

Mortgage Ripoffs And Money Savers An Industry Insider Explains How To Save Thousands On Your Mortgage Or Re Finance

In the depths of the Great Recession, a cancer nurse, a car dealership worker, and an insurance fraud specialist helped uncover the largest consumer crime in American history—a scandal that implicated dozens of major executives on Wall Street. They called it foreclosure fraud: millions of families were kicked out of their homes based on false evidence by mortgage companies that had no legal right to foreclose. Lisa Epstein, Michael Redman, and Lynn Szymoniak did not work in government or law enforcement. They had no history of anticorporate activism. Instead they were all foreclosure victims, and while struggling with their shame and isolation they committed a revolutionary act: closely reading their mortgage documents, discovering the deceit behind them, and building a movement to expose it. Fiscal Times columnist David Dayen recounts how these ordinary Floridians challenged the most powerful institutions in America armed only with the truth—and for a brief moment they brought the corrupt financial industry to its knees.

This Element is an excerpt from Homebuyers Beware: Who's Ripping You Off Now?--What You Must Know About the New Rules of Mortgage and Credit (ISBN: 9780137020164) by Carolyn Warren. Available in print and digital formats. The simplest, clearest, quickest, step-by-step guide to today's home loan processes! I've seen loan process flowcharts so elaborate, I wonder if the author's purpose was to try to impress me with the complexity and enormity of their job. By contrast, here is a simple checklist that leads you through the steps, from start to finish. Step #1: Get a Good Faith Estimate and choose your loan officer....

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Bestselling author Jason R. Rich joins forces with top credit experts to bring you this insider's guide to credit. Revealing jaw-dropping secrets, strategies and tools, Rich and his team of industry insiders show you how to get out from under any credit crunch, and get back in control of your financial future—in less than 12 months! Discover how to increase your credit score, remove incorrect and negative information from your credit reports, rebuild destroyed credit, and ultimately, save hundreds, possibly thousands, of dollars every month!

- Boost your credit scores and overall rating*
- Work with collection agencies, creditors, and lenders to pay off debts and overcome past mistakes*
- Get the best rates on credit cards, auto loans, and mortgages and start saving*
- Avoid the most common financial and credit-related mistakes made by millions*
- Learn how to identify and avoid “credit repair” and “credit score boosting” scams*

• And more Includes worksheets, exclusive interviews with credit experts and supplemental resources!

How Three Ordinary Americans Uncovered Wall Street's Great Foreclosure Fraud

Fraud and Politics in the Savings and Loan Crisis

Repair Your Credit Like the Pros

Homebuyers Beware (Intro & Chapter 1): Getting the World's Cheapest Loan

Fighting Identity Theft!

Go from Beginner to Expert, Raise Your Credit Score, and Secure Your Finances

Clark Howard's Living Large in Lean Times

Since the first edition of the Encyclopedia of White Collar and Corporate Crime was produced in 2004, the number and severity of these crimes have risen to the level of calamity, so much so that many experts attribute the near-Depression of 2008 to white-collar malfeasance, namely crimes of greed and excess by bankers and financial institutions. Whether the perpetrators were prosecuted or not, white-collar and corporate crime came near to collapsing the U.S. economy. In the 7 years since the first edition was produced we have also seen the largest Ponzi scheme in history (Maddoff), an ecological disaster caused by British Petroleum and its subcontractors (Gulf Oil Spill), and U.S. Defense Department contractors operating like vigilantes in Iraq (Blackwater).

White-collar criminals have been busy, and the Second Edition of this encyclopedia captures what has been going on in the news and behind the scenes with new articles and updates to past articles.

