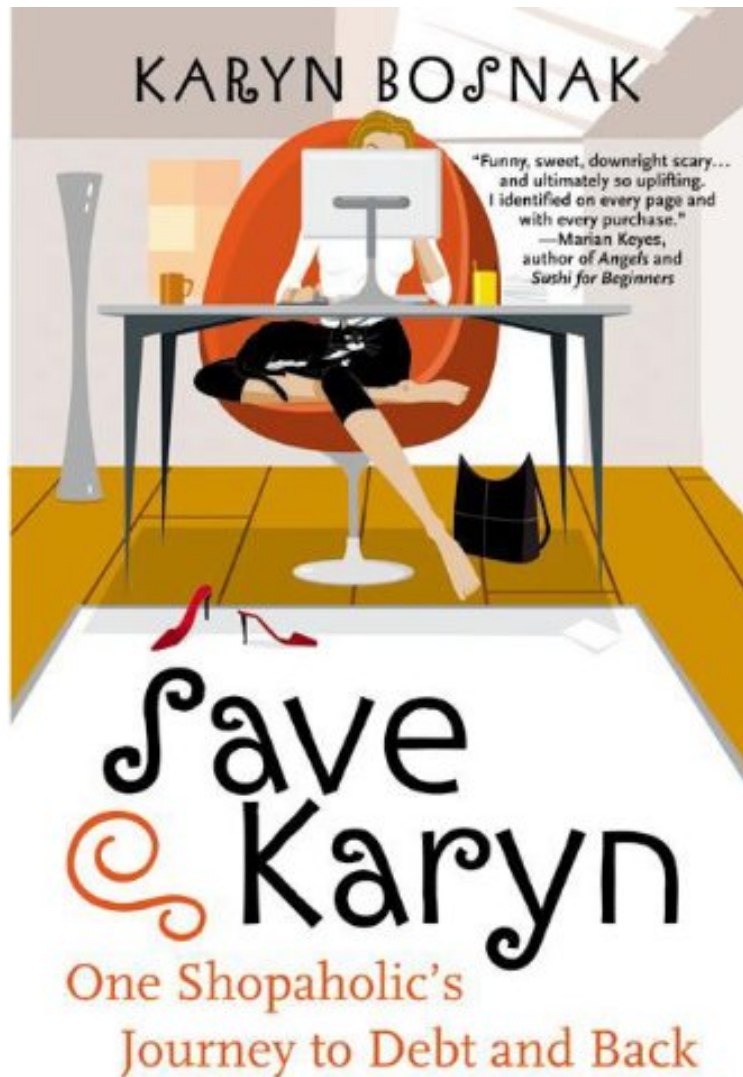


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Much Better Than I Expected By S. Utley Throughout most of the book I was stunned at how much this woman spent. I can't imagine paying \$2K for rent on an apartment that is less than 500 sq ft. That's more than the mortgage on our 1900 sq ft house! Then again, I've never lived in New York City. That being said, I also found it very difficult to feel sorry for her. People who haven't had those spending habits will probably agree with me. However, there were moments when she dropped a sentence that would stun me with its incredible insight. And her solution to her debt problem, really was genius. After being busted down a notch in her

