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Take one thoroughly modern gal with a recessionary income problem, mix with the practices of a culture that has proved to be recession-proof, and what have you got?

A financial planner in a straw hat.

When writer Lorilee Craker learned that the Amish are not just surviving but thriving in the economic downturn, she decided to find out why. What she found was about a dozen tried and true financial habits the Amish have employed for generations that will make your cash last longer and help you build wealth. Craker provides tips to...

- use it up, wear it out, make do, or do without
- rethink your gift giving
- repurpose, recycle, and reuse
- eat like royalty for a peasant's pittance

Endorsements:

Packed with practical, simple, and smart money saving ideas and teeming with great insight into the sensible Amish ways, *Money Secrets of the Amish* will entertain you with stories and retrain your brain to be the savvy money saver you always dreamed you could be. --Beth Wiseman, best-selling author of *Plain Promise* and *Seek Me With All Your Heart*

Sometimes touching, sometimes humorous and always helpful, author Lorilee Craker pulls us into the family rooms of the Amish and shows us how they make ends meet. Story after story illustrates savvy money management: trading for goods and services, shopping for bargains, living with less, avoiding debt, curbing the desire to impress others. And Craker's journalistic bent provides plenty of takeaway value for the non-Amish. A very worthwhile read whether your bank account is bursting or busting. --Suzanne Woods Fisher, author of *Amish Peace: Simple Wisdom for a Complicated World* and *Lancaster County Secrets* (Revell)

This book is like an Amish basement shelf loaded with Mason jars full of Plain money wisdom. Self-confessed "Fancy" gal Lorilee Craker rolls up her sleeves and cracks them open one-by-one, figuring out how to fit Amish principles to a non-Amish life. She succeeds, and so can you—read *Money Secrets of the Amish* and add weight to your wallet. --Erik Wesner, amishamerica.com; author of *Success Made Simple: An Inside Look at Why Amish Businesses Thrive*

Money Secrets of the Amish is a practical, doable guide, and it's such fun to read. Lorilee's voice is as engaging and lively as ever, and the wisdom she shares from the Amish community is both inspiring and instructive. I just finished the last page, and my mind is buzzing with all sorts of ways to waste less, want

less, and spend less. --Shauna Niequist, author of *Cold Tangerines* and *Bittersweet*

Lorilee inspires and impacts your everyday life with this marvelous little read. From buttons to bakery you suddenly realize this conversation is not about just pinching a few pennies but about transforming how we view our everyday lives. I applaud Lorilee for asking the hard questions and pressing in to find honest answers. Forget the mall, kick back and soak up the delicious wisdom of a life well lived. Thank you Lorilee for shaping my everyday! --Tracey Bianchi, author of *Green Mama*

Money Secrets of the Amish isn't so much about making money; it's about family, discipline, and redefining what *wealthy* means. This is a great read that helps us all to see more clearly what's really valuable in our lives. --Jeff McMahon, award-nominated musician and national director/runner with the Team McGraw endurance program

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