

Children's Books with Personal Finance Themes



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Trying to find a book that teaches good money management habits to kids? You're in the right place!

The list of books on the following pages contains information about over 100 books for children as young as pre-school through teens and young adults.

Most of these books are available through retail establishments. Many are also available at local libraries across the Commonwealth.

While the books in this list have been reviewed by the Pennsylvania Office of Financial Education, inclusion in this directory does not constitute endorsement of the materials.

If you know of other books that should be included, please call the Office of Financial Education at 717-783-2498.

Author: Nancy Kelly Adam
Title: *Once Upon a Dime: A Math Adventure*
Illustrator: Adam Doyle
Publisher: Charlesbridge
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Farmer Worth discovers that his farm now produces a new variety of crop - money! What kind of farming is this? How much money can he grow?

Author: Julia Allen
Title: *My First Job*
Illustrator: Bob Reese
Publisher: Children's Press
© Date: 1988
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: A boy does various household chores in return for small payments.

Author: Richard and Florence Atwater
Title: *Mr. Popper's Penguins*
Illustrator: Robert Lawson
Publisher: Little, Brown and Company
© Date: 1992
Age Range: 9-12
Summary: The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing a penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the polar region.

Author: Amy Axelrod
Title: *Pigs Will be Pigs: Fun with Math and Money*
Illustrator: Sharon McGinley-Nally
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Children's/Aladdin
© Date: 1997
Age Range: 5-8
Summary: The hungry Pig family learns about money and buying power as they turn the house upside down looking for enough money to buy dinner at the local restaurant.

Author: Karen Barbour
Title: *Little Nino's Pizzeria*
Publisher: Harcourt Brace & Company
© Date: 1990
Age Range: 5-7
Summary: Tony likes to help his father at their small family restaurant, but everything changes when Little Nino's Pizzeria becomes a fancier place.

Author: Stan Berenstain
Title: *The Berenstain Bears and the Trouble with Money*
Publisher: Random House
© Date: 1974
Age Range: 4-7
Summary: Brother and Sister Bear learn some important lessons about earning and spending money.

Author: Stan & Jan Berenstain
Title: *The Berenstain Bears Get the Gimmies*
Publisher: Random House
© Date: 1998
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Gran and Gramps come up with a plan to help selfish Brother and Sister Bear get rid of a bad case of the gimmies.

Author: Stan & Jan Berenstain
Title: *The Berenstain Bears and the Mad, Mad, Mad Toy Craze*
Publisher: Random House
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: When little bears want the same toys as their friends, they learn collectibles are a risky investment.

Author: Stan & Jan Berenstain
Title: *The Berenstain Bears and Mama's New Job*
Publisher: Random House
© Date: 1984
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: When Mama Bear decides to turn her hobby into a business, each member of the Bear family tries to help a little more around the house.

Author: Melvin Berger
Title: *Round and Round the Money Goes*
Illustrator: Jane McCreary
Publisher: Chelsea House Publishers
© Date: 1998
Age Range: 4-8 (non-fiction)
Summary: Discusses how the practice of using coins and paper money evolved and explains the circle money travels as it is earned, saved, and spent.

Author: Karen Berman Nagel
Title: *The Lunch Line*
Illustrator: Jerry Zimmerman
Publisher: Scholastic, Inc.
© Date: 1996
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: In the school cafeteria at lunchtime, Kim eyes all the tasty food and tries to figure out what she can buy with her dollar. How much will her coins buy?

Author: Daryl Bernstein
Title: *Better Than A Lemonade Stand-- Small Business Ideas for Kids*
Illustrator: Rob Husberg
Publisher: Beyond Words Pub
© Date: 1992
Age Range: 5-8 (non-fiction)
Summary: Describes at least 51 ways to make money and have fun while you're at it.

Author: Tom Birdseye
Title: *Tarantula Shoes*
Publisher: Puffin Books
© Date: 1996
Age Range: 9-12
Summary: Ryan worries that as the newest kid in his class, he'll be the shortest and probably the least cool, unless he can get a pair of the sneakers everyone is wearing.