lifestyle she then took it one step further and opened herself and her problems up to the world. That is never an easy thing. Whether a spender or a saver, I will recommend this book to just about woman I come across. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Save Karyn -- the funny side of being in debt! By The Literary Lioness My favorite type of book to read is non-fiction, especially memoirs. I really love any book that makes me think hard about the choices I make. If the book also makes me laugh, I will really love it! Save Karyn by Karyn Bosnak is one of my favorite books. I'm constantly recommending the book to my friends and even to my boyfriend (he's read parts of it). I have re-read it many times from cover to cover and frequently will read parts of it over and over. Why does this book mean so much to me? Because I can really relate to Karyn's story. When Karyn Bosnak arrived in Manhattan in 2000 to be a television producer, she came to the big bad city to "find out who I was". She immediately embraced the expensive Manhattan lifestyle, living in the ritzy Sutton Place neighborhood and buying designer clothes and purses. Karyn LOVED to shop! She made a very good living as a producer -- but not enough to support her lifestyle. Her favorite stores were places like Bloomingdale's and Barney's. Every time she had a date, she'd buy another outfit. She spent money on bikini waxes, haircuts, take-out food, and fitness training (probably to make up for eating so much take-out). But Karyn spent too much. She was spending far more than she earned, and soon had trouble paying the rent and all her other bills. She charged just about everything on her numerous credit cards. Eventually Karyn lost her job, and as it was soon after September 11th, 2001, she had a very difficult time finding another one. She owed well over \$20,000 on credit cards. The unemployment insurance didn't begin to cover her debts. What to do? Karyn started a website (really an early version of a blog), asking people for money. Because she was funny and people enjoyed the website, it worked! She was able to pay off all her debts, partly by money that strangers donated and partly by selling her possessions. Some people may not approve of "internet panhandling", but it worked for Karyn. It was a creative way out of her situation. Since then Karyn has become a very successful blogger, in addition to writing books. A movie is soon to be released, based on the novel she wrote after this book. Why do I relate to this? Because I know what it's like to be drowning in debt. This has happened to me, and most of it was my fault, but some of it was because of circumstances I could not control. Now some people may not like someone asking other people to pay her debts, but at least Karyn found a funny and creative way to deal with her debts. She was proactive about it, and I admire that. This is the only book I have read that was humorous about being in debt. It made me feel that I really wasn't such a bad person because I owed money on credit cards. I didn't really hurt anything except my credit rating, and that will eventually be straightened out. I really recommend this book. It takes a serious subject and puts it into perspective. Being in debt is NOT the worst thing that can happen to you, and you can find your own way out of it, just like Karyn did. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. What Would You Do If You Ran Up \$25,000+ in CC Debt... Not What She Did! By Miss Fabularian I read this book as last month's book selection for a book club I belong to. It was intended to contrast the very sad "Billy" that we read... a contrast it was! Overall, I liked the book. I did think her narration of the shopping sprees was a bit long. And, like other critiquers on this site, I cringed at her spending habits as well as her rationale. (I mean... who goes on shopping sprees, yet fails to purchase a lock for the door!?) But the book was cute. I got annoyed at how every other paragraph started with... "Anywho...". Ugh! I will not, however be judgmental with how she spent her money. Most people spend their money on ridiculous things. (Everyone has seen something that has made an exceeding amount of money and then thought... who bought that? (pet rock?) We wouldn't be in the economic crisis we are today if most people knew how to live within their means. If nothing else, there's one thing you can take away from the story... when you get into financial trouble - get creative.

Drowning in \$20,000 of credit card debt, shopaholic Karyn Bosnak asked strangers for money online -- and it worked!

From Booklist Bosnak is a young professional with big dreams and a taste for all things Gucci and Prada. When she lands a job as a producer for a new talk show, she packs up her bags and moves to New York, where she finds a not-so-cheap apartment in Manhattan. Surrounded by hip restaurants, enticed by high-end designer boutiques, and under the misconception that you should never be seen in the same outfit twice, Karyn lets her spending spiral out of control. She owes \$25,000 when she loses her job. Unwilling to phone home for help, Karyn takes the advice of a friend and creates a want ad for money. The twist--she posts her ad on the Internet. With the help of good-hearted strangers, debt consolidation, and the selling of her possessions on eBay, Karyn pulls herself out of debt. Since the story is told with self-deprecating humor and charm, Karyn's naivete and lame excuses for overspending are palatable, becoming a cautionary tale of the dangers of credit cards and the power of pride over Prada. Carolyn Kubisz Copyright copy; American Library Association. All rights reserved "The former spendthrift spins an incredible true tale..." - nbsp; US WEEKLY "You'll marvel at this babe's brazenness, as well as the kindness of strangers." - COSMOPOLITAN nbsp; "Save Karyn is a fascinating read... Bosnak's book is sort of a Scared Straight for shopaholics..." - THE WASHINGTON POST "A funny read. A bit like Reese Witherspoon in Legally Blonde, Bosnak is naive, honest and shares enough self-deprecating humor to keep you reading." - USA TODAY About the Author Karyn Bosnak spent her early working career as a daytime television producer for various talk shows, including Jenny Jones and The Ananda Lewis Show. She is the author of Save Karyn, an inspiration to shopaholics and women

in credit card debt everywhere. She lives in New York City.