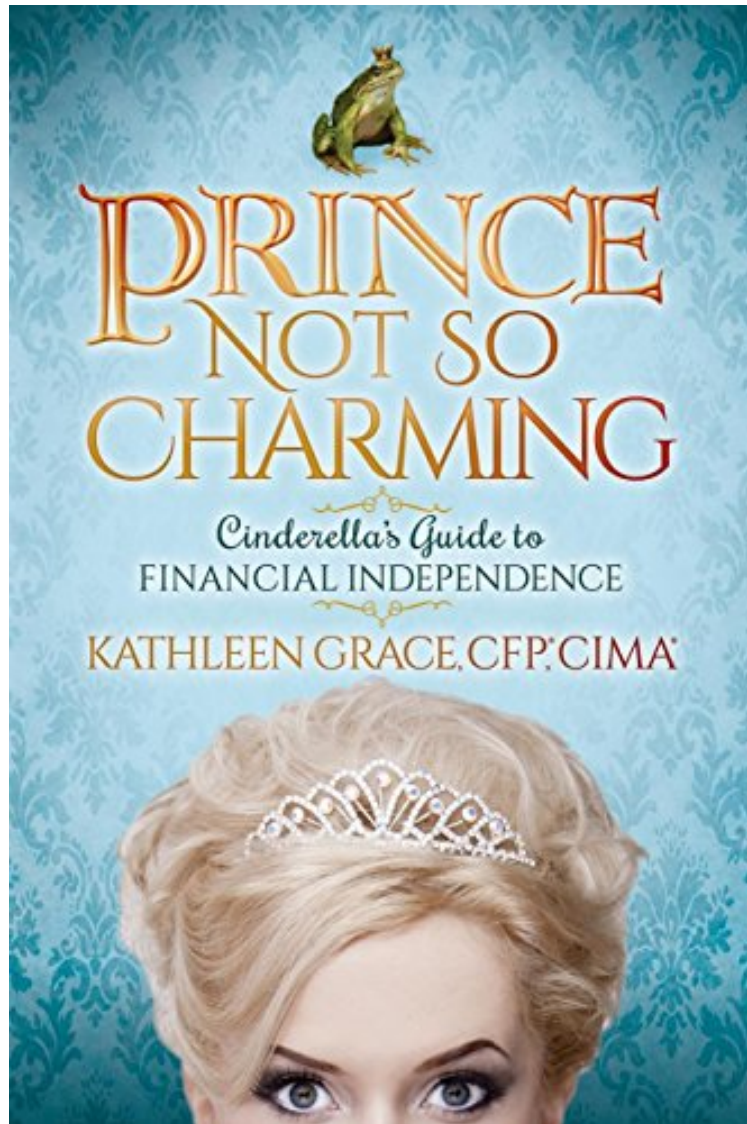


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Kathleen Grace : Prince Not So Charming: Cinderella's Guide to Financial Independence before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Prince Not So Charming: Cinderella's Guide to Financial Independence:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Take control of your financial life. A must read bookBy nanaThis is a page-turning book which captivates readers. It is a very well written message empowering women to become financially independent and take control of their lives. Even if you have a prince charming in your life, the book

empowers you to be independent in all aspects since you are not going to have a security blanket forever. It is a great eye opener for women and men on how to manage their finances, how to identify red flags on people who spend above their means and how to avoid being dragged into this mess. The book, although based on real experiences and fictional stories, reminded me how I fell for a type of prince described in this book who ended up being a "wannabe". Being allured by his charm and not thinking straight left me several thousand dollars deficit in my bank account. I should have read this book before that period in my life, that would have prevented me from traveling down that road. I am excited that Prince Not so Charming is now available for all women and men who want to work on their own financial independence!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Not Your Regular Fairy Tale! By P. Murphy Whether you have a Prince Charming or a NOT So Prince Charming or are looking for one, this book (although a fictional story) is a roadmap for all women, who are divorced, married and even single, on how to maneuver around the blocks and obstacles that prevent one from creating and maintaining financial independence and personal empowerment.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Prince Not So Charming By Dolce V. DaLove is often times blind to undeserving treatment. Ms. Grace skillfully demonstrates to the reader how we can protect ourselves from ultimate financial ruin by weaving financial advice within an engaging fairy-tale story. This is a must read for all women (from all walks of life) who want to take control of their financial well being all while preserving the wonderment of love itself. I enjoyed this book immensely!