Author: Barbara Brenner
Title: *Annie's Pet*
Illustrator: Jack Ziegler
Publisher: Gareth Stevens
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 6-8
Summary: On her way to the pet shop to buy an animal with her birthday money, Annie buys a toy, a collar, a dish, and a leash and discovers that she has no money left for a pet.

Author: Pat Brisson
Title: *Benny's Pennies*
Illustrator: Bob Barner
Publisher: Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers
© Date: 1995
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Benny starts his day with five new pennies and is determined to spend them all. He arrives home loaded with five simple gifts.

Author: Marc Brown
Title: *Arthur's TV Trouble*
Publisher: Scholastic
© Date: 1995
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: When Arthur sees advertisements for the amazing doggy Treat Timer, he decides to earn enough money to buy it for his dog pal.

Author: Marc Brown
Title: *Arthur's Pet Business*
Publisher: Scholastic
© Date: 1990
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Arthur's determination to prove he is responsible enough to have a puppy brings him a menagerie of animals to care for.

Author: Betsy Byars
Title: *Bingo Brown and the Language of Love*
Publisher: Puffin Books
© Date: 2002
Age Range: 9-12
Summary: Bingo's girlfriend has moved and now Bingo must pay back his parents for the long distance phone bill he caused.

Author: Kathy Caple
Title: *The Purse*
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Company
© Date: 1992
Age Range: 4-6
Summary: After spending her money on a purse, Katie is now faced with the problem of getting some money to put into it.

Author: Karen Chinn
Title: *Sam and the Lucky Money*
Publisher: Lee & Low
© Date: 1995
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Sam must decide how to spend the lucky money he's received for Chinese New Year.

Author: Kay Chorao
Title: *Pig and Crow*
Publisher: Owlet Paperbacks
© Date: 2005
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Crow offers to trade magical items with Pig in exchange for baked goods he has produced. At first, Pig is not sure he has made a wise trade but finds out in the end that he has.

Author: Maryann Cocca-Leffler
Title: *Mr. Tanen's Tie Trouble*
Publisher: Albert Whitman & Company
© Date: 2003
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Mr. Tanen loves his ties. When his school runs out of money to build a playground, he decides to sell them in order to raise the needed money.

Author: Ellen Conford
Title: *A Job for Jenny Archer*
Illustrator: Diane Palmisciano
Publisher: Little, Brown & Company
© Date: 1990
Age Range: 7-9
Summary: Nine-year-old Jenny Archer is convinced that her family is poor because her parents won't get her a horse or a swimming pool. Jenny follows her own path to making money and plunges her house into the real estate market.

Author: Doug Cooney
Title: *The Beloved Dearly*
Illustrator: Tony DiTerlizzi
Publisher: Aladdin
© Date: 2002
Age Range: 9-12
Summary: Although his father has forbidden it, twelve-year-old Ernie becomes a businessman and makes a tidy profit in the pet funeral business. When he refuses to give his star employee a raise, however, the business starts to fall apart.

Author: Niki Daly
Title: *Papa Lucky's Shadow*
Illustrator: Niki Daly
Publisher: Aladdin
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Retired from his job with a moving company Papa Lucky is ready to fix up his tap shoes and earn a little extra money by dancing.

Author: Paula Danziger
Title: *Not for a Billion Gazillion Dollars*
Publisher: Putnam Juvenile
© Date: 1998
Age Range: 9-12
Summary: Eleven-year-old Matthew is trying desperately to earn enough to buy a coveted computer program. He learns the importance of money and eventually starts his own business.

Author: Barbara DeRubertis
Title: *Deena's Lucky Penny*
Illustrator: Cynthia Fisher
Publisher: Sagebrush Education Resources
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: While pondering how to buy her mother a birthday present with no money, Deena finds a penny and follows a process of discovery about how pennies add up to nickels, which add up to dimes, all the way up to four quarters making a dollar. Part of the *Math Matters* series.

