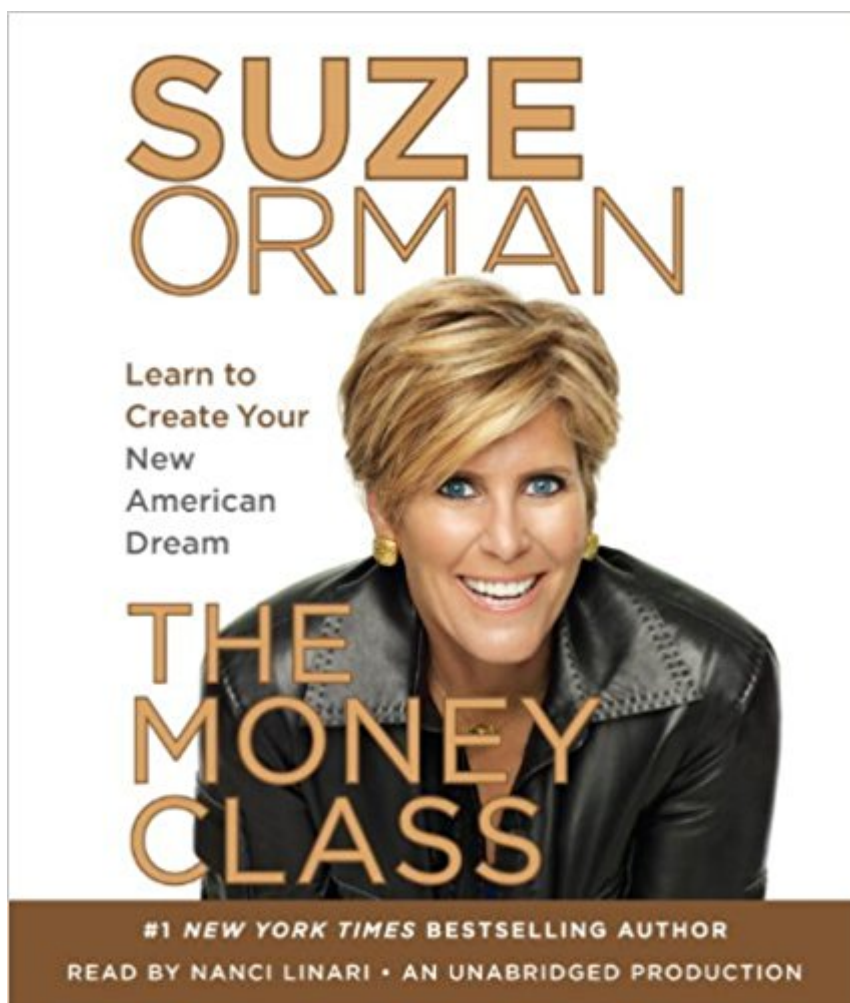


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# The Money Class: Learn To Create Your New American Dream



## Synopsis

What does it take to create your New American Dream? Suze Orman, the woman millions of Americans have turned to for financial advice, says it's time for a serious reconsideration of the American Dream—what promise it still holds, what aspects are in need of revision, and how it must be refashioned to fit our lives so that we can once again have faith that our hard work will pay off and that a secure and hopeful future is within our reach. In nine electrifying chapters, Orman delivers a master class on personal finance for this pivotal moment in time. She addresses every aspect of the American Dream—home, family, career, retirement. She teaches us that in order to create lasting security we must learn to stand in our truth. We must recognize, embrace, and be honest about what is real for us today and allow that understanding to inform the choices we make. The New American Dream is not the things we accumulate, says Orman, but the confidence that comes from knowing that which we've worked so hard for cannot be taken away from us. In *THE MONEY CLASS*, Orman teaches us how to take control over our present—right here, right now—in order to build the future of our dreams. Whether navigating the complicated mix of money and family, offering the most comprehensive retirement resource available today, or delivering a bracing dose of reality when it comes to recalibrating our expectations and our goals, Orman educates us with her signature no-nonsense approach and laser-like clarity. She empowers us to live a life of integrity and honesty that will create an enduring legacy for future generations—a New American Dream that lies in truth, security, financial freedom, and peace of mind.

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“Suze teaches readers how to transform their thinking and reimagine the American dream.”  
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Suze Orman is a two-time Emmy Award-winning television host, #1 New York Times bestselling author, magazine and online columnist, writer/producer, and one of the top motivational speakers in the world today. She is the seven-time Gracie Award-winning host of The Suze Orman Show, which airs on CNBC, and of the forthcoming Money Class on OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network. She is also a contributing editor to O: The Oprah Magazine.

Purchased this for my mom. A lot of good information in here for the beginner money manager. Good information for all phases of life from good money habits to instill in kids to things to do in retirement. I listened to the audiobook and I found some good novel information as well as some good reminders of things I had already come across in other books. The information in here is not going to be groundbreaking if you have already read several other money management books. I think there is more information here on navigating personal relationships and habits than other books but again not ground breaking just more common sense. But I do recommend it for people who are newer to managing money.

