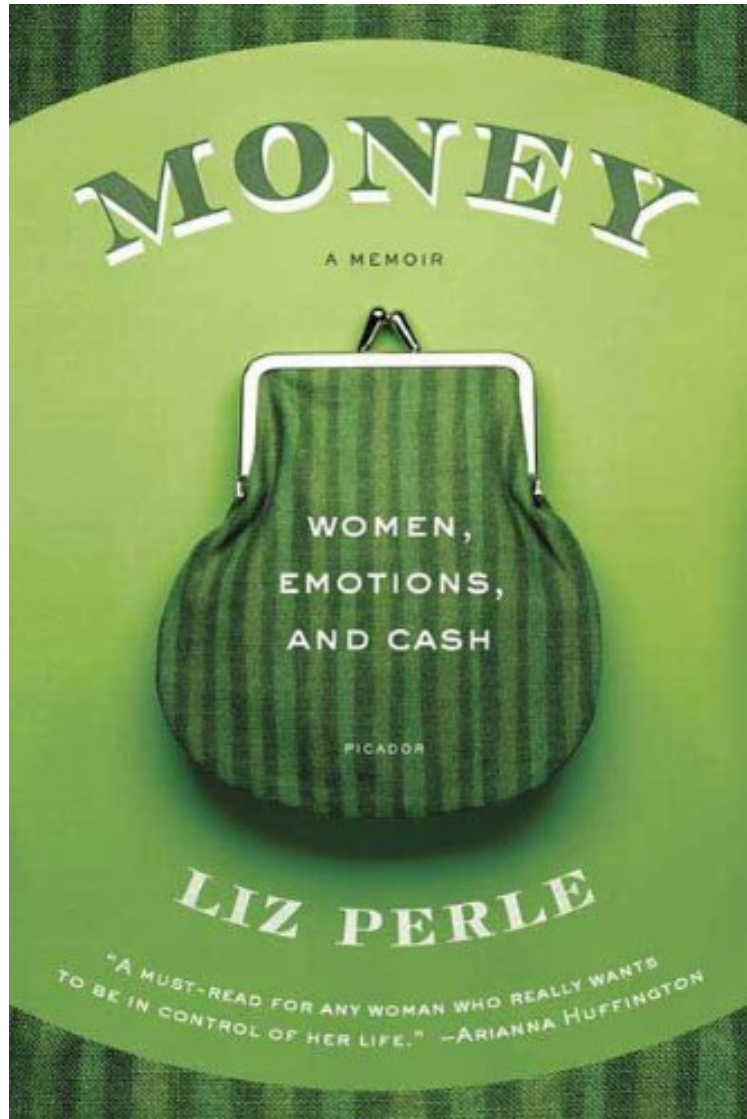


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Sounds like a very lovely woman...By CustomerLiz Perle sounds like a very lovely woman, but I didn't learn anything about finances reading her book.She has an easy-going, approachable style, and I was interested in her own journey.I think the problem with the book, for me, was that it tried to be a memoir and a non-fiction financial advice guide. Unfortunately, it didn't succeed as either.Ms. Perle's story is interesting, and I would have been far happier if the whole book was about her. The studies, stats, and quotes from famous people only detracted from the book.I bought it because our local paper gave it a glowing review, but I might

have bought it at a bookstore based on the first page. Liz can really write a great hook! I was very curious to hear her story, and kept reading to find out what happens to her and her son. As I said, if the whole book was about her I would have been happier. 15 of 15 people found the following review helpful. A Fresh and Energizing Approach to Money By Judy Gail Krasnow I learned of "Money: A Memoir" while listening to the Diane Rehm Show on NPR. I was riveted to the radio as the author, Liz Perle, recited the statistics about the numbers of women who will end up living in poverty in middle and old age. At 63, divorced, the alimony having ended, the home equity loan no longer a blessing with interest rates going up and up, and having been a performance artist since I was eight-years-old (It takes constant hustling to earn one's living as a professional storyteller, historic portrayal artist, and folksinger), I heard myself as part of those statistics. However, I also heard that if I change my attitude towards money and separate emotions, fears, and what the "Joneses" think and instead focus on my particular needs and realities, I stand a chance of not seeing my (and millions of other women's) worst nightmare come true: that of becoming a bag lady. I promptly ordered the book and read it as soon as it arrived. I could not put it down. I felt like I had found a friend who knew what I was going through and what my fears and feelings of inadequacy were. Though I would have liked a greater variety of examples of women's stories and experiences to be included in the book, Ms. Perle's own story affected me deeply. When her divorce occurred and the savings were almost gone, she sat down and looked at her own necessities minus frills. She prioritized, added, and knew what she must earn to fulfill these needs. I am now in the process of doing the same. I gained strength and courage from her words and examples. Most-importantly, reading the book somehow took away my feelings that I was no one, nothing, the scum of the earth because I am not rich and don't have a retirement plan and may even consider renting a room or two in the four-bedroom townhouse I live in alone. In other words, the book worked. It has certainly helped me to separate money from emotion in defining my value as a person, and I have embarked on a thought-out plan to earn, through my talent, the money I need for the priorities I have. Additionally, I found Liz Perle's insightful writing about how we women, even in this modern era, have been and continue to be duped by those princess stories of Prince Charming coming our way and taking care of us. She clearly points out that even if we are lucky enough to meet our Prince Charming, and, of course, he lucky enough to meet us, his Princess Charming, that money should not enter the charm, and that we women must look to provide for ourselves. I recommend this book for women of all ages and walks of life. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Possibly it will help young readers to handle their money better, especially women By Helen H. Savage This book held very little interest for me. I think this is probably because I am 80 years old and have already experienced most of it. Possibly it will help young readers to handle their money better, especially women. I just couldn't get up enough interest to care.

