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Matthew Cahill says

Fascinating, thoroughly researched book that uses an easy-to-follow framework to address the mental and emotional aspects of financial planning. The concept of "wealth as funded contentment" and the Four C's of a meaningful life are very affecting and empowering. After reading plenty of books about the "hows" of investing, it was very refreshing to read one that addresses the "why" of investing and financial planning.

Paul LaFontaine says

How we manage our psychology in approaching wealth creation is far more important than the tactical things we do. When it comes to money, structure and consistency is far more important than skills and analysis.

A book that seemed to have potential by talking about the psychology of money that never fully delivers. It ends up talking stock picking and rehashes the tried and true case for dollar cost averaging and blended mutual funds. In the end, it's a complicated version of 1000's of other books out there.

Can't recommend.

Justus says

I always struggle to know how to rate a book like this. For me personally: this book had no value. But am I just the choir that it is preaching to? Would others get more out of it? I'm not sure. I think this book is really targeted for people who need a "religious conversion" in money matters and I'm not sure it can really do that.

In many ways this book is just a rehash of what I'll call "The Emerging Consensus". By which I mean: if you're the kind of person who reads The Atlantic (or at least skims the headlines when new articles come out) then you're going to be familiar with every argument and citation made. Behavioural finance, Carol Dweck, Thinking Fast & Slow, Daniel Pink's Drive, cognitive biases, buy experiences not stuff, the emerging science of happiness, and so on. I guess it is nice that so much of this is packaged up in a one-stop shop.

This is also a bit of a theoretical book. It is less about having tools & tactics and more about the broad strokes. For instance, it says the important things in life are "Connection, Control, Context" (and whatever the 4th "C" was...I'm drawing a blank right now). Sure, but concretely how does a person go about balancing those things, coming up with plans & goals for them, and then using a finite pool of money to achieve (some of? all of?) those things?

So I'm torn because I agree with basically everything in this book but I'm not sure I'd recommend...or if I did...who I'd recommend it to.