Who killed the economy? A page-turning, true-crime exposé of the subprime salesmen and Wall Street alchemists who produced the biggest financial scandal in American history "It's hard to have a guilty conscience if you don't have a conscience. Anything that benefited production - that benefited me and benefited my wallet - I'd do it." The sales force at Ameriquest Mortgage took this philosophy to heart. They watched the Hollywood white-collar-crime flick "Boiler Room" as a training tape, studying how to pitch overpriced deals to unsuspecting home owners. They learned how to forge signatures on mortgage paperwork and create fake documents in "cut-and-paste" operations they dubbed "The Lab" or "The Art Department." In this stunning narrative, award-winning reporter Michael W. Hudson reveals the story of the rise and fall of the subprime mortgage business by chronicling the rise and fall of two corporate empires: Ameriquest and Lehman Brothers. As the biggest subprime lender and Wall Street's biggest patron of subprime, Ameriquest and Lehman did more than any other institutions to create the feeding frenzy that emboldened mortgage pros to flood the nation with high-risk, high-profit home loans. It's a tale populated by a remarkable cast of the characters: a shadowy billionaire who created the subprime industry out of the ashes of the 1980s S&L scandal; Wall Street executives with an insatiable desire for product; struggling home owners ensnared in the most ingenious of traps; lawyers and investigators who tried to expose the fraud; politicians and bureaucrats who turned a blind eye; and, most of all, the drug-snorting, high-living salesmen who tell all about the money they made, the lies they told, the deals they closed. Provocative and gripping, *The Monster* is a searing exposé of the bottom-feeding fraud and top-down greed that fueled the financial collapse.

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Build and Protect Your Credit Like the Pros

250+ Ways to Buy Smarter, Spend Smarter, and Save Money

How Hidden Fees Rip You Off Every Day--and What You Can Do About It

How to Get the Best Possible Mortgage

Some Aggressive Ways to Fix Your Credit

Bailout

Credit & Loan Savings Guide

Good Morning America correspondent and ABC News columnist reveals tips for achieving unbelievable savings In this battered economy, saving money matters more to consumers than ever before. But most people are tired of hearing about all the small stuff, like skipping their morning latte. They tried that, and it didn't work. Americans want fresh, bold ideas and Save Big: Cut Your Top 5 Costs and Save Thousands has them. In fresh, engaging prose, Elisabeth Leamy shows consumers how to save big on life's most important and costly items. Filled with actionable advice and the insider secrets readers are hungering for, Save Big Details how to save a lot of money on a few things rather than merely saving a little on a bunch of small items Reveals the keys to saving money and the challenges consumers face Educates consumers on how to save thousands on the five things most people spend the most money on: houses, cars, credit, groceries, and healthcare After the turbulent economic events of the recent past, more and more consumers are focusing on budgeting and creative ways to save money. Save Big can help.

The crucial information you need to secure a reliable loan modification and save your home Behind on your mortgage payments? Worried about losing your home? Don't panic. Loan Modification For Dummies gives you the reliable, authoritative, easy-to-understand guidance you need to apply for and secure a loan modification that lowers your monthly house payment and keeps you in your home. This practical, plain-English guide leads you step by step through the loan modification process, from contacting your lender to applying for a loan modification, evaluating the lender's initial offer, and negotiating a modification that lowers your monthly payment while helping you catch up on any past-due amounts. You'll learn how to communicate with your bank or loan servicer, recognize and avoid loan-modification scams, and find a knowledgeable loan modification specialist, if you choose not to do it yourself. Advice on determining whether you're likely to qualify for your lender's loan modification program Guidance on preparing and submitting a loan modification application that improves your chances of success Helps you figure out a monthly payment you really can afford Tips on modifying your loan even when you owe more than your home's current market value Negotiation advice for securing the best possible terms and lowest monthly payment Resources for contacting your lender, obtaining free or affordable third-party assistance, and getting government agencies on your side Read Loan Modification For Dummies and start saving your home today.

Clark Howard is a media powerhouse and penny-pincher extraordinaire who knows a thing or two about money. A lifelong entrepreneur who is now the hugely

popular host of a talk radio program and television show and the bestselling author of several books, Clark consistently delivers expert financial advice to his wide and devoted fan base. *Living Large in Lean Times* is Clark's ultimate guide to saving money, covering everything from cell phones to student loans, coupon websites to mortgages, investing to electric bills, and beyond. In his candid and friendly next-door-neighbor manner, Clark shares the small, manageable steps everyone can follow to build a path towards independence and wealth. Chock-full of more than 250 invaluable tips, the book outlines how to: Locate missing and unclaimed money in your name Lower your student loan payment Find legitimate work-at-home opportunities Get unlimited texting and e-mailing for less than \$10 per month Know what personal info not to post to social media sites Determine the best mortgage rate, and much, much more As Clark demonstrates, there are myriad ways to reduce debt, buy smarter, and build a future. Follow his lead and he'll get you there.