Author: Wende Devlin
Title: *Cranberry Summer*
Publisher: Four Winds
© Date: 1992
Age Range: 5-8
Summary: When the circus moves on from Cranberryport and leaves a donkey behind, Maggie and Mr. Whiskers try to find the money to feed her.

Author: David Elliott
Title: *Cool Crazy Crickets to the Rescue*
Publisher: Candlewick Press
© Date: 2001
Age Range: 3-7
Summary: The members of the Cool Crazy Crickets club decide to earn some money, but they have differences of opinion about how to spend it.

Author: Arlene Erlbach
Title: *The Kids' Business Book*
Publisher: Lerner Publishing Group
© Date: 1998
Age Range: 9-12 (non-fiction)
Summary: Profiles business owners who began their businesses between the ages of seven and twelve, describes simple methods of starting a business, and includes tips on accounting and advertising.

Author: Mary Firestone
Title: *Earning Money*
Publisher: Capstone Press
© Date: 2005
Age Range: 4-8 (non-fiction)
Summary: Explains the concepts of wants and needs; skills, services, and goods; and how prices are determined.

Author: Mary Firestone
Title: *Saving Money*
Publisher: Capstone Press
© Date: 2005
Age Range: 4-8 (non-fiction)
Summary: Explains how to save money and avoid borrowing.

Author: Mary Firestone
Title: *Spending Money*
Publisher: Capstone Press
© Date: 2005
Age Range: 4-8 (non-fiction)
Summary: Teaches that some items cost more than others simply because they are popular, choices are necessary when spending money, and most people cannot buy everything they want.

Author: Mary Firestone
Title: *What is Money*
Publisher: Capstone Press
© Date: 2005
Age Range: 4-8 (non-fiction)
Summary: Explains bartering, coins and bills, currency around the world, and how money is made.

Author: Chad Foster
Title: *Financial Literacy for Teens*
Publisher: Rising Books
© Date: 2005
Age Range: 12-18 (non-fiction)
Summary: Information to help teens develop good financial habits.

Author: Elizabeth Friedrich
Title: *Leah's Pony*
Illustrator: Michael Garland
Publisher: Boyd Mills Press
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: In this Depression Era story, Leah decides to sell her beloved pony in order to raise enough money to help her family keep their farm.

Author: Luis Garay
Title: *Pedritto's Day*
Publisher: Orchard Books
© Date: 1997
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Pedrito replaces money he has lost with his own money earning his mother's approval for some of his father's earnings to be used towards buying him a bicycle.

Author: John Reynolds Gardiner
Title: *Stone Fox*
Illustrator: Greg Hargraves
Publisher: Harper Trophy
© Date: 1998
Age Range: 9-12
Summary: Little Willy hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the winnings from a dog sled race he enters.

Author: Patricia Reilly Giff
Title: *Count Your Money with the Polk Street School*
Publisher: Yearling
© Date: 1994
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Ms. Rooney's class learns about money by saving to take a class trip. Includes activities for young readers.

Author: Shelley Gill
Title: *The Big Buck Adventure*
Illustrator: Grace Lin
Publisher: Charlesbridge
© Date: 2000
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Rhyming account of a little girl's quandry as she tries to decide what she can get with her dollar at various stores.

Author: Dr. Julie Glass
Title: *A Dollar for Penny*
Illustrator: Joy Allen
Publisher: Random House
© Date: 2000
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Penny sells lemonade at her stand for one penny. As she sells each cup, the price goes up. Eventually she earns a dollar to buy a birthday card for her mother.

Author: Neale S. Godfrey
Title: *Check it Out: the Book about Banking*
Illustrator: Randy Verougstraete
Publisher: Modern Curriculum Press
© Date: 1998
Age Range: 4-8 (non-fiction)
Summary: Teaches various banking topics including savings accounts, checking accounts, loans, debit cards, and interest rates. Part of *The One and Only Common Cent's Series*; accompanying teacher's guide available.

Author: Neale S. Godfrey
Title: *From Bead Notes to Bank Notes: the Story of Money*
Illustrator: Randy Verougstraete
Publisher: Modern Curriculum Press
© Date: 1998
Age Range: 4-8 (non-fiction)
Summary: Teaches what money is, how to make it and spend it, and the importance of saving and investing. Part of *The One and Only Common Cent's Series*; accompanying teacher's guide available.

