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Minimalism - How to Save Money Reading Books

In the tough economic times, we are in, it is really good to look for ways to do things a bit cheaper. Book reading has become my favorite hobby. This year, I have really focused on reading books on investments and trying to live a better and more successful life.

By reading more, I have been able to get a better mindset about life and eliminated a lot of bad habits. So far in 2022, I have read 42 books for the year, and we are just past the halfway point. If I can maintain my current reading rate, I should exceed 60 books in one year. Probably the most I have read in any one year before would be 15.

Part of the increase is due to having better focus on my part and cutting back on some of the wasted time where I was watching mindless drivel on TV for 3 hours a day. I now watch a maximum of 2 hours per day and do not watch the news at all.

I have a better focus in life and now desire to be around positive and uplifting people. I no longer care to listen to all the whiners, complainers, and political arguments going on in Washington. My life has taken on a greater level of joy and happiness, and I am not concerned about things I cannot control.

One of the books I read this year said that when you listen to all this negative talk, you begin to have negative self-talk and it is stored in your mind. This truly is not healthy, and I am going all out to eliminate any negativity in my life.

Another reason for my large volume of reading is getting a much faster reading rate. My words per minute while reading has doubled by simply reading the book "LimitLess" by Jim Kwik. In the latter part of the book, he covers how to speed-read and it is not very difficult. His 3 main points really worked for me, and not only am I reading at double my earlier rate, but I am able to understand and comprehend what I have read better than ever before. Check out the book review on that book at:

<https://lifecanbesimple.net/blog/book-review-limitless-by-jim-kwik>

This week I want to discuss some of the methods I have found to save money on books. You can spend upwards of \$25 on a book, so if I had purchased all 42 books I have read, I would have spent well over \$150. I think to date, I have spent \$7.50. So here is how I have been able to acquire all these recommended books by so many authors. All of these books were either on the topics of Investing, Mindset, or Habits and were recommended by some prior author of a book I had read.

HOW TO SAVE MONEY ON BOOKS

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