A bold and personal book that digs below the surface of one of society's last taboos—money—and illuminates how women's emotional relationship with it affects every part of their lives. Long ago, and not entirely consciously, Liz Perle made a quiet contract with cash: she would do what it took to get it—work hard, marry right—but she didn't want to have to think about it too much. The subject of money had, since childhood, been quietly sidestepped, a shadowy factor whose private influence was impolite to discuss. This deliberate denial eventually exacted its price, however, when a sudden divorce left Perle with no home, no job, and a four-year-old with a box of toys. She realized she could no longer afford to leave her murky and fraught relationship with money unexamined. What Perle discovered as she reassembled her life was that almost every woman she knew also subscribed to this strange and emotional code of discretion—even though it laced through their relationships with their parents, lovers, husbands, children, friends, co-workers, and communities. Women who were all too willing to tell each other about their deepest secrets or sexual assets still kept mum when it came to their financial ones. In *Money, A Memoir*, Perle attempts to break this silence, adding her own story to the anecdotes and insights of psychologists, researchers, and more than 200 "ordinary" women. It turned out that when money was the topic, most women needed permission to talk. The result is an insightful, unflinching look at the once subtle and commanding influence of money on our every relationship.

From Publishers Weekly Having attained the right to earn and spend their own money only decades ago, women have a more complex relationship to cash than men, argues Perle (*When Work Doesn't Work Anymore*) in this eye-opening audiobook. Much less a memoir than a call to action, Perle's audio uses her own unhealthy relationship with money as a springboard for a provocative discussion about women's finances—how money anxieties influence a woman's life decisions; how a woman's financial preparedness affects the way she feels about herself; and how, despite their tremendous buying power, women stand a greater chance than men of going bankrupt and of not having sufficient funds for retirement. Perle delivers this material in a measured, matter-of-fact manner. Indeed, some might accuse her of reading too slowly, but her deliberate pace makes it easy to grasp the impact of her weighty revelations. Although the audio lacks a clear organizational structure, it succeeds in driving home its primary message—that women need to be less ambivalent about money and more active in investing in the future—and in urging listeners to think about money in terms of not only what it can purchase, but how it has shaped their lives. Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "One of the most powerful determinants of

a woman's quality of life is her relationship with money. If she takes good care of her financial health, she lives life on her terms. If, however, she avoids taking responsibility for this important area of her life, she relinquishes her power to forces outside of herself. In *Money, A Memoir*, Liz Perle offers a straightforward and deeply personal account of what it takes for women to reclaim their financial and emotional freedom."--Cheryl Richardson, author of *Take Time for Your Life*"If you want to understand many women's complex and contradictory attitudes about money, take out your wallet and buy Liz Perle's very personal and very honest look at the subject in *Money, A Memoir*." Myrna Blyth, former editor-in-chief of *Ladies Home Journal* and author of *Spin Sisters* "A smart, funny, insightful book on woman and money. Liz Perle writes with love and enthusiasm about this essential topic."--Judith Orloff M.D., author of *Positive Energy*"This deceptively powerful book is a must-read for any woman who really wants to be in control of her life. Written with humor and hard-won wisdom, I hope it inspires women to really look honestly at what their relationship is to money. It's an examination that's long overdue."-- Arianna Huffington, editor of the *Huffingtonreport.com*"Change is in the air. Someone finally has the courage to be straight about women's emotional struggles with money. Every woman who reads this touching, smart and true book will come away with more insight into one of the most important relationships in her life - the one between her and her pocketbook." -- Debbie Ford, author of *The Dark Side of the Light Chasers* and *The Best Year of Your Life*"This is a book for any woman who feels uncomfortable with the subject of money, i.e., nearly all of us. It proves what Simone de Beauvoir wrote ...