Author: Neale S. Godfrey
Title: *Here's the Scoop: Follow an Ice-Cream*
Illustrator: Randy Verougstraete
Publisher: Modern Curriculum Press
© Date: 1995
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: The Green\$treet\$ Kids learn what it takes to make ice cream. Teaches how people and places are economically connected and how spending influences the marketplace. Part of *The One and Only Common Cent's Series*; accompanying teacher's guide available.

Author: Neale S. Godfrey
Title: *A Money Adventure: Earning, Saving, Spending Sharing*
Illustrator: Randy Verougstraete
Publisher: Modern Curriculum Press
© Date: 1996
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: The Green\$treet\$ Kids start their own business and discover its ups and downs, the impact of advertising, and the fairest way to share profit. Part of *The One and Only Common Cent's Series*; accompanying teacher's guide available.

Author: Neale S. Godfrey
Title: *Taking Stock: the World of Business*
Illustrator: Randy Verougstraete
Publisher: Modern Curriculum Press
© Date: 1998
Age Range: 4-8 (non-fiction)
Summary: Teaches what an economy is, how it works, what role the government plays in keeping the economy rolling, and how investments work. Part of *The One and Only Common Cent's Series*; accompanying teacher's guide available.

Author: Neale S. Godfrey
Title: *Ultimate Kids' Money Book*
Illustrator: Randy Verougstraete
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young People
© Date: 1998
Age Range: 8-12
Summary: Compendium of information about various money topics.

Author: Neale S. Godfrey
Title: *Why Money Was Created*
Illustrator: Randy Verougstraete
Publisher: Modern Curriculum Press
© Date: 1995
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: The Green\$treet\$ Kids learn about the invention of money, beginning with the concept of bartering through the use of precious metals and eventually coins and paper money. Part of *The One and Only Common Cent's Series*; accompanying teacher's guide available.

Author: Merle Good
Title: *Dan's Pants: The Adventures of Dan, the Fabric Man*
Illustrator: Cheryl A. Benner
Publisher: Good Books
© Date: 2004
Age Range: 5-8
Summary: Everyone enjoys Dan's funny-looking pants, which his wife makes from the bright fabrics Dan sells. Includes photographs of colorful fabrics worn by the real Dan Boltz whose story might inspire young entrepreneurs.

Author: Stephanie Greene
Title: *Owen Foote, Money Man*
Illustrator: Martha Weston
Publisher: Clarion Books
© Date: 2000
Age Range: 9-12
Summary: Ingenious eight-year-old Owen wants to make money for the things he absolutely needs, such as plastic vomit, but he tries to come up with alternatives to earning an allowance, which sounds to him like too much work.

Author: Rose Greydanus
Title: *Susie Goes Shopping*
Illustrator: Margot Apple
Publisher: Troll Communications L.L.C.
© Date: 1997
Age Range: 5-7
Summary: A Young pig wants to buy a cake, a pie, and cookies to make her mother feel better, but she has only enough for a loaf of bread.

Author: Donald Hall
Title: *Ox-Cart Man*
Illustrator: Barbara A. Cooney
Publisher: Viking
© Date: 1983
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: The ox-cart man along with his wife, daughter and son work all year to gather, grow and make goods to sell at market. The man used the money he made to purchase things they needed.

Author: Esther Hautzig
Title: *A Gift for Mama*
Illustrator: Donna Diamond
Publisher: Puffin Books
© Date: 1997
Age Range: 7-10
Summary: Sick and tired of making presents for various holidays and occasions, Sara decides that for this Mother's Day she will do something different.

Author: Barbara Shook Hazen
Title: *Tight Times*
Illustrator: Trina Schart Hyman
Publisher: Puffin Books
© Date: 1993
Age Range: 3-8
Summary: A small boy, not allowed to have a dog because times are tight, finds a starving kitten in a trash can the same day his father loses his job.

