

A Pocketful of Stories:

Books for You and Your Child to Share.



Barbour, Karen. *Little Nino's Pizzeria.* Harcourt Brace, 1990.

Tony likes to help his father at their small family restaurant, but everything changes when Little Nino's Pizzeria becomes a fancier place.

Bergen, Laura. *Funny Money.* Price Stern Sloan, 1999.

This is a sticker book, complete with 200 stickers, cut-out paper "dollars," and a wealth of fun facts to introduce money to children in an engaging way.

Greenstein, Elaine. *Mattie's Hats Won't Wear That! Knopf,* 1997.

Mattie's hats have had about all they can take of their creator's eccentric designs. The hats stage a rebellion, letting Mattie know they want things plain and simple. When Mattie decides to let the hats decorate themselves, everyone is happy.

Maccarone, Grace. *Monster Money* (Level 1-Pre-School to Grade 1; Level 2-Kindergarten to Grade 2; Level 3-Grade 1 to Grade 2; Level 4-Grade 2 to Grade 3). Scholastic, 1998. This delightful book for young children is about monsters who are consumers and more.

Polacco, Patricia. *Chicken Sunday.* Paper Star, 1998.

The author recalls how she and two friends created an ingenious plan to buy a special Easter hat for the boys' grandmother, a lady well known for her wonderful chicken dinners.

Roper, Ingrid. *Money Makers: Good Cents for Girls.* Pleasant Company, 1998.

This book contains many entrepreneurial ideas for children.

Russo, Marisabina. *When Mama Gets Home.* Greenwillow, 1998.

The three children of a mother who works outside the home look forward to her return at the end of the day. Each sibling has a task: the older sister puts the chicken to roast; the brother peels carrots; and the youngest child, who narrates the story, sets the table. Mama finally comes home with a smile and some hugs, changes her shoes, finishes dinner preparations, and sits down with her children for a meal and recap of the day's events.

Silverstein, Shel. *The Giving Tree.* HarperCollins Publishers, 1964.

This is the story of a tree that gives itself as a resource to a boy/man throughout his life to satisfy his wants.

Talbot, Jim. *Coin County: A Bank in a Book.* Innovative Kids, 1999.

This book about counting and saving money includes places to save more than \$20.00 by filling the built-in coin slots on each page with pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters while also building early math skills.

Thatcher, Fran. *The Pick and Shop Marketplace.* Random House, 1996.

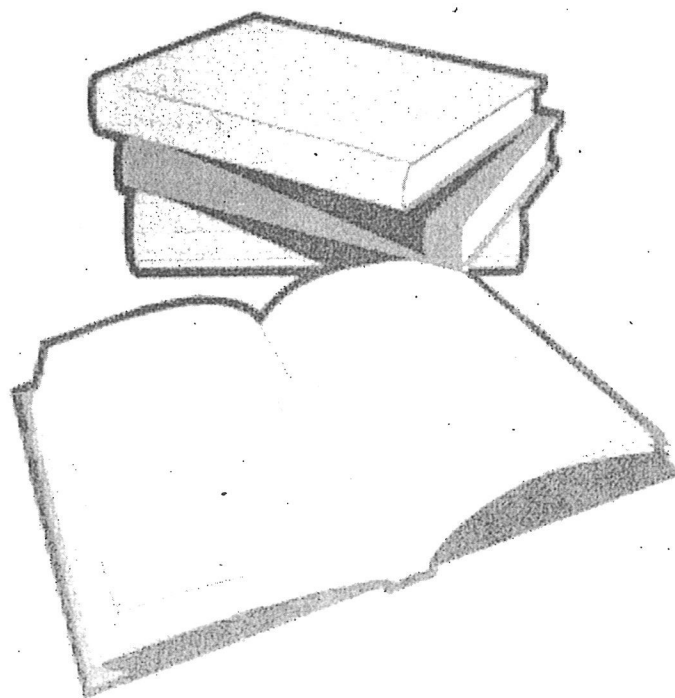
Four stores unfold and pop out in amazing detail to form a charming, interactive shopping center.

Vaughan, Marcia K. *Lemonade Stand.* Grosset & Dunlap, 1999.

