is loud.

<https://amzn.to/4k3oMMC>

Rich Dad's Cashflow Quadrant

Author: Robert Kiyosaki

Why it made the list: The first book that shifted my mindset about income streams and financial independence.

Takeaway: It's not how much money you make, it's how much you keep.

<https://amzn.to/44JHowq>

Selling to Serve

Author: James Ashford

Why it made the list: A bold, no-nonsense reminder that selling ethically and confidently is part of creating meaningful impact.

Takeaway: Selling isn't something you do to people; it's something you do for people.

<https://amzn.to/3Sc6RHk>

Sheconomics

Simonne Gnessen & Karen Pine

Why it made the list: It helped me connect the dots between how I feel about money and how I handle it. Practical, compassionate, and grounded in the realities women face with money.

Takeaway: Financial confidence comes from understanding both the numbers and the emotions behind them.

<https://amzn.to/4jaAjZk>

Shoe Dog

Author: Phil Knight

Why it made the list: A raw, behind-the-scenes story of resilience and belief; and the chaos that comes with building something meaningful.

Takeaway: Growth is messy. Build anyway.

<https://amzn.to/4dna2FB>

Start Late, Finish Rich

Author: David Bach

Why it made the list: Gave me hope and clarity about building wealth even if you didn't start early.

Takeaway: It's never too late to start, but don't wait any longer.

<https://amzn.to/4339AJi>

Start with Why

Author: Simon Sinek

Why it made the list: Anchored me in purpose; especially when navigating transitions, new seasons, or difficult decisions.

Takeaway: People don't buy what you do, they buy why you do it.

<https://amzn.to/3GTNzUK>

The Third Door

Author: Alex Banayan

Why it made the list: A powerful reminder that unconventional paths often lead to the most meaningful success.

Takeaway: There's always another way in; if you're willing to knock, ask, and climb through the side door.

<https://amzn.to/43fQ37i>

We Should All Be Millionaires

Author: Rachel Rodgers

Why it made the list: Empowers women, especially women of colour, to own their ambition unapologetically.

Takeaway: Abundance is your birthright and not a reward for burnout.

<https://amzn.to/432oD5X>

Final Thoughts

Your riches might start with a single book.

Whether it's a mindset shift, a money lesson, or a reminder that your story matters, the journey begins with what you choose to take in.

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