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Mortgage Ripoffs and Money Savers

The Economics of Manipulation and Deception

Inside Job

How a Gang of Predatory Lenders and Wall Street Bankers Fleeced America--and Spawned a Global Crisis

Money Saving Strategies the Credit Bureaus Won't Tell You

Cut Your Top 5 Costs and Save Thousands

A Comprehensive Guide for First Time Home Buyers and Home Buyers Getting a Mortgage Since the Mortgage Crisis of 2008

God has a one-of-a-kind plan for every little life placed in our care, and it's never too soon to begin praying for this plan to unfold. This year-by-year guide is the perfect prayer handbook from a child's birth through age five. Inside, readers will find stories, tips, and prayers for every important milestone--from crawling, walking, and table eating in baby's first year to helping with everyday chores once baby becomes a big boy or big girl. Journaling space for each phase of development help readers and their child remember in years to come how God was at work at every stage. Each chapter contains a special list of Scripture verses to guide further prayer and meditation on God's Word. Nominated for a 2013 Christian Retailing's Best Award

With mortgage stories dominating the front-page news, people—whether they're buying a new house or refinancing—increasingly have questions about the complicated issues at stake. Arranged in an easily accessible question-and-answer format, *Mortgages 101* provides readers with essential lending formulas, as well as important information on lending requirements and application procedures. The book shows readers how to save money by: • understanding key terms like ARMs and hybrids—and reading what's in the fine print • improving their credit scores to increase their borrowing power • using technology to get the lowest interest rates • maximizing their return on investment, and cutting the cost of mortgage insurance This revised edition includes up-to-date material on new loan and government programs, as well as changes to the law regarding tax deductions, down payment assistance, reverse mortgages, bankruptcy, negative amortization and more—in short, all the answers readers need, in one must-have reference.

Is more government aid needed? Who will pay for care of aging baby boomers? Will all Americans finally get health insurance? These are just some of the topics covered in *Issues for Debate in Social Policy*. Engaging and reader-friendly articles encourage students to think critically about some of the most pressing social policy issues of our time. Classroom discussions will sparkle as a result! *About CQ Researcher Readers* In the tradition of nonpartisanship and current analysis that is the hallmark of CQ Press, readers investigate important and controversial policy issues. Offer your students the balanced reporting, complete overviews, and engaging writing that has consistently provided for more than 80 years. Each article gives substantial background and analysis of a particular issue as well as useful pedagogical features to inspire critical thinking and to help students grasp and review key material: A Pro/Con box that examines two competing sides of a single question A detailed chronology of key dates and events An annotated bibliography and Web resources Outlook sections that address possible regulation and initiatives from Capitol Hill and the White House over the next 5 to 10 years Photos, charts, graphs, and maps Reveals the mishandling of the TARP bailout fund, sharing how Geithner and his team failed to fix flaws in the homeowner relief program and that the government served Wall Street's interests over the broader public.

The Life-Changing Secret to Protecting Your Financial Future

Save Big

Selections From CQ Researcher

Some Quick, Easy Ways to Raise Your Credit Score

Mortgages For Dummies

Bank On Yourself

Is Refinancing the Right Financial Move for You?

