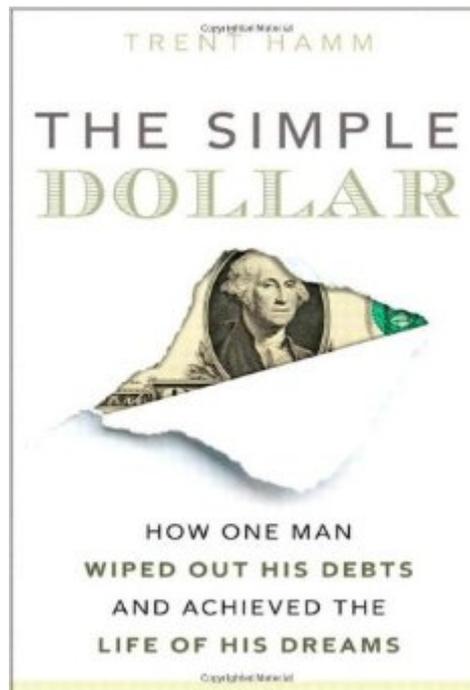


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The Simple Dollar: How One Man Wiped Out His Debts And Achieved The Life Of His Dreams



Synopsis

Struggling with debt? Frustrated about work? Just not satisfied with life? Trent Hamm set out to boost his happiness by freeing himself from debt. This account of how he succeeded, and how he was able to construct the life he'd always wanted, will inspire readers to put his ideas to work in their own lives.

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The Simple Dollar can change your life. Trent Hamm found himself drowning in consumer debt, working in a job he couldn't stand—and figured out how to escape that debt and build the fulfilling career he'd always dreamt about, all at the same time. Hamm shared his experiences at *TheSimpleDollar.com* and built it into one of America's top personal finance websites. Now, *The Simple Dollar* is a book: packed with practical tips, tools, and lessons you can use to transform your life, too.

This isn't just another personal finance book: it's profoundly motivating, empowering, practical, and 100% grounded in today's American realities. Trent Hamm will show you how to rewrite the rules, creating healthier relationships with money—and with your loved ones, too. With his help, you can get out of debt, start moving forward, and build the strong personal community that offers true happiness—no matter what happens to the economy.

Escape the plastic prison, and stop running to stand still

5 simple steps to eliminate credit card debt—and 5 more to start moving forward

Shift your life's balance towards more positive, stronger relationships

Learn how to put the golden rule to work for you

Discover the power of goals in a random world

Then, learn how to overcome inertia, and transform goals into reality

Navigate the treacherous boundaries between love and money

Move towards deeper communication, greater honesty, and more courage

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