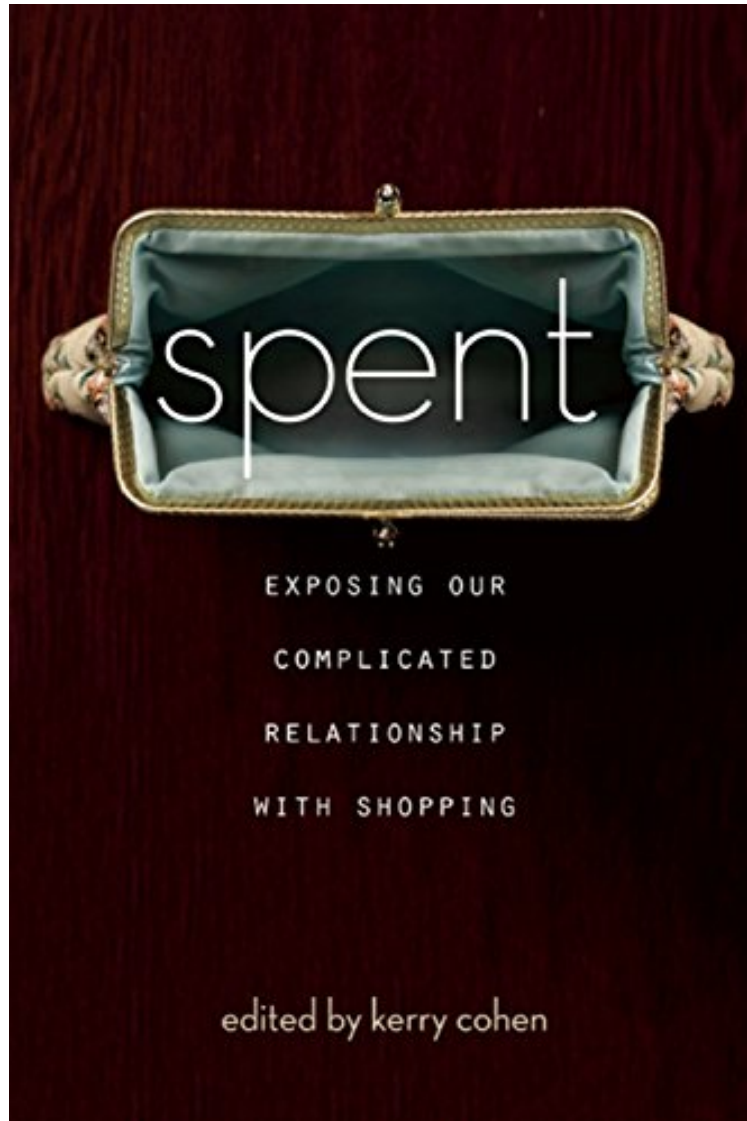


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In *Spent*, editor Kerry Cohen opens the closet doors wide to tales of women's true relationships with shopping, from humorous stories of love/hate relationships with the mall to heartbreaking tales of overspending to fix relationships. With a contributor list that includes notable female writers like Emily Chenoweth, Ophira Eisenberg, Allison Amend, and Aryn Kyle, the essays each shine light on the particular impact shopping has on all of us. Whether they're cleaning out closets of loved ones, hiding a shoplifting habit, trying out extreme couponing, dividing up family possessions, or buying a brand-new car while in labor, the book's contributors vacillate between convincing themselves to spend and struggling not to. This illuminating anthology links the effects shopping has on our emotions whether it fills us with guilt, happiness, resentment, or doubt our self-worth, and our relationships with parents, grandparents, lovers, children, and friends.

"*Spent* is dazzling. So smart. So funny. So relatable. The essays transcend shopping this is a book about life. Buy it." Chelsea Cain, New York Times bestselling author of *Heartsick* "Smart, funny, rueful, and honest, *Spent* is an indispensable shopping companion." Claire Dederer, bestselling author of *Poser: My Life in 23 Yoga Poses* "For anyone who has a complicated relationship with shopping (i.e. everyone), the pleasure of reading this profound and funny collection of essays is pure and absolute. No buyer's remorse or sticker shock. Satisfaction 100% guaranteed." Karen Karbo, author of *The Gospel According to Coco Chanel* [A] distinct and thoughtful work Readers who frequently and joyfully shop will be nodding along through many of the stories and recognizing and appreciating the heart and humor Recommended for shopping enthusiasts and those interested in the activity's sociological, economical, and personal effects on our lives. "Library Journal" This collection of essays, memoirs, and nonfiction-fiction reads like *True Confessions*, which, after all, is how shopping is perceived by many U.S. women Different voices, all plucked from professional writers, add power and polish to this anthology. "Booklist