Anyone can write a book about how to get rich. The bookstores are full of them. They rarely work, though, which isn't surprising since the people who write them rarely know much about money. But it takes Ben Stein, economist, finance expert for Barron's, commentator on finance for Fox News, and (fairly) successful investor to write a book called How to Ruin Your Financial Life. Written with the same tongue-in-cheek cheekiness as his bestselling How to Ruin Your Life, this book is a humorous road map showing you how to make something useful of the money that comes in and out of your life. Follow the rules—in reverse gear—and you're bound to be a lot better off than you are now. Follow the rules as they're written—and you're likely to wind up in bankruptcy court—as millions do every decade. Here are some of the rules, just to wet your appetite:

Collect as Many Credit Cards as You Can and Use Them Frequently; Compete with Your Friends to See Who Can Own the Most Expensive and High-Status Possessions; Know in Your Gut That Only Suckers Work Hard for Money and That Smarties Like You Only Have to Find an Angle; Remember That Retirement Is a Long Way Off, and Don’t Even Think about It Right Now; Bear in Mind That Only Little People Pay Their Bills or Taxes; Don’t Bother to Own Your Own Home Because Home Ownership Is a Hassle...and many more. This book is a laugh-out-loud way to educate yourself, your children, and your friends about how money really works...and a way to smile while you’re straightening out that mess you call your financial life.

My Personal Review:
Ben Stein should be a keynote speaker on high schools (or even grade schools), because what he says could form the basis of an excellent class on financial literacy. After all, our kids are supposed to learn the basics of reading, writing and mathematics but...what about the basics of how to handle money? Isn't that equally important (and for those who say they learn it at home, the level of personal debt in this country is alarming, so I'd argue that point). In any case, the humor and writing style of this book makes it very accessible and it should reach a readership that finds other financial books too dry or ho-hum. This one is not and if you simply do everything the opposite of what you’d do to "ruin" your financial life, you will be on a more solid financial path. Get this. Read it. Share it with a teenager or high school student or anyone being lured down the road to instant gratification,
expensive cars and clothes and who is NOT looking at the larger picture - or their financial future.

Funny thing, too. With a little foresight and by starting early, it is possible to indulge (some) and have enough for the future. Read this book. You’ll get the point.

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