Author: Charlotte Herman
Title: *Max Malone Makes a Million*
Illustrator: Cat Bowman Smith
Publisher: Redfeather Book from Henry Holt
© Date: 1992
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: A newspaper article inspires eight-year-old Max and his best friend to try their hand at entrepreneurship.

Author: Gail Herman
Title: *Teddy Bear 4-Sale*
Illustrator: Doug Cushman
Publisher: Cartwheel
© Date: 1996
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: A teddy bear whom no one wants to buy leaves his shelf in the toy store and sets out for adventure.

Author: Dori Hillestad Butler
Title: *Great Tooth Fairy Rip-Off, The*
Illustrator: Jack Lindstrom
Publisher: Fairview Press
© Date: 1997
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Joey tries to negotiate with the Tooth Fairy for the amount he thinks his tooth is really worth, but he gets a surprise and learns the values of work, money, and saving when the Tooth Fairy bargains back.

Author: Tana Hoban
Title: *Twenty Six Letters and Ninety Nine Cents*
Publisher: HarperTrophy
© Date: 1995
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Color photographs of letters, numbers, coins, and common objects introduce the alphabet, coinage, and the counting system.

Author: Lillian Hoban
Title: *Arthurs Funny Money*
Publisher: HarperTrophy
© Date: 1984
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: When Violet has a numbers problem and Arthur is penniless, they go into business and solve both problems.

Author: Russell Hoban
Title: *A Bargain for Frances*
Illustrator: Lillian Hoban
Publisher: Harper-Collins
© Date: 2006
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Thelma and Frances discuss the pros and cons of saving for a tea set.

Author: Caren Holtzman
Title: *A Quarter from the Tooth Fairy: a Math Reader*
Publisher: Harcourt
Illustrator: Betsy Day
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: A boy gets a quarter from the tooth fairy. How will he spend it?

Author: Jerry Spinelli
Title: *The Bathwater Gang Gets Down to Business*
Illustrator: Johnson Meredith
Publisher: Little Brown & Co
© Date: 1992
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: When the Bathwater Gang fails to make money with its pet-cleaning business, Bertie comes up with a slightly dishonest idea to ensure success.

Author: Paul Brett Johnson
Title: *Bearhide and Crow*
Publisher: Holiday House
© Date: 2000
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Sam and Amos learn how trading helps them get what they want.

Author: D. B. Johnson
Title: *Henry Builds a Cabin*
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin
© Date: 2002
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Young Henry Thoreau appears frugal to his friends as he sets about building a cabin.

Author: Barbara Johnston Adams
Title: *The Go-Around Dollar*
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
© Date: 1992
Age Range: 3-6
Summary: Describes the journey of a one-dollar bill as it changes hands. Special information about our paper money is included on each page.

Author: Gail Karlitz
Title: *Growing Money: A Complete Investing Guide for Kids*
Publisher: Price Stern Sloan
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 9-12
Summary: Answers every question a budding investor might ask including: How do you read stock pages? What's the difference between stocks and bonds? How can I keep track of investment? Can kids invest?

Author: Frances Kennedy
Title: *The Pickle Patch Bathtub*
Illustrator: Sheila Aldridge
Publisher: Tricycle Press
© Date: 2004
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Donna enlists the help of her siblings to buy a bathtub.

Author: Eric A. Kimmel
Title: *Four Dollars and Fifty Cents*
Illustrator: Glen Rounds
Publisher: Holiday House
© Date: 1993
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: To avoid paying the Widow Macrae the four dollars and fifty cents he owes her, deadbeat cowboy Shorty Long plays dead and almost gets burned alive.

Author: Margaree King Mitchell
Title: *Uncle Jed's Barber Shop*
Illustrator: James E. Ransome
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Children's
© Date: 1993
Age Range: 5-8
Summary: Despite serious obstacles Sarah Jean's Uncle Jed, the only black barber in the county, pursues his dream of saving enough money to open his own barbershop.

