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Jon Acuff's hilarious thoughts on all things "Dave Ramsey." Perfect for the Dave fan who has everything, or the person who wants to laugh about money while on their journey to financial peace.

- * Do your former credit card companies stalk you like a deranged ex-girlfriend? Page 45.
- * Do you need to baby-proof your home against 27-year-old kids trying to move into your basement? Page 19.
- * Have you ever made the basket walk of shame? Page 173.
- * Was your biggest question throughout Financial Peace University "How many blue shirts does Dave actually own?" Page 13.

Dave's Thoughts:

Too often, our money problems grow into some kind of monster hiding in the closet, growing bigger and badder and scarier every day that we keep them hidden. But if we want to change the behaviors that get us into trouble, we've got to kick the monster out of the closet—and laugh at him.

And I don't know anyone better equipped to do this than Jon Acuff. Through his blog and book, *Stuff Christians Like*, Jon's proven that he has a unique perspective on life that helps us get the joke and get the truth behind the joke every time. Lucky for us, Jon decided to chronicle his observations on his own journey toward Financial Peace. Think of it as an insider's guide to the "Dave Ramsey" stuff we all laugh about.

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David Geschke says

Well, I'm a huge Dave Ramsey fan. I've seen a few things from Jon Acuff and thought this might be a simple way to see if I'd like to read more of his work, it's a very small book. And it's based on his experiences working the Dave Ramsey program.

It took me almost a year to finish this book, just kept setting it aside in favor of something else and reading a little here and there until I finally finished it. Gets three stars because I did finish it, but I wouldn't go out of my way to recommend this book. Read Dave's books instead.

I won't go out and try to get another Jon Acuff book based on this. It's ok at best. Small chapters relating to his personal experiences working the Dave Ramsey program, nothing really new or exciting here.

Vivian says

You can breeze through this in an hour. The best part is the introduction/endorsement by Dave Ramsey. I shared a few sections with family members. It's primarily a collection of humorous blog posts about Dave Ramsey's program for Dave Ramsey enthusiasts.

Lydia says

This book reads much like Jonathan Acuff's blogs, which are hilarious. If you are familiar with Dave Ramsey at all, you will find it quick and entertaining. It might be a good primer for someone who is hesitant to dive in to the Total Money Makeover because Acuff's logic is convincing as well as humorous.

Jamie says

I've read Jon Acuff's later books and found him to be hilarious. This book, not so much. Reminded me of muttered asides or scribbled notes that my husband might say while going through Financial Peace University. Funny in the moment, and worth a chuckle or two, but not really all that hilarious when written down and presented in book format (with the exception of five or six really clever ones).

Bea Elwood says

What a waste of time, I couldn't even tell you what financial advice or debt knowledge was shared in this book. It was just one long sarcastic twit after another.

Christy Slaughter says

Quick, easy entertaining and informative read...

Rachel Carpenter says

Honestly, it was kind of boring.. Acuff's writing was supposed to be a humorous take on the Dave Ramsey approach to debt destruction, but it was so far off the beaten path that it just became ridiculous. There weren't very many real world situations, most of it was clearly an unbelievable extreme - so unbelievable that you just rolled your eyes and considered the many things you would rather be doing than reading this. I dunno.. I was just not impressed.

Catarina Paige Jae says

A great book to read when working out, but that's it. This book is probably a blink into anything Dave Ramsey. My dad got this book in a silent auction, so at least the money went to a good cause. However, I learned more about books I wanted to read, but I didn't get nearly as much substance from this book as I was hoping. I had high hopes that weren't met. This book is funny, but I would highly suggest you borrow from a friend or check out at the library.

JB says

Quick, funny read that builds on lessons from Dave Ramsey. To have it make more sense, and to understand more of the jokes, I recommend going through the Financial Peace University course or listening to "The Dave Ramsey Show" podcast/radio show first.

Darin Ramsey says

This was good for one and a half commutes (total of just over an hour. It's short, sweet, and cute. It's not supposed to be very substantial, and it isn't. I have one complaint, though. The legal department that made him put the (R) and (C) symbols on Every. Single. Brand. They need to be taken out and flogged. I was very worried that START would be the same way, and I'd already pre-ordered it! Thankfully, it isn't. Quitter: Closing the Gap Between Your Day Job & Your Dream Job I'll buy; this, I'll leave on the library shelf.

Anneliese Grassi says

Anyone who has been through a Dave Ramsey program would appreciate the humor & witt in this book. He nails it on the head the emotion & questions we all have while going through it. It is funny, in my opinion. Those haters probably don't even know who Dave Ramsey is. I will be sharing this book with my friends who have also done the program.

Cindy says

For those who like Dave Ramsey and his teachings on debt..this is a funny little book poking fun at all the things Dave talks about either in his books or on the radio. Quick, fun read.

Ann Davis says

Very funny book! I got an ebook/audiobook combo through Dave's store and followed along with the book while listening to it. This isn't about how to get out of debt, it is a humorous take on Dave's money philosophy. Honestly, some of the topics Jon talked about in this book were things that I thought of too. If you're following the baby steps and need a laugh, this is the book for you.

Kyle says

Has some really good thoughts but you gotta read through all of the Dave Ramsey worship (may be too harsh, but I found it annoying)

Steph says

This book is full of silliness. Not "That guy's an idiot" silly, more like "That guy has a wacky sense of humor" silly. Read it if you're into that kind of thing, but skip it if you're looking for real lessons in finance and getting out of debt. There were a few hidden gems among the crazy, but the book as a whole is akin to a bathroom reader.

To be perfectly honest, I only finished the book because I have a problem with having to finish a book once I start it regardless of how terrible it is, and I feel driven to meet my yearly reading goal even if it means I have to read softballs like this one.
