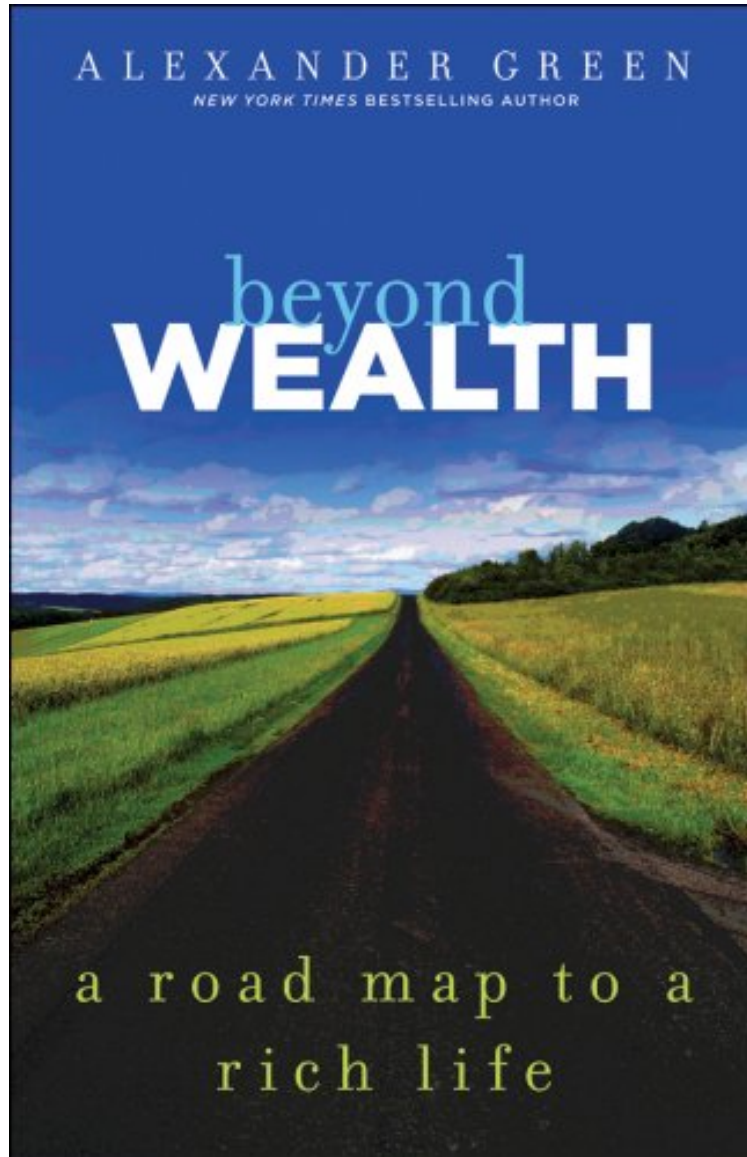


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shares of Berkshire Hathaway at \$8,000, and, when it hit \$13,000, I sold it, but I needed that money to pay income taxes. I thought I was a stock-picker, a real guru, and it worked for a long time. My portfolio really took off. Live and learn. While I didn't lose my shirt when the tech bubble burst, because I pretty much stayed away from them, I lost half the value of what was, at least for me, a pretty good foundation for a retirement plan. Then, I started gambling, and I subscribed to a handful of stock advisory newsletters. I invested and lost a lot more money in Chinese stocks that sounded too good to fail, but did. That did it for me. I had a big wake-up call and realized that, what had been going well for me in the beginning, was still going well. I had been chasing rabbits, and it was exciting while it lasted, but the slow-moving tortoise beats the hare every time. You must believe that, and, while watching a race between them may not be very exciting, if you invest in large, blue-chip American companies, with international exposure and long histories of paying and growing their dividends, you cannot go wrong. Now, I'm back where I started, and I kick myself for not staying the course for the past 30 years. If I had, I'd be wealthy enough to think that I just might be able to retire. This book is good, it's easy to read and it lives up to it 's title.41 of 42 people found the following review helpful. An Excellent Resource in Turbulent TimesBy D. BuxmanAlexander Green is someone who knows how to make money. Although I do not know him personally, as a subscriber to numerous Agora publications I have made a good deal of profit on his recommendations, but I am by no means wealthy. Beyond Wealth is a self-explanatory title, since it focuses on the issues that arise in life once you step outside of yourself and realize that the rat race isn't all it's cracked up to be. This compilation of essays covers a wide territory from classical philosophy to current events and is written in a lucid and compelling manner. I agree that it would make an excellent graduation gift, or just a good book to have at hand if you have a few moments to spare. The author exhibits a wide and deep array of knowledge that is woefully absent in today's Talking Head Media and he demonstrates a true appreciation of what it means to be wealthy, both in terms of financial and spiritual aspects. This is a book that is worthy of your investment, both in time and money.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Grand-mother trying to influence a grand-son's endeavor into a new world and a major step into being influenced in a good wayBy Pat SmithFor me it was a quick read, small pearls of wisdom, so I kept my copy. My grand-son just began his college education Hofstra University in New York and his first independence from home. At Christmas along w/money I bought Dave Ramsey co-writer his daughter and a valuable lesson for both of my grand-sons (neither seem to be excited about reading a book that wasn't required by school). I promised \$20.00 if they read it so far that hasn't happened, but admonished them NOT to ignore it for it will give you both some knowledge that will pay off it the future. This explanation is a round about way of commenting on "Beyond Wealth", I sent it along w/cookies, \$50.00 and to please give it a chance. The attraction was the short tidbits that shared a wealth of good advice. We will see?

It's not all about the money; the key to true riches Leo Tolstoy said, "Nobody knows where the human race is going. The highest wisdom, then, is to know where you are going." Yet many today chase the false rabbits of success: status, luxury, reputation and material possessions. In the quest to "have it all," our lives often lack real meaning and purpose. Beyond Wealth is the antidote. New York Times bestselling author Alexander Green takes things right down to brass tacks: We are here for a short time. Knowledge is limitless. Therefore, the most critical knowledge is not any particular skill but rather wisdom about "how to live." Fortunately, men and women have had several thousand years to think about what it means to live "the good life." And the answers found here, from Plato and Aristotle to Mahatma Gandhi and Stephen Hawking, will both surprise and delight you. Beyond Wealth provides insightful commentary on the most important aspects of our lives: love, work, honor, trust, freedom, death, fear, truth, beauty and other timeless issues. The book is both a thought provoking read and the ideal gift, guaranteed to ennoble, uplift and inspire.

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