Author: Robert T. Kiyosaki
Title: *Rich Dad Poor Dad for Teens: The Secrets about Money that You Don't Learn in School*
Publisher: Little Brown & Co
© Date: 1992 (non-fiction)
Age Range: Young Adult
Summary: Distills the principles of cash flow, assets and liabilities, saving and investing money, and how to find opportunities to "create money."

Author: E. L. Konigsburg
Title: *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*
Publisher: Aladdin Paperbacks
© Date: 2003
Age Range: 9-12
Summary: Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home.

Author: Kathyryn Lasky
Title: *Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker*
Illustrator: Nneka Bennett
Publisher: Candlewick
© Date: 2003
Age Range: 9-12
Summary: Traces Breedlove's girlhood as the first free-born child of former slaves in Louisiana to her hard life as a laundress and single mother in St. Louis.

Author: Loreen Leedy
Title: *The Monster Money Book*
Publisher: Holiday House, Inc.
© Date: 1992
Age Range: 6-9
Summary: Members of the Monster Club discuss money and how to manage it.

Author: Lynette Long
Title: *One Dollar: My First Money Book*
Publisher: Barron's Educational Series, Incorporated
© Date: 1998
Age Range: 4-8 (non-fiction)
Summary: Describes the images found on the dollar bill and various coins and explains their values relative to the dollar.

Author: Grace Maccarone
Title: *Monster Money*
Illustrator: Margaret Hartelius
Publisher: Econo-Clad Books
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Ten monsters have ten cents each to buy a pet in this rhyming story that demonstrates how to count.

Author: Steve Mariotttil
Title: *The Young Entrepreneur's Guide to Starting and Running a Business*
Publisher: Random House
© Date: 1996, 2000
Age Range: Teens and young adults (non-fiction)
Summary: Tells the stories of successful entrepreneurs and provides practical steps to starting a business.

Author: James Marshall
Title: *Fox on the Job*
Publisher: Puffin
© Date: 1995
Age Range: 5-8
Summary: Fox tries to earn money for a new bicycle in several different jobs.

Author: Sharon Bell Mathis
Title: *The Hundred Penny Box*
Illustrator: Leo & Diane Dillon
Publisher: Puffin Book
© Date: 2006
Age Range: 9-12
Summary: Michael's love for his great-great aunt leads him to intercede with his mother who wants to toss out all her old things.

Author: Gina and Mercer Mayer
Title: *Just a Piggy Bank*
Publisher: Sagebrush Education Resources
© Date: 2001
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Little Critter learns the importance of saving money.

Author: Gina and Mercer Mayer
Title: *Just Shopping with Mom*
Publisher: Golden Books
© Date: 2001
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Little sister seems to want just about everything she sees when she goes out shopping with her mom.

Author: Page McBrier
Title: *Beatrice's Goat*
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers
© Date: 2001
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: With the gift of one small animal Beatrice is able to earn enough money to attend school and help her family buy a new house.

Author: Jamie McGillian
Title: *The Kids' Money Book: Earning, Saving, Spending, Investing, Donating*
Publisher: Sterling Pub
© Date: 2003
Age Range: 9-12 (non-fiction)
Summary: Includes advice on understanding the difference between needs and wants, getting the most from an allowance, becoming an entrepreneur, and sharing the wealth.

Author: Bruce McMillan
Title: *Jelly Beans for Sale*
Publisher: Scholastic, Inc
© Date: 1996
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Clear photos of pennies, nickles, dimes, and quarters show how a happy group of kids buy jelly beans.

Author: Tololwa M. Mollel
Title: *My Rows and Piles of Coins*
Illustrator: E. B. Lewis
Publisher: Clarion Books
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: A Tanzanian boy saves his coins to buy a bicycle so that he can help his parents carry goods to market. He later discovers that in spite of all he has saved, he still does not have enough money.

Author: Marissa Moss
Title: *Mel's Diner*
Publisher: Bridgewater Books
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Young Mable outlines a comfortable routine as she helps her parents run their diner.