"Carolyn Warren is my go-to expert for mortgage industry information. She not only helps you avoid rip-offs, she helps you know what questions to ask and how to ask them. Full of tips, scripts, and sample letters, "Homebuyers Beware" is an extremely valuable book that I recommend to all my readers!"--Alison Rogers, "Ask the Agent" columnist, CBS Moneywatch.com "In this fun-to-read volume, mortgage industry insider Carolyn Warren tells you what real estate cheats and mortgage scammers do NOT want you to know: the tricks, the deceptions, and the outright frauds that would otherwise add thousands, maybe tens of thousands of dollars to your mortgage. Get it. Read it. And take it to the mortgage broker with you. You'll be glad you did!" --Clayton Makepeace, The Total Package, Makepeacetotalpackage.com "In Homebuyers Beware, Carolyn Warren directs her keen eye at the mortgage and credit markets in the wake of the housing bubble. With an insider's knowledge, plenty of interesting anecdotes, and helpful reference information, Warren is a cheerful teacher leading readers down the path to homeownership and pointing out pitfalls along the way."--Ben Meyer, InternetBrands.com Get the Best Mortgage Deal in Today's Real Estate Markets--and Avoid a Whole New Generation of Scams! Exposes new secrets, lies, and scams the mortgage industry doesn't want you to know about Reveals how to save thousands right now by finding the best rate and negotiating the best deal Guides you step-by-step through improving your credit and preparing to buy, even if you've faced foreclosure Everything you thought you knew about financing a house has changed. Your future depends on knowing today's mortgage and credit realities: Relying on older information could cost you a fortune or keep you from buying a house altogether. In "Homebuyers Beware, "Carolyn Warren reveals the new realities of home financing and shows exactly how to take advantage of them, whether you're buying your first home, refinancing, struggling with imperfect credit, or planning to invest in real estate. "Homebuyers Beware "reveals new secrets homebuyers simply can't afford to miss and exposes new scams that target today's eager consumers--including new loans that look great on paper but are every bit as dangerous as yesterday's subprimes. Unlike other mortgage guides, this book fully reflects today's radically new mortgage requirements, in addition to the latest federal housing legislation and how to improve your credit rating. From its up-to-the-minute guidance on real estate negotiation to its powerful tips on getting lower interest rates and avoiding bogus junk fees, "this may be the most valuable book you ever read!" Who's ripping you off now "High-tech "smoke and mirrors" that can trick you into overpaying" Quick, easy, powerful ways to fix your credit "Innovative ways to raise your credit score or recover from a foreclosure or short sale" Uncovering the costly secrets of the Yield Spread Premium "Get past your banker's lies, learn the truth, and save a fortune" The latest laws and credit rules and what they mean to you "So-called anti-predatory laws and codes of conduct actually hurt homebuyers. Learn what you can do to protect yourself from big corporation greed." New plans for recovering from bad credit, foreclosures, or short sales "Step-by-step techniques that erase bad credit and raise your credit score faster than you ever thought possible. Learn how to recover from a foreclosure "

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Praying Through Your Pregnancy shows a mother how to provide an early head start for her child through the power of prayer. With fresh spiritual insight, each chapter reveals what is happening with the baby's development that week, starting with the very first moment of conception, when God begins the creation of either a boy or a girl. Readers will learn how the confidence they place in God affects the healthy development of their precious growing baby, and how to reduce their own stress and anxiety by looking to the Creator. In this interactive guidebook, the author shares excerpts from her pregnancy journal as an encouragement for women to write their own thoughts and feelings, and each chapter ends with a Mother's Prayer and Scriptures for Meditation. Praying Through Your Pregnancy was a 2011 Christian Book Award Finalist.

Why the free-market system encourages so much trickery even as it creates so much good Ever since Adam Smith, the central teaching of economics has been that free markets provide us with material well-being, as if by an invisible hand. In Phishing for Phools, Nobel Prize-winning economists George Akerlof and Robert Shiller deliver a fundamental challenge to this insight, arguing that markets harm as well as help us. As long as there is profit to be made, sellers will systematically exploit our psychological weaknesses and our ignorance through manipulation and deception. Rather than being essentially benign and always creating the greater good, markets are inherently filled with tricks and traps and will "phish" us as "phools." Phishing for Phools therefore strikes a radically new direction in economics, based on the intuitive idea that markets both give and take away. Akerlof and Shiller bring this idea to life through dozens of stories that show how phishing affects everyone, in almost every walk of life. We spend our money up to the limit, and then worry about how to pay the next month's bills. The financial system soars, then crashes. We are attracted, more than we know, by advertising. Our political system is distorted by money. We pay too much for gym memberships, cars, houses, and credit cards. Drug companies ingeniously market pharmaceuticals that do us little good, and sometimes are downright dangerous. Phishing for Phools explores the central role of manipulation and deception in fascinating detail in each of these areas and many more. It thereby explains a paradox: why, at a time when we are better off than ever before in history, all too many of us are leading lives of quiet desperation. At the same time, the book tells stories of individuals who have stood against economic trickery--and how it can be reduced through greater knowledge, reform, and regulation.

