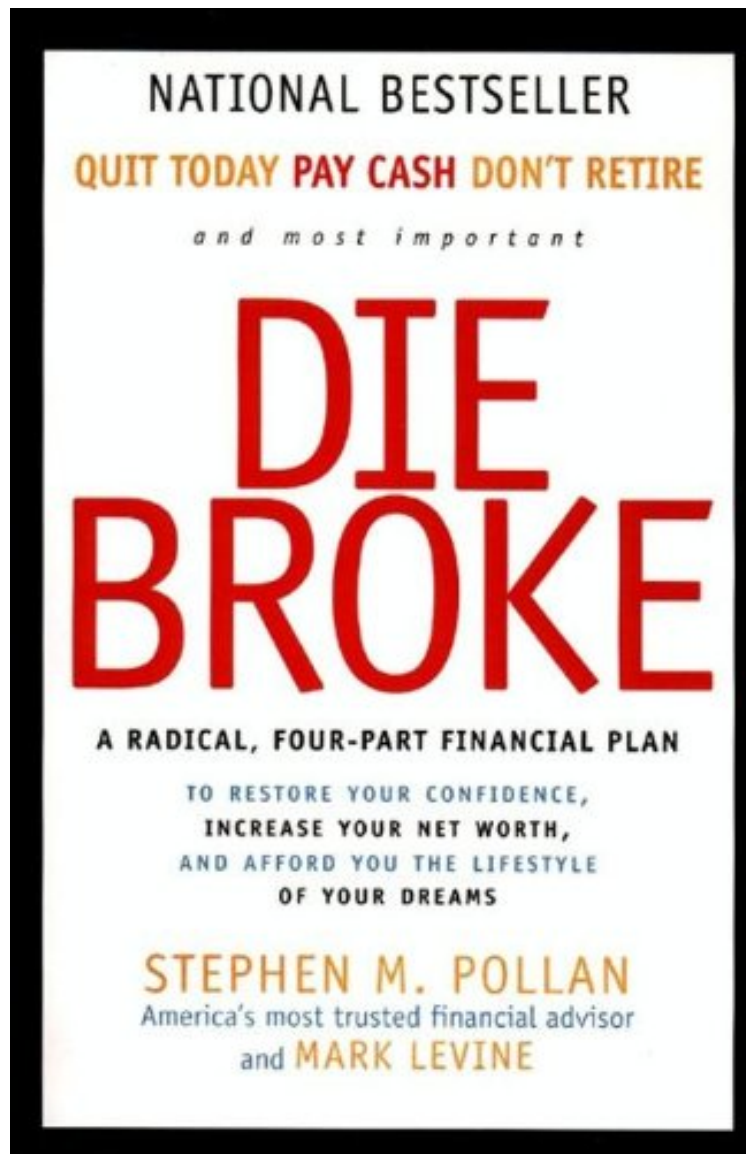


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From Publishers Weekly. This comprehensive reference from the authors of the bestselling *Die Broke* and *Live Rich* covers every imaginable topic from living wills and insurance to mentoring. While much of the advice is sound and helpful, the book covers so much ground that it may prove daunting to readers. In addition to specific subjects related to money, such as debt, real estate and investing, there's also a great deal of advice on career issues, including buying a franchise, selecting office equipment, hiring temporary help and more. There's even help on such specialized subjects as budgeting for garden and pet care. The most useful sections are the advice boxes including "secrets of dealing with cranky creditors," "saving money on moves" and "learning the lingo," which defines college aid financial terms. Here, readers are given concrete steps they can act on. However, with so many other sources of help both online and off, most people would be better served by a book offering more focused, detailed advice on specific topics rather than the brief summaries here. (Jan.) Forecast: Given the success of *Die Broke* as well as the extensive 25-city public radio campaign, online promotion and other publicity planned for the authors, this is likely to sell briskly initially, especially at larger chains. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal. In their two previous best sellers, *Live Rich* and *Die Broke*, Pollan and Levine offered a fresh approach to money and careers. In this encyclopedic follow-up, which includes extensive see also references, they provide concise, practical advice on a broad range of issues. Among the topics addressed are dealing with professionals; the pluses and minuses of various investment options; factors to consider when contemplating whether to rent, lease, or purchase property; how to manage various personal life challenges; and factors to consider before making the decision to start your own business. Their comments regarding asset allocation, financial planning, time management, retirement planning, the need to prioritize, problems associated with credit cards, fraud, gambling, and pyramid schemes will be especially useful. Recommended for public libraries. Norman B. Hutcherson, California State Univ., Bakersfield. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist. Pollan and Levine have collaborated on 15 books, most notably *Die Broke: A Radical, 4-Part Financial Plan for When the Conventional Wisdom No Longer Works* (1998), where they advised readers to pay cash, to live well, not to retire, and to die broke. Their unconventional, underlying assertion was that one's job is not about the work but about the money. Pollan is a New York City financial consultant who identifies his clients as well-off baby boomers "who live in apartment buildings with doormen" and "take vacations to Europe or St. Bart's." It is this group the pair now aims for with this encyclopedic collection of legal, financial, career, business, and consumer tips. After reiterating their basic philosophy, they spell out their recommendations on an assortment of about 250 topics that include adoption, automobile leases, business cards, Keogh plans, margin loans, travel insurance, yard sales, and zero-coupon bonds. David Rouse. Copyright copy; American Library Association. All rights reserved.