Author: Marissa Moss
Title: *Amelia Works it Out*
Publisher: Leasant Co. Publications
© Date: 2000
Age Range: 9-12
Summary: When Ameile's mother refuses to get her expensive shoes "that everyone has except me," Ameila decides to earn the money herself.

Author: Robert Munsch
Title: *Something Good*
Illustrator: Michael Martchenko
Publisher: Annick Press
© Date: 1992
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Tyya's dad won't buy anything good at the store – no ice cream, no candy, no cookies. But when the saleslady puts a price sticker on Tyya's note, Daddy is finally forced to buy something good.

Author: Stuart J. Murphy
Title: *The Penny Pot*
Illustrator: Lynne Cravath
Publisher: Harper Trophy
© Date: 1998
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Various students count their coins to pay 50 cents for face painting at the school fair. Extra pennies are put in the penny pot for other students to use if needed.

Author: Karen Berman Nagel
Title: *Lunch Line*
Publisher: Cartwheel Books/Scholastic
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: In the school cafeteria at lunchtime, Kim eyes all the tasty food and tries to figure out what she can buy with her dollar.

Author: Lensey Namioka
Title: *Yang the Eldest and his Odd Jobs*
Publisher: Little, Brown & Company
© Date: 2000
Age Range: 9-12
Summary: Third Sister and her siblings try to help Eldest Brother, the most talented musician in the Yang family, find work to pay for his new violin.

Author: Alexis O'Neill
Title: *Estela's Swap*
Illustrator: Enrique Sanchez
Publisher: Lee & Low Books
© Date: 2002
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: A young Mexican American girl accompanies her father to a swap meet where she hopes to sell her music box to get money for dance lessons.

Author: Nancy Winslow Parker
Title: *Money, Money, Money-The Meaning of the Art and Symbols on United States Paper Currency*
Publisher: HarperCollins; 1st ed edition
© Date: 1995
Age Range: 4-8 (non-fiction)
Summary: Accounts of people, buildings, and symbols on U.S. currency, and information about the U.S. Treasury, Federal Reserve System, and counterfeiting.

Author: Sara Pistoia
Title: *Money*
Publisher: Child's World
© Date: 2003
Age Range: 4-8 (non-fiction)
Summary: Introduces the concept of money along with the values of different coins.

Author: Sam X. Renick
Title: *Will Sammy Ride the World's First Space Coaster?*
Illustrator: Juan Alvarado
Publisher: It's A Habit Company
© Date: 2003
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Sammy has to save half the cost of his ride on the Space Coaster. He does that and more, and is able to share with one of his friends so he might go also.

Author: Sam X. Renick
Title: *It's A Habit, Sammy Rabbit*
Illustrator: Julian Alvarado
Publisher: It's A Habit Company
© Date: 2001
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Sammy discovers the secret – savings is a great habit.

Author: Erin Robertson
Title: *All About Money*
Publisher: Children's Press
© Date: 2004
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Easy facts about money.

Author: Anne F. Rockwell
Title: *Our Garage Sale*
Illustrator: Harlow Rockwell
Publisher: Greenwillow Books
© Date: 5/1/1984
Age Range: 5-6
Summary: A child describes his family's garage sale.

Author: Marilyn Sadler Schwartz
Title: *Money, Money, Bunny Honey*
Publisher: Harcourt
Illustrator: Roger Bollen
© Date: 2006
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Honey Bunny Funnybunny likes to save her money, but also enjoys spending some on herself and being generous with her friends.

Author: Amy Schwartz
Title: *Bea & Mr. Jones*
Publisher: Harcourt
© Date: 2006
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Tired of kindergarten, Bea Jones trades jobs with her father who works in an office.

Author: David M. Schwartz
Title: *If You Made a Million*
Illustrator: Steven Kellogg
Publisher: William Morrow & Company, Inc.
© Date: 1994
Age Range: 5-8
Summary: Describes the various forms which money can take, including coins, paper money, and personal checks, and how it can be used to make purchases, pay off loans, or build interest in the bank.