Learn the Secret to Saving Thousands Before You Apply

An Industry Insider Explains How to Save Thousands on Your Mortgage or Re-Finance

Michael Finney's Consumer Confidential

Issues for Debate in Social Policy

The Looting of America's Savings and Loans

Gotcha Capitalism

Praying Through Your Pregnancy

Mortgage Rip-offs and Money Savers reveals how the mortgage industry cheats borrowers out of billions in extra costs every year. Mortgage industry insider Carolyn Warren taps her decade of experience with lenders to expose the tricks, lies, and dirty little secrets they don't want you to know. With her expert guidance, borrowers will save tens of thousands when they avoid the traps so many consumers fall into. Having this inside information is the only way borrowers can truly get the best possible deal. This book presents that knowledge in an interesting and easy format that anyone

can understand. Readers won't be victims of the mortgage industry with this invaluable resource in hand. Instead, they'll get the best possible rates, avoid bogus fees, and get the great deal they deserve.

Offers tips on when to use a mortgage broker, how to lock in the lowest interest rate, what to do about credit problems, and how to use the latest technology to conduct a mortgage search on-line. The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, and BusinessWeek bestseller Bank On Yourself: The Life-Changing Secret to Growing and Protecting Your Financial Future reveals the secrets to taking back control of your financial future that Wall Street, banks, and credit card companies don't want you to know. Can you imagine what it would be like to look forward to opening your account statements because they always have good news and never any ugly surprises? More than 100,000 Americans of all ages, incomes, and backgrounds are already using Bank On Yourself to grow a nest-egg they can predict and count on, even when stocks, real estate, and other investments tumble. You'll meet some of them and hear their stories of how Bank On Yourself has helped them reach a wide variety of short- and longterm personal and financial goals and dreams in this book.

The consumer journalist shares twenty-five years of experience with readers on how to make the best consumer choices, from buying insurance to finding the best deals on electronics equipment and automobiles. Original.

106 Mortgage Secrets All Borrowers Must Learn - But Lenders Don't Tell

The Financial Crisis Inquiry Report, Authorized Edition

The Loan Guide

The House Loan Process in Ten Easy Steps

Quick Answers to Over 250 Critical Questions About Your Home Loan

Homebuying Tips on Credit and Credit Scores

How Credit Attorneys and Certified Consultants Legally Delete Bad Credit and Restore Your Good Name

Before you take on the largest debt you'll ever have, you should have more - and better - information than you've ever had before. Whether you are a novice or an expert real estate investor this book provides the information you need to finally understand what lending channel, what loan product, and what price point truly fits your need. If you are an engineer looking to dig deeply into the nuts and bolts of how this works you will love the tools and analyses in this book. If you are more interested in just drilling in and getting quick answers, this book is an excellent reference guide with easy-to-find, high quality advice. In order to get the best mortgage possible you need to do five things very well: 1 - Decide whether you should even get a loan in the first place 2 - Choose the best lending channel for your needs 3 - Choose the best loan program for your needs 4 - Choose the best price point for your specific plans 5 - Lock your interest rate at the right time The Loan Guide provides a complete guide to doing all these things well. Finally, The Loan Guide covers how to manage your mortgage in order to keep as much money in your pocket over the course of your lifetime, how to interpret and avoid common marketing gimmicks, and how to use the Excel-based analytical tools used in examples throughout the book. Since 2008 all the rules of lending have changed. The Loan Guide, published in 2014, was written between 2008 and 2014 and updated as it was being written, to reflect the most current rules and guidelines possible. The Loan Guide is current, clear and complete, and you will find it answers exactly the questions you have, and many that you should have but don't know it.

