

Financial Advice for Couples: A Sample of Best-Selling Books

***The Motley Fool's Guide to Couples and Cash- How to Handle Money with your Honey* by Dayana Yochim \$12.50**

This guide shows couples how to make money an asset, not a liability, in their relationship. Filled with real-life examples, the book explains how to solve the eternal save-versus-spend dilemma, create an investing plan, and devise a long-term financial strategy, all in a fun, interactive, and easy-to-read format. Tables and worksheets are included for couples to use together.

***Money before Marriage: A Financial Workbook for Engaged Couples* by Larry Burkett and Michael E. Taylor \$10.19**

Making and sharing money are significant issues for every couple. A Citibank survey found financial issues to be the primary reason for divorce. This book shows partners how to avoid finance-based conflicts and make negotiating money matters both pleasurable and productive.

***The Family CFO: The Couples Business Plan for Love & Money* by Mary Claire Allvine and Christine Larson \$16.29**

This guide provides simple and fast rules for couples to effectively merge and manage their assets and liabilities. It demonstrates how to prevent arguments, avoid anxiety, and accomplish both financial and life goals.

***For Richer Not For Poorer: the Money Book for Couples* by Ruth Hayden \$9.97**

This innovative book promises to improve readers' relationships with their partners by teaching couples budgeting and money management techniques that will last a lifetime. Its unique approach does not offer a quick fix, but rather an evolutionary process that will teach couples how to make their money life work in a way that fosters a strong, committed, lifelong partnership. Readers will learn how to work together in a financial partnership focused on budget and cash flow.

***Your Money and Your Man* by Michelle Singletary \$12.97**

This book is divided into sections that deal with particular life events such as dating, marriage, children, and divorce. It presents advice on everything from when to share financial details with a potential mate to how to fix your credit rating. It also provides lots of useful information for beginners, explaining, for example, the difference between an index fund and a managed fund. Singletary's tone is refreshingly straightforward, and she's lively and opinionated. The book's main attractions are Singletary's excellent advice on how to find financial compatibility with husbands and boyfriends and her suggestions for maintaining effective communication about finance throughout a relationship.

***Spend Well Live Rich* by Michelle Singletary \$10.00**

The best financial planner Michelle Singletary ever knew was Big Mama, her grandmother. Big Mama raised Michelle and her four brothers and sisters on a salary that never reached more than \$13,000 a year. Yet, when she died, Big Mama owned her own home, had paid off a car loan, and had a beautiful collection of Sunday-go-to-meeting church hats and a savings account that supplemented her Social Security check and small pension. Most important, she had taught Michelle “7 Money Mantras for a Richer Life.” Those mantras serve as the inspiration for this straight-talking book of practical personal financial advice that really works.

***You Paid How Much for That?! How to Win at Money Without Losing at Love* by Natalie Jenkins, Scott Stanley, William Bailey, and Howard Markman \$10.00**

This book helps couples to identify underlying issues and overcome the day-to-day struggles of financial conflict—the biggest cause of stress and breakups in relationships. The book includes excellent information on lifelong financial planning.

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