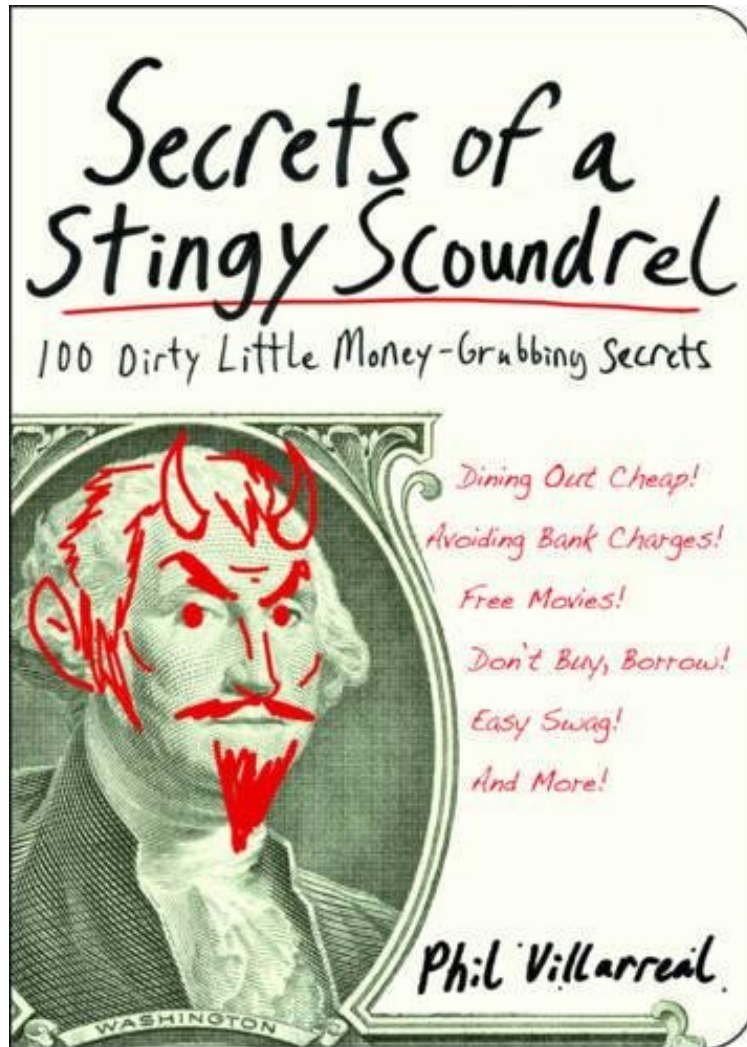


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11 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Can't imagine living with this personBy CustomerI actually bought this book (paid real money for it). The author strikes me as a person who most people would not want to befriend. His ideas are written in a sometimes funny way (except when he marginalizes women) but he is like a person who would rather throw litter in the street than use the garbage can. He is totally out for himself at the expense of all

others and he comes across as a person without any real kindness and generosity of spirit. So he tells you to take the coupons off of groceries that you are not even buying so that the next person loses out. He tells you to stuff ketchup packages in your pocket along with mustard when you are at a fast food place. Can you imagine his apartment or house with little soy sauce packages and mustard and ketchup stuffed in a Tucks box. The laughs don't take this book very far. He reminds me of the person who has his car broken into and claims that he had \$10,000 golf clubs in the trunk (although it would be more likely mini golf cub that he stole from the kids park) so that in the end we all wind up paying higher insurance costs. It's an ugly book written in an ugly manner. Also, if your teenager ever read it, he/she would be on the road to a petty and unlawful life. Keep away and save your money for the \$1.99 supermarket ketchup that will last you a year or so.⁷ of 10 people found the following review helpful. not ethical to teach to cheatBy juegojust not ethical to teach to cheat and lie.part of the degenerating cultural times being promoted.³ of 4 people found the following review helpful. Secrets of a Stingy Scoundrel ReviewedBy Tracy Green*As written on my personal finance blog My Money Story*A few weeks ago author Phil Villarreal was gracious enough to give me a copy of his new book, Secrets of a Stingy Scoundrel: 100 Dirty Little Money-Grubbing Secrets, in exchange for a review. To be honest I haven't had a chance to read the WHOLE thing yet because:1. I have two kids under the age of five². I don't get much time to myself to read or do anything else for that matter³. I have a husband, a house, meals, laundry, cleaning, errands, grocery shopping, and finances to take care ofBut I got about half-way in and so I will give you my review based on the first half of the book.Phil Villarreal is c.r.a.z.y. Some of the ideas in this book are outrageous to say the least, and some of them even border on unethical (in my humble opinion), but somehow that seems to be the point or at least that is what I read between the lines. The comedic value of the book is great, and entertainment-wise you can't go wrong. I consider myself to be a pretty frugal person, but as it turns out not nearly as frugal as some apparently. The following are things that Phil talks about in his book that I personally have done:1. I don't smoke, never have.². Peel coupons off packages in the grocery store and use them during that trip, or save them for later³. Kept napkins, straws, and condiment packets for use at home (although only what I was given, never by the bagful!)⁴. I don't have a land line⁵. I do online surveys for points/cash⁶. I RARELY use the ATMand that's about as far as I got...All kidding aside there are some good ideas in here, just don't go over-board as the author suggests (with tongue in cheek). At only \$12.95 this is a good deal for a brand new book, and you could probably score a deal somewhere (check .com, Barnes Noble, Borders Books Music) with a sale or coupon (I found it for \$9.32 at .com tonight!). I definitely enjoyed what I read and would recommend the book to a friend, although again, please don't take it too seriously. So go, read and learn!*I will mention that this book does contain some coarse language, and if you are offended by that kind of thing then maybe this isn't the right book for you.

Phil Villarreal is not a Harvard MBA or a professional financial advisor or a talking head on a cable television network focusing on business, but he can change your financial life—if you are willing to move into the gray areas of money and ethics. His advice is as funny as it is useful as it is a little bit evil. Instead of playing straight and saving money by cutting back on things you need or want, Secrets of a Stingy Scoundrel has a better plan to save money by working the system and sticking it to “the man.” Here’s how to get free Internet service, never pay for ketchup and plastic straws, get refunds on already opened DVDs, clothe yourself using free swag from credit card promotions, benefit from the bonanza that is the garbage thrown out by college kids, how to get in free to sporting events, score free on-demand movies in hotels, and more! Hilarious, tongue-in-cheek, and sardonically practical, this is the book for everyone who loves rule-bending, loophole-exploiting, money-saving madness. In this economy, it’s every man for himself and dog-eat-dog—and this book can help.

This book not only pays for itself within the first few chapters, but Phil unearths ways to subvert the scams of cellular companies. Eye opening at the very least, this money-saving manuscript is less an ode to parsimoniousness, and more a call to arms. --Maddox, author of New York Times Bestseller "The Alphabet of Manliness" June 16, 2009 Phil is a devious mastermind. He'd be the Lex Luthor of tightwads if Lex Luthor was hilarious. Most of the advice in this book will at best destroy your treasured personal relationships and at worst get your butt kicked, but that doesn't take away from the fact that it is awesome. If you've ever done something cheap and blushed slightly, you'll be gratified to know that not only is there someone else doing that exact cheap thing -- he's perfected a system and is willing to share his knowledge with a grateful public. Not only did Phil get me to write this blurb for him, he also convinced me to give him \$20 from my wallet. Phil Villarreal is one cheap bastard, but fortunately he's not stingy with his words. A flabbergasting and funny book from cover to cover.