New York Times Bestseller: A history of the S&L scandal that caused a financial disaster for American taxpayers: "Hard to put down" (Library Journal). For most of the 20th century, savings and loans were an invaluable thread of the American economy. But in the 1970s, Congress passed sweeping financial deregulation at the insistence of industry insiders that allowed these once quaint and useful institutions to spread their taxpayer-insured assets into new and risky investments. The looser regulations and reduced federal oversight also opened the industry to an army of shady characters, white-collar criminals, and organized crime groups. Less than 10 years later, half the nation's savings and loans were insolvent, leaving the American taxpayer on the hook for a large hunk of the nearly half a trillion dollars that had gone missing. The authors of Inside Job saw signs of danger long before the scandal hit nationwide. Decades after the savings and loan collapse, Inside Job remains a thrilling read and a sobering reminder that our financial institutions are more fragile than they appear.

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The first in-depth study of the savings and loan crisis of the eighties reveals the unprecedented scope of the financial fraud and political collusion involved and the leniency of the criminal justice system in dealing with the culprits. UP.

How to Get Approved for the Best Mortgage Without Sticking a Fork in Your Eye

Homebuyers Beware

A Five-Step Plan for People Working Toward Buying a Home

An Inspirational Week-by-Week Guide for Moms-to-Be

The Money-saving Secrets They Don't Want You to Know

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Examines the causes of the financial crisis that began in 2008 and reveals the weaknesses found in financial regulation, excessive borrowing, and breaches in accountability.

Build your credit profile in the best way so that you avoid mistakes and gain respect. Easy to read, down to earth. By the time you finish, you will know more about how the credit system works than 98 percent of the U.S. population. You will be in control of your own credit score. With top tier credit, you save tens of thousands of dollars on everything from auto insurance premiums to mortgage interest rates. Guidance from one of America's top and most beloved credit and mortgage experts, the author of Repair Your Credit Like the Pros. Carolyn Warren has been called a blessing, a godsend, and the Mother Theresa of mortgage loans. Bob Brinker of "Money Talk" radio rated her work "a 12 out of 10." Perfect for young adults opening their first credit cards, immigrants to the U.S., or anyone who wants to become an expert in how the credit scoring system works and take total charge of their own finances.

Need a mortgage but worried about the market? In *Mortgages For Dummies, 3rd Edition*, bestselling authors Eric Tyson and Ray Brown give you proven solutions for obtaining a mortgage, whether you want to buy your first home, refinance, or tap into your equity. You get the latest on sub-prime and adjustable-rate mortgages, finding the best lender, avoiding fiscal pitfalls and foreclosure, and much, much, more! This easy-to-understand, objective, and jargon-free guide helps you fine-tune your finances, figure out what you can afford, and improve your credit score before you go mortgage shopping. You ' ll get familiar with the advantages and disadvantages of fixed- and adjustable-rate mortgages, 15- and 30-year loans, and conforming and jumbo packages. You also get help finding and working with reputable professionals, comparing programs, and securing terms you can live with. Discover how to: Match your mortgage to your financial goals Qualify for a mortgage even when money is tight Find the right loan for you Choose the best lender/broker Negotiate the best terms Calculate your costs and payments Understand and complete all paperwork Refinance an existing mortgage Understand and consider special situation loans Explore reverse mortgages and other options Decipher amortization tables and comparison worksheets Use the Internet wisely when mortgage shopping Now, more than ever, you need clear, reliable information that helps you get the mortgage you need at a price you can afford. You need *Mortgages For Dummies, 3rd Edition*!

What is Gotcha Capitalism? Coughing up \$4 fees for ATM transactions. Iron-clad cell phone contracts you can ' t get out of with a crowbar. Paying big bucks for insurance you don ' t need on a rental car or forking over \$20 a day for supposedly " free " wireless internet. Every day we use banks, cell phones, and credit cards. Every day we book hotels and airline tickets. And every day we get ripped off. How? Here are just a few examples of how big business can get you: • You didn ' t fill up the rental car with gas? Gotcha! Gas costs \$7 a gallon here. • Your bank balance fell to \$999.99 for one day? Gotcha! That ' ll be \$12. • You miss one payment on that 18-month same-as-cash loan? Gotcha! That ' ll be \$512 extra. • You ' re one day late on that electric bill? Gotcha! All your credit cards now have a 29.99% interest rate. But not for much longer. In *Gotcha Capitalism*, MSNBC.com ' s " Red Tape Chronicles " columnist Bob Sullivan exposes the ways we ' re all cheated by big business, and teaches us how to get our money back – proven strategies that can help you save more than \$1,000 a year. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Mortgage Rip-Offs

