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The Barefoot Investor is about creating the financial freedom to live your dreams, whatever your age. It shows how getting your financial act together can be downright sexy, allowing you to achieve the things that mean the most to you - regardless of your income. Scott Pape, the Jamie Oliver of finance, writes for the young and hip who want to enjoy life now - not to wait on dead men's shoes. He shows you how to manage your money to do the things you want: whether it's to quit the job you hate to make a career of what you love; buy a cool flat; go backpacking; or build a wealth portfolio for the future. It is packed full of simple tips, tricks, checklists and quizzes that will help you to transform your personal wealth with minimum effort.

By following the *Barefoot* plan you can make your money work for you. There are five simple steps here showing you how to save it, invest it and let it do the hard work for you so you can tread your own path. At last, you can live your dreams and pay for them too.

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Dini says

Basic, no frills financial advice.

Grace Henley says

Shallow, very very basic & no depth. Okay for those who are completely clueless about money and budgeting. If you've read other personal finance books you probably could skip this one.

Alexandria Blaelock says

This review refers to the second edition, which is simply titled *The Barefoot Investor: Five Steps to Financial Freedom*.

This is a nice, easy read, and some may find it simplistic. However, I look at it along the lines of a financial version of the sort of "diet" you can stick to for life.

The first step is out of Wonderland and into Reality where you alone are responsible for your financial well-being, followed by controlling spending, reducing debt, saving money, and getting a backup plan. All five steps that can easily be applied to wherever you find yourself in life.

Tricia says

Wish I came across this book 10 years ago. Finally, a personal finance book without the incomprehensible mumbo jumbo.

Jack Reedman says

few good tips and a great start on getting back on track financially.. Imo was I wasn't really interested in a lot of the story line so I skipped to the financial tips and as a beginner book really it lacked depth... which was okay as I still got something out of it.

Paul says

Scott Pape has a unique voice when it comes to finance that made for easy and light reading on a usually dry topic. The book covers his own philosophy when it comes to money and life, which generally aligned with

mine, so I found his commentary both insightful and relatable. Though I was still left with certain questions regarding investing and fund management, I knew more than when I started and enjoyed the experience of reading his writing and his now dated jokes which still brought a smile to my face.

Linda Z says

An enjoyable read. Lots of insights that can be easily actioned. Also, a nice reminder of what it truly means to be financially secure. Highly recommended.

Liz says

I liked the effort the author has made to connect with young adults. Not just through his humor, but by recognizing the attitudes of young adults towards money and lifestyle. I signed up to his blog after reading this and it's been very helpful.

Kath Barker says

The most sensible financial advice I've ever heard! I've just read the latest edition which gives advice for all age groups, not just people in their 20's and 30's. Very easy to read and very entertaining too. I would highly recommend this book to anyone looking to get their finances under control. I will be giving this to my boys (in their 20's) to read.

Enrico Iglesias says

Simple and well written. Outlines the long-term strategies for financial wealth. primarily by dividing your income into 4 'wealth management streams' including a 'mojo' account. Inspiring. Clarifies how compound interest can be your friend or foe.

Aaron Bakota says

Good introduction to personal finance if you're looking to get it all together. Basically an Australian Dave Ramsey but without a budgeting system (which I would quibble about).

Rosie says

Highly amusing book in this field

Loved the first paragraph already

'Bank managers, financial planners, real estate agents & mortgage brokers are salespeople - not educators. The more you know, the less they get'.

'There is only one success - to be able to spend your life in your own way' (Christopher Morley).

The first chapter outlines the author's habits with money from his childhood experiences. Quite a hilarious read. 'Thirty years ago, when it seemed the only people who went to University were hippies trying to get out of Vietnam War, higher education funded by the government was probably the next best thing Today things have changed. The bar has raised. My generation is the best educated in history and as a consequence we're all competing for the same jobs. These days a graduate degree will see you on the fast track to being a junior vice president of burger flipping, and it cost you thousands of dollars in uni fees for the privilege'.

It was this book where I learnt about Tyler Durden, Brad Pitt's character in *Fight Club*.

'Many of us have become enslaved by our possessions. We buy stuff we can't afford, chase the lifestyle society tell us means success, and spend most of our working lives struggling to pay it back'.

Sudhakar says

A fantastic, simple to understand investment book at last. Though written with young people in mind, this would be really useful to all. The ingenuity of the author shows in telling exactly what is required. Nothing more nothing less. He does not claim to motivator neither does he advocates impossible recommendations . I can say if we follow the simple steps we can attain financial freedom to pursue our interests. Great book . Highly recommended..

Harvey says

I would not recommend. The book failed to deliver. The cover is subtitled "the only money guide you'll ever need". Unlike what the author promises, if you want to master your personal finance, you may not want to limit your self-education on this subject matter to this book.

The author also states he will openly share with you all the details about how and where he invests himself, which financial products he invests in, what is his ROI, etc... There again he fails to deliver. All you learn is that he has his day to day operations bank account with online bank ING, which allows him to benefit from a slightly higher I.R. than with other traditional banks. And I don't think such tips will allow you to achieve "financial freedom".

This book can make a good introduction to personal finance if you're a complete newbie though.

Jody says

A simple, easy to read start on investment. Better than doing nothing, and also covers essentials like insurance. Realistic viewpoint in that he promotes enjoying life, but also putting money aside for the future.