While I unknowingly had been following her advice, I feel comfortable and ready to retire when the time comes. I learned a lot about what to think about in retirement, though I am not convinced long term care insurance is worth going into. Everyone can learn something from her awesome book.

Interesting, but very basic. If you have had even a little education in personal finance or business, this book is not much help. It's good for the complete novice and someone just starting out who might be product of America's public schools where they don't teach much business or finance.

Helped my make decisions and have intelligent conversations about my retirement advisor, decide about annuities and target investments. Would like to see book aimed at living in retirement, especially since baby boomers are entering into retirement whether they like it or not. Also on when is it safe to inhale and just enjoy life without being fixated on money, i.e. what if you've done it all right? Seems every piece of advice has an exception, which could be explored more thoroughly. When is it time to move funds from one mutual fund company to another when you are unhappy

with your advisor. Signs when it is time to change would be good. Received very good service from for purchase of book.

Suze writes about current events in our economic present and for our economic future. She tells us to let go of the past, and pursue the New American Dream. In the past, owning a home was the American Dream. Now, perhaps renting is the right choice for you, especially if you want the freedom to move in order to accept promotions, or in order to find a new job. Suze stresses the need to live below your means, but within your needs. Learn to gain as much pleasure from saving as you do from spending. Suze explains to readers at all points in their careers and in their retirement how to invest, save, spend wisely, and make their money last throughout their retirement. Her website provides additional information to supplement the book. A must for all Suze fans, and for anyone who would like to make the most of their money in these hard times. Stand in your own truth and read this book.

( From March posting on Your Life.Your Money blog . [...])Dear Suze,Thank you so much for the opportunity to give you my thoughts on your new book, The Money Class. I feel honored and privileged to do so. You are an American Icon and an extraordinary Financial Expert. Your advice and counsel have truly helped millions of people.In short - I loved your new book. Once again you have delivered to your fans a primer on managing money in current times. I am impressed with all the detailed advice you provided on everything from Family, Career, Buying a Home, Investing and Saving for Retirement at all stages of life. Everyone will find something of great benefit. I also went to your web site and reviewed the tools and financial calculators that accompany the book. They are terrific, easy to use, and a wonderful bonus that goes along with purchasing the book. Anyone who follows your advice and direction will be successful not only with their money but also with their life.About the philosophy you espouse in the book; I loved your clarion call to "Stand in your Truth" about your money. This is both brilliant and critical. For years, people have been able to "lie" to themselves about their money by leveraging home equity and credit cards. For a short time, everyone could appear richer than they really were by taking money from their future and spending it in the present. When the bubble burst, people found themselves in trouble. And when layoffs proliferated and new job opportunities shrank, the trouble grew even worse. The thesis of your book to be true to yourself and live below your means in order to protect your future is a very necessary one.Finally, I was touched by your deep care and compassion especially in the final chapter. It IS damn hard to write a book that conveys sobering truths to people who are already suffering. It never

feels good to hear that the time of illusion is over and now we have to get back to basics....buying what we can afford, saving for our future, working longer since we now live longer.I had only one minor quibble with your writing. You say we need to adopt a "New" American Dream. I think it isn't new, per se. It really is the same American Dream that our Grandparents and Great Grandparents had. You alluded to this in the last few paragraphs of the book. This real American Dream was corrupted over the past thirty years by, in my opinion, the rise of Deregulation, flattening of the Tax Rates, and explosion of Executive pay in the financial services industry. Our society was corrupted too. We now have a chasm between the Rich and Poor with the Middle Class very much in danger. It's time to wring out the excesses and negative incentives and go back to what made our Country great: a Society where all people could feel they were generally treated equally and with dignity by their Government and Corporate America; a belief that their personal American Dream was achievable if they managed their money well and worked hard for it. 'Suze, you have done a great service to your readers by telling them the truth. I wish our Government leaders would do this too. I hope your book can ignite a national dialogue on these critical issues. Congratulations on your New York Times #1 best selling book. I wish you much continued success with it!

Mrs. Orman's common sense approach to living within your means and saving for the future is informative and easily understood. She addresses strategies for every age group from helping children understand the importance of saving, to college planning, to young adults, to middle age, and the elderly. She also addresses a wide variety of investment options, and how to grow your nest egg for a comfortable retirement even if your income is minimal or virtually non-existent. It is a good book for the novice investor or someone who has not made wise financial choices in the past. It is encouraging and addresses today's economic downturn with a positive message that it is possible to reach your dream.

Very informative. Great information to share with children, and what to do at every age range: 20, 30, 40, and 50 and beyond regarding retiring, paying debt, and paying your mortgage before retiring.

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