Complete Book of Dirty Little Secrets From the Credit Bureaus

An Inspirational Year-by-Year Guide for Raising a Spiritually Healthy Child

The Monster

Loan Modification For Dummies

Tips and Traps When Mortgage Hunting 2/e

How Washington Abandoned Main Street While Rescuing Wall Street

At his core, Pat Mazor is a teacher. That teaching takes many forms: books and articles, his webcasts, live seminars, belief systems change coaching, and his solo-entrepreneur success strategies work. In *Mortgage Rip-Offs: Learn the Secret to Saving Thousands Before You Apply*, Pat shares his experience as a mortgage loan originator and takes the reader through the application, underwriting, and approval process step-by-step. He explains the key players: the loan originator, processor, and underwriter, as well as the differences between mortgage

brokers, direct lenders, and investors. The real value in Mortgage Rip-Offs is found in two areas. The first is learning how to prepare to apply for a mortgage. That preparation saves the originator and processor time and creates a money-saving opportunity for you, the borrower. The second is in learning how mortgage companies and originators are compensated and, most important of all, that the amount of compensation can be negotiated and verified. When you know how to verify how much the mortgage company is charging you, you can take control of the entire transaction. Start to finish, Pat Mazor shows you how to apply for a mortgage loan, turns on the light by teaching you the buzz phrases that are intended to keep you in the dark, thoroughly explains each step of the process, and outlines what it takes to negotiate the best possible rate so you can literally save thousands of dollars. The information in Mortgage Rip-Offs is valuable and timeless. Even if you aren't planning to buy a home or refinance a mortgage now, Pat's tips can help you get better rates with other types of financing including credit cards and car loans.

The only guidebook that shows you how to finance any property--with or without bank approval Would you like to discover all of the many ways that you can finance real estate? Want to learn how to cut your financing costs, avoid pitfalls, and negotiate the best terms? Then let Gary Eldred's 106 Mortgage Secrets All Borrowers Must Learn--But Lenders Don't Tell, Second Edition guide you. Fully updated, this practical guide explains how today's changing mortgage market really works. Unlike other mortgage guides, this book goes beyond traditional bank-originated loans and shows you how to benefit with seller financing, assumables, subject-to, wraparounds, lease options, foreclosures, and other money-saving possibilities. 106 Mortgage Secrets also protects you from the sharp practices of loan reps that have recently sparked Congressional hearings and multiple state investigations. In addition, Eldred shows how and why the right financing decisions can add tens (and sometimes hundreds) of thousands of dollars to your long-term net worth. With these 106 secrets, you'll build the confidence and the knowledge to: * Increase your borrowing power * Obtain the lowest interest rate * Understand the true pros and cons of ARMs * Cut (or eliminate) the cost of mortgage insurance * Save big with seller financing, assumptions, foreclosures, and REOs * Strengthen your credit profile and credit score * Avoid getting taken... by the fine print and garbage fees * Steer clear of scams and unprincipled loan reps and lenders * Accumulate wealth through homeownership and investment properties Simple, concise, and comprehensive, this book reveals everything property buyers need to know--especially the 106 financing secrets lenders too often omit.