"Prince Not So Charming," you will take a riveting journey with Cinderella as she navigates romance, emotional upheaval, and near-financial-death experiences--all of which lead her to find inner strength; despite seemingly insurmountable setbacks. Nine out of ten women will be solely responsible for their finances at some point in their lives. "Prince Not So Charming," is a call to action that will inspire and empower you to take control of your finances regardless of the obstacles you face, plus you'll learn: Strategies for women to regain power and avoid financial ruin The importance of and how to maintain financial independence--whether you're married, single, or contemplating divorce Financial strategies to help you safeguard yourself and those you love Ideas to reduce the financial and emotional burdens of divorce Whether you're a high-powered executive or a single mom struggling to make ends meet, "Prince Not So Charming" will encourage you to claim your power, create and protect your financial future.

A fun page-turner with a healthy dose of financial reality throughout. A must-read for women of all ages. --Gail Graham - Former Executive Vice President of Marketing and Business Development for Fidelity's Institutional Wealth Services

From the Author For over twenty years, I have worked with countless women who represent a wide range of experiences and backgrounds. What I have found is that, regardless of whether someone is a corporate executive or stay-at-home mom, a woman's dream of finding her own Prince Charming is near universal. We all wish for that perfect love! But after hearing story after story of disappointment and heartbreak in relationships, I have come to the unfortunate conclusion that Prince Charming exists only in fairy tales. Despite the professional boundaries that women continue to break through as we become CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, senators, state governors, high-profile athletes, and military leaders, women continually fall prey to the consequences of what I call the "Prince Charmingsyndrome." Many of us are cast under the spell of finding the "perfect mate"-- someone who will fulfill us romantically, financially, and emotionally. In and of itself, there is nothing wrong with this aspiration. After all, the union between two people who love one other is the bedrock of our society. The issue, however, comes when women cede control of their financial lives and emotional well-being to someone else. I am referring not just to women who are financially dependent on a breadwinner or have little monetary means on their own or both. I am also including doctors, lawyers, business leaders, and others in prominent roles within their professions and communities. For example, I have met professionals and business owners that are victims of verbal or physical abuse. Listening to heartbreaking stories motivated me to provide tools to empower women. By combining the insight I have gained working with clients who represent diverse backgrounds with my experience as a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER[®]; professional, I have reached the following three conclusions:

1. Giving Prince Charming full financial control also hands over your power. When someone has control over your financial future, you are vulnerable to a financial crisis. Counting on Prince Charming to pay the bills exposes you to being controlled financially or otherwise. Knowledge and involvement in the daily expenses and income will help prevent becoming a victim.
2. Anything can happen to Prince Charming, so be prepared. He can die, become disabled, be a spendthrift, or turn out to simply be a jerk. Relationships may be perfectly romantic in the beginning. The unfortunate truth is that they often come to an end--given the current divorce rate is over 50 percent.
3. When you are financially independent, you are better equipped to deal with the emotional devastation of a breakup. Getting over the loss of Prince Charming, in and of itself, is tough enough. But it is exponentially more difficult when you are dealing with a breakup and being broke. Rather than view these as gloom-and-doom relationship realities, I see them as a call to action to fully embrace our current societal role. In fact, it seems we are at an unprecedented historical moment. Take women of my mother's generation, for example. At the time, they were obligated to follow cultural and societal roles that kept them at home,

or if they were part of the workforce, they earned paltry wages. Fast forward to today: we are educated, well compensated, and thus free to take on near-endless opportunities in our personal and professional lives. *Prince Not So Charming* was written to entertain, inspire, and shed light on the consequences of giving one's power to a boyfriend, spouse, or significant other. Although the story is a work of fiction, its message rings true to all of us who have loved, lost, and hope to love again. Lastly, my wish is that this book plays a modest part in the paradigm shift that I see taking place in society today--one where women have unprecedented opportunities to lead romantically, financially, and emotionally fulfilling lives. I am thrilled to embark on this journey with you, and I sincerely hope this book will motivate and inspire positive change. Together, we can begin making a difference in the world, starting today.

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