Author: Nancy Shaw
Title: *Sheep in a Shop*
Illustrator: Margot Apple
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin
© Date: 1994
Age Range: 2-5
Summary: Piggy bank in tow, the fleecy five take a country store by storm in search of a birthday gift for one of their friends. They hit upon just the thing, but find themselves a little short on cash. Luckily they're not short on ingenuity and make a real deal.

Author: Don Silver
Title: *High School Money Book*
Publisher: Adams Hall
© Date: 2007
Age Range: 14-18
Summary: Overview of money topics for high school students.

Author: Chyng Feng Sun
Title: *Mama Bear*
Illustrator: Lolly Robinson
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin
© Date: 1994
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Mei-Mei longs to buy the large, expensive teddy bear sitting in a store window but her mother's salary must go to fix the heater. The little girl schemes to raise the purchase price by herself.

Author: Leyla Torres
Title: *Saturday Sancocho*
Publisher: Farrar Straus & Giroux
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Making chicken sancocho is a traditional Saturday treat for Maria Lili. But when Papa announces one morning that there is no money for sancocho, Maria Lili and her grandmother go to market to barter for the ingredients.

Author: Marcia Vaughn
Title: *Lemonade Stand*
Publisher: Grosset & Dunlap
Illustrator: Tom Payne
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: Two animal friends plan to make money at their lemonade stand, but they find that selling can be thirsty work.

Author: Judith Viorst
Title: *Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday*
Illustrator: Ray Cruz
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Children's
© Date: 1978
Age Range: 5-8
Summary: Although Alexander and his money are quickly parted, he comes to realize all the things that can be done with a dollar.

Author: K. Cook Waldron
Title: *Loon Lake Fishing Derby*
Illustrator: Dean Griffiths
Publisher: Orca Book Publishers
© Date: 1999
Age Range: 4-8
Summary: When Loon Lake holds a fishing contest Wally Dale decides to make some money selling worms. Other young animals imitate him and things get out of control when no fish are caught. Wally comes up with an idea to put things right.

Author: Rosemary Wells
Title: *Bunny Money*
Publisher: Puffin
© Date: 2000
Age Range: 3-6
Summary: Max and Ruby save birthday money to buy presents. They spend so much on emergencies along they barely have enough left for gifts.

Author: Vera B. Williams
Title: *A Chair for my Mother*
Publisher: William Morrow & Company, Inc
© Date: 1984
Age Range: 5-8
Summary: A child's mother saves coins from her job as a waitress to buy a comfortable armchair to replace one that was lost in a fire.

Author: Vera B. Williams
Title: *Music, Music for Everyone*
Publisher: William Morrow & Company, Inc.
© Date: 1992
Age Range: 5-8
Summary: Rosa plays accordion with friends in the Oak Street Band and earns money to help her mother with expenses while her grandmother is sick.

Author: Vera B. Williams
Title: *Something Special for Me*
Publisher: Greenwillow
© Date: 1983
Age Range: 5-8
Summary: Rosa's mother and grandmother decide to let her shop for her own birthday present from the jar of money they had saved. Rosa had trouble deciding what to buy until she heard some accordion music.

Author: Harriet Ziefert
Title: *A New Coat for Anna*
Illustrator: Anita Lobel
Publisher: Knopf
© Date: 1991
Age Range: 4-7
Summary: At the end of World War II, Anna needed a new winter coat, but her mother had no money. They use valuable things they own to barter for the goods and services needed to produce the coat.

Author: Nathan Zimelman
Title: *Sold! A Mathematics Adventure*
Publisher: Charlesbridge
© Date: 2000
Age Range: 9-12
Summary: A boy goes with his father to an auction one day. A irritating moth causes the boy to bid – and purchase - far more than his allowance can stand, but all's well when he discovers that one of his inadvertent purchases is a painting by Vincent Van Gogh.

Author: Nathan Zimelman
Title: *How the Second Grade Got \$8,205.50 to Visit the Statue of Liberty*
Illustrator: Bill Slavin
Publisher: Whitman
© Date: 1992
Age Range: 5-8
Summary: Chronicles the triumphs and setbacks of the second grade as they try a variety of schemes to raise money for a trip to the Statue of Liberty.