Everything you thought you knew about financing a house has changed. Your future depends on knowing today's mortgage and credit realities: Relying on older information could cost you a fortune or keep you from buying a house altogether. In Homebuyers Beware: Who's Ripping You Off Now? – What You Must Know About the New Rules of Mortgage and Credit, Carolyn Warren reveals the new realities of home financing and shows exactly how to take advantage of them, whether you're buying your first home, refinancing, struggling with imperfect credit, or planning to invest in real estate. Homebuyers Beware reveals new secrets homebuyers simply can't afford to miss and exposes new scams that target today's eager consumers--including new loans that look great on paper but are every bit as dangerous as yesterday's subprimes. Unlike other mortgage guides, this book fully reflects today's radically new mortgage requirements, in addition to the latest federal housing legislation and how to improve your credit rating. Warren covers topics from real estate negotiation, to powerful tips on getting lower interest rates, to avoiding bogus junk fees, and everything in between: · High-tech “smoke and mirrors” that can trick you into overpaying · Quick, easy, powerful ways to fix your credit · Uncovering the costly secrets of the Yield Spread Premium · The latest laws and credit rules and what they mean to you · New plans for recovering from bad credit, foreclosures, or short sales “Carolyn Warren is my go-to expert for mortgage industry information. She not only helps you avoid rip-offs, she helps you know what questions to ask and how to ask them. Full of tips, scripts, and sample letters, Homebuyers Beware is an extremely valuable book that I recommend to all my readers!” --Alison Rogers, “Ask the Agent” columnist, CBS Moneywatch.com “In this fun-to-read volume, mortgage industry insider Carolyn Warren tells you what real estate cheats and mortgage scammers do NOT want you to know: the tricks, the deceptions, and the outright frauds that would otherwise add thousands, maybe tens of thousands of dollars to your mortgage. Get it. Read it. And take it to the mortgage broker with you. You'll be glad you did!” --Clayton Makepeace, The Total Package, Makepeaceatotalpackage.com “In Homebuyers Beware, Carolyn Warren directs her keen eye at the mortgage and credit markets in the wake of the housing bubble. With an insider's knowledge, plenty of interesting anecdotes, and helpful reference information, Warren is a cheerful teacher leading readers down the path to homeownership and pointing out pitfalls along the way.” --Ben Meyer, InternetBrands.com

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Did you know that over 50% of mortgages don't close? Do you know how much home you can buy? Do you know how much paperwork is involved? Most people don't know how much home purchasing power they have, how much to expect for closing costs (varies by state), or how much paperwork is involved when applying for a home loan. Most people have no idea the difference between loan programs

from bank to bank, lender to lender, or broker to broker- or what the differences are between the main types of residential mortgage providers. Most people have no criteria for choosing a lender, the type of loan to seek, or how much down payment is best for them. For example, are there differences between the types of property that may affect down payment? The mortgage industry is packed with nuance, which can lead to confusion for the consumer. While trying to buy a home, you may have people from many different professions telling you what you should do and how to make decisions-who should you listen to in which situations? Your most personal financial information is critical to the mortgage process and yet do you know who you are sending it to? What about mortgage insurance? Why is it required and when? The two questions I most often hear are: "What's the payment?" and, "What's the interest rate?" While these questions are important, there are several other questions that are just as critical: what is the right loan type for me; is there an up-front funding fee for this loan; what are the differences in available mortgage insurance; how will property type restrictions affect my loan; what are the pros and cons of this loan; what is the down payment requirement with this loan choice over another; what are the closing costs associated with each loan type; and, who is allowed to pay the closing costs? Successfully navigating the maze of questions, regulations, and requirements ultimately leads to a mortgage closing. Through over ten years of experience, thousands of clients, hundreds of Realtor and builder transactions (time line constraint purchases), and, as a licensed loan originator in 9 states and the District of Columbia, I have developed a wealth of knowledge about regulations and requirements. My commitment to client service and caring about their home buying experience has driven my passion for the individual personal experience in the mortgage industry and how the regulations and requirements affect real people in real time. With this book I'm privileged and excited to share my knowledge and experience with you. After reading this book, you will have an understanding of the big corporations that loan money to homebuyers, what other options you have and how to navigate government regulations and requirements to your advantage. I feel that an educated consumer is my best customer and I am happy to share these mortgage tools and tips with you in the hopes that you educate yourself and find the best mortgage and the mortgage professional that is right for you. In addition, I want you to know what to expect, what to ask, and, who to ask to get the answers you want and to understand what those answers really mean. With each chapter I will guide you through the mortgage process, from choosing between different loan types, to understanding the difference between a Good Faith Estimate and an Itemized Fee Worksheet, to the necessity of submitting certain documents in a particular method, and finally how to enter Closing Day stress-free and knowing that you have gotten the mortgage that makes the most financial sense for your future. The goal is to help you get the best mortgage possible for your individual needs and get to closing on time, stress free!

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