Boomer, the bear, and his friend, the mouse, set up a lemonade stand. Charging a nickel a glass, the duo can see the money adding up quickly, with boats and sports cars in their future. But when no customers show up, Boomer buys his friend a glass of lemonade, and then his friend buys Boomer a glass. In this way, the same nickels go back and forth until the lemonade disappears.

Viorst, Judith. *Alexander, Who Used To Be Rich Last Sunday.* Aladdin Books, Macmillan

Publishing Company, 1980. Alexander receives a gift of \$1.00 and must decide how to use this gift.





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Burkett, Larry. *A Home for the Hamster.* Moody Press, 2000.
This is a story about saving for a pet.

Julio, Susan. *Consumer Math: Activities to Teach Counting, Saving, Shopping, and Banking.* Grades K-3. Carson-Dellosa Publishing Company, Inc., 1998. This is a book of activities about children earning, spending, and saving money. It is an excellent resource for teaching young children about living with money.

Mills, Lauren. *The Rag Coat.* Little, Brown and Company, 1991.
A mother saves scraps of fabric over the years to make her daughter a coat. Although classmates tease the child about her coat, she wears it proudly and is able to tell a different story with each piece of the coat.

Newton-John, Olivia and Brian Seth Hurst. *A Pig Tale.* Simon & Schuster, 1993.
A young pig is embarrassed by his father's need to constantly save items for future use until his father produces an amazing "flying balloon."

Schwartz, David M. *If You Made a Million.* Mulberry Books, 1994.
Marvelosissimo the Mathematical Magician helps children understand finances, explaining how to earn and invest money, showing how dividends and interest work, and much more.

Sheindlin, Judge Judy. *Win or Lose by How You Choose!* HarperCollins Juvenile Books, 2000. In her first book for young readers, the popular TV personality Judge Judy asks children and their parents to come up with their own solutions to realistic moral dilemmas. Rather than forcing the "correct" answer on readers, Judge Judy provides four multiple choice responses to each situation and encourages families to discuss every answer before choosing.

Viorst, Judith. *Alexander Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday.* Aladdin Paperbacks, 1980.
One Sunday Alexander's grandparents gave him a dollar, which he wanted to save for walkie-talkies. But as a result of some poor choices, he soon was left with only bus tokens in his pockets.

Williams, Vera, B. *Something Special for Me.* Mulberry Books, 1982.
Rosa has difficulty choosing a special birthday present to buy with the coins her mother and grandmother have saved. She has many things she wants but only enough money to buy one.

Exercise Equipment:

Children's Books on Earning Income.

Help your children learn about income with these children's books.

Bulla, Clyde Robert. *Shoeshine Girl*. Harper Trophy, 1975.

Sara Ida is unhappy about spending the summer at her Aunt Claudia's home. Her aunt refuses to give her an allowance. This makes Sarah Ida furious, so she finds a job at a shoeshine stand. As a result, the summer holds many surprises for her.

Butterworth, W. E. *LeRoy and the Old Man*. Scholastic Paperbacks, 1991.

LeRoy witnesses a murder committed by a Chicago gang. The gang members want to prevent Leroy from testifying against them. He escapes to New Orleans to stay with a grandfather he has never met. His grandfather operates a shrimping business.

Mitchell, Barbara. *A Pocketful of Goobers: A Story about George Washington Carver*. Lerner Publishing Co., 1989. This biography summarizes the scientific efforts of George Washington Carver, especially his production of more than 300 uses for the peanut.

Mitchell, Barbara. *Shoes for Everyone: A Story about Jan Matzeliger*. Carolrhoda Books, 1988. Long ago, only very wealthy people could afford to have comfortable shoes. After many years of struggle, Jan Matzeliger invented a machine that made the production of shoes quicker and cheaper.

Rawls, Wilson. *Where the Red Fern Grows*. Bantam Books, 1984.

Billy works and saves his money for two years so he can buy a pair of coon dogs. Billy and his dogs hunt together and share many adventures.

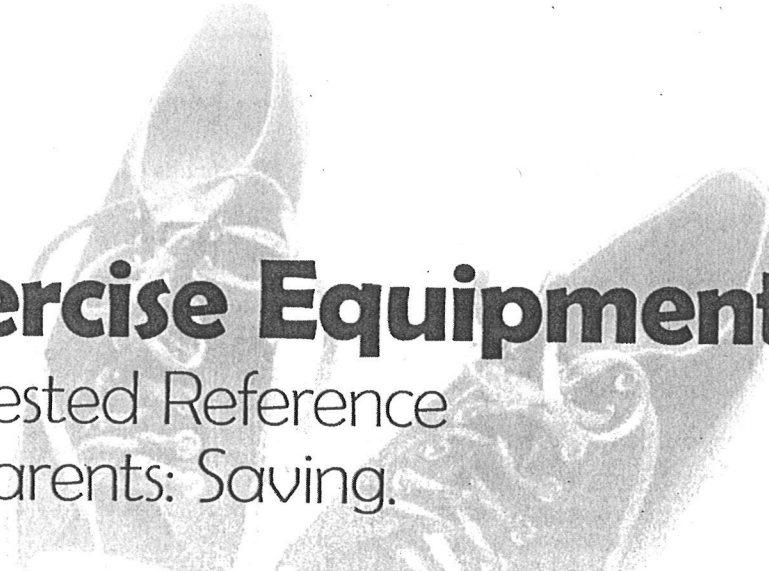
St. Pierre, Stephanie. *The Story of Jim Henson, Creator of the Muppets*. Gareth Stevens, 1997. From his youth, Jim Henson was a talented artist and puppeteer. His creativity and entrepreneurial spirit led to a remarkably successful business while delighting children and adults with the charming Muppets.

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *The First Four Years*. Harper Trophy, 1973.

Laura and Almanzo marry and begin their lives together as farmers. They face the hardships of drought, hailstorms, blizzards, and snow, which compound the economic difficulties of farming.

Williams, Vera. *A Chair for My Mother*. Scholastic Books, 1982.

A little girl and her mother save part of their income to replace a chair destroyed in a fire.



Exercise Equipment:

Suggested Reference for Parents: Saving.

Godfrey, Neale S. *The Kid's Money Book*. Scholastic, 1991.
A reference for children about a variety of topics.

"Teaching Your Children How to Save and Spend." New York: American Express Company. A pamphlet for parents with hints to help children develop spending and saving habits. Multiple copies are available from American Express Company, Office of Public Responsibility, World Financial Center, New York, NY 10285-4700.

Children's Books for Learning about Saving.

Help your children learn about Saving with these children's books.

Aesop (illustrated by Bari Weesman). *The Ant and the Grasshopper*. Houghton Mifflin, 1991. The classic fable with a moral about saving for the future.

Babbitt, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting*. Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, 1985.
What are the benefits and costs of living forever? Meet the Tuck family, Winnie, and the man in the yellow suit.

Bunting, Eve. *Fly Away Home*. Clarion Books, 1991.
Andrew and his father live at the airport. Both work and save their income. Their savings goal is to be able to afford an apartment.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Count Your Money with the Polk Street School*. Bantam Doubleday Dell Publishing Group, Inc. 1994. Ms. Rooney's class is learning about money and saving. With the money they save, they'll take a trip together.

Hoban, Russell. *A Bargain for Frances*. Harper Row, 1970.
Frances has a savings goal and has saved her money. Her friend decides that she wants the same thing.

Kehret, Peg. *The Richest Kids in Town*. Cobblehill Books, 1994.
Two boys design a variety of money-making schemes that don't quite work out. They both have a savings goal. Now, all they need is to earn some income.

- Koningsburg, E. L.** *From the Mixed-Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler.* Aladdin Books, 1967.
Claudia and Jamie make many economic decisions during their stay at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.
- Mitchell, Margaret King.** *Uncle Jed's Barbershop.* Simon and Schuster, 1993.
Despite great obstacles, Sarah Jane's Uncle Jed, the only African-American barber in the county, pursues his dream of saving enough money to open a barber shop.
- Rockwell, Thomas.** *How to Eat Fried Worms.* Dell, 1994.
A mini-bike is the goal. The problem: Billy can earn \$50 toward his goal by eating fifteen worms in fifteen days.
- Williams, Vera.** *A Chair for My Mother.* Scholastic, 1982.
A story about working and saving for a new chair after a fire.