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Mixing humor and behavioral economics, the author of the New York Times bestseller Predictably Irrational delves into the truly illogical world of personal finance to help people better understand why they make bad financial decisions, and gives them the knowledge they need to make them better. Why do paying for things often feel like it's causing physical pain? Why does it cost you money to act as your own real estate agent? Why are we comfortable overpaying for something now just because we've overpaid for it before? In dollars and feeling, world-renowned economist Dan Ariely answers these intriguing questions and more as he explains how our irrational behavior often interferes with our best intentions when it comes to managing our finances. Partnering with financial comedian and writer Jeff Kreisler, Ariely takes us deep into our minds to expose the ulterior motives that are secretly driving our choices about money. Exploring a wide range of everyday topics, from credit card debt and household budgeting to holiday sales, Ariely and Kreisler demonstrate how our perceptions of dollars and cents are often wrong and cost us more than we know. By mixing case studies and anecdotes with tangible advice and lessons, they cut through the unconscious fears and desires that drive our worst financial instincts, and teach us how to improve our monetary habits. Fascinating, attractive, funny, and necessary, dollars and feeling is a reasonable investment, providing us with practical tools that we need to understand and improve our financial choices, save and spend smarter, and ultimately live better. Order now: Amazon Barnes and Noble Indie Related Books-Million iBooks Has Dollars and Meaning Dan Ariely and Jeff Kreisler Sat on Your Reading List? Take the key ideas in the book with this quick summary. The money. We can't live without it yet can't seem to get any of it into our savings accounts either. Don't worry, it's not a unique problem - there are many reasons why people are lousy to spend money wisely and put it into the future. As you learn in the book summary ahead, the reason most of us struggle with money comes down to fundamental human characteristics that are hard to avoid, and the unusual notion of money itself. So don't be too yourself if you have a habit of making irrational decisions when it comes to money. We are often driven by emotion rather than common sense, but that does not mean that we cannot make an effort to understand our shortcomings and take action against them. In this summary of dollars and feelings by Dan Ariely and Jeff Kreisler, in this book resume you will learn how less misleading about their prices bad idea for JCPenney; The difference between mental and emotional consideration; and what is Sulyss's contract and how it can help you save money. Money is an abstract concept. What's what A piece of paper with some writing on it you can buy you today may well change tomorrow. Although its value may fluctuate, there is no doubt that you need the money for almost everything you need to go through in day-to-day life. While everyone knows money is important, that doesn't stop us from regularly making bad spending decisions. So what does it give? One reason is that when we get the urge to buy something, we rarely stop thinking about what else we could spend that money on. In the economy, all the other things we could buy are known as alternative spending, and our inability to consider these alternatives is one of the biggest financial mistakes we make. A few years ago, Ariely, one of the authors, talked to customers at a Toyota dealership and asked them what purchases they give to buy a new car. That he basically came back in response were confused looks. Explaining their question further, many people said they would give up the opportunity to buy another car. Few have made the connection that they sacrifice such opportunities as vacationing or treating themselves to meals in expensive restaurants. Ariely realized that for most people, considering alternatives just don't come naturally. Another reason for wasteful spending is the overuse of value signals. These are external clues and signs that assume the real value of the product. If we behaved perfectly rationally, we would determine the value of the item through the possibility of spending, weighing one purchase against another. Instead, we go a less rational way, relying on value signals and paying attention to signs that say something is a bargain or a limited-time offer. In car dealerships, the language of sellers is filled with these kinds of cost signals designed to make customers buy now or miss out on impressive opportunities. While there are useful value signals that can give you a better idea of what is worth something, they are often misleading as companies usually use deceptive practices to distort your sense of value and take your money. Think of all the different cars and houses you pass by every day: Do you know how much they cost? In many cases the value is difficult to determine just by looking at something. Take a pair of shoes. To determine their value will need to look at many different factors such as the cost of materials, labor, transportation costs, etc. so, in order to come to a conclusion, we tend to apply mental labels, such as comparing one item or price to another. Comparing purchases can help us determine the relative value between similar things, but this can also be misleading. In 2012, the usual practice in the popular network JCPenney has been to mark up regular prices and then have coupons, discounts and sales to return them to the actual retail value. As a result, customers used coupons and sales like value signals think they are getting a special deal. In the same year, Ron Johnson took over as CEO. Johnson dislikes misleading practices, saying ordinary prices should be fair and fair. He got rid of all discounts and lowered prices to their usual retail value. Customers weren't happy. After just one year of changes, JCPenney lost $985 million and Johnson was fired. For customers, sales and coupons were important value signals that made them feel like they were getting deals, even if they weren't. Without these signals, there was no point in getting a good deal. But often we don't need companies to fool us with misleading sales - we are very good at deceiving ourselves. In his book Mindless Eating, author Brian Wansink describes an experiment that shows how people's appetites can have little to do with how hungry they really are. Wansink attached the bowl to the table in a way that allowed him to add more soup to the bowls without participants realizing it, and asked him to have unsuspecting subjects eat until they were no longer hungry. Some did just that and stopped after eating a certain amount, but others just kept eating and eating. The experiment showed that as long as there was food in the bowl, some participants would continue to insist that they were hungry. They had to see this empty bowl before they could decide that they were no longer hungry. Studies show that we rely on signals like this to make all kinds of decisions. Here are two interesting scenarios: What if you paid $100 for a concert ticket, but as you drive in the car on the way to the show, the ticket flies out the window and you lose it? If you could buy a new ticket for the same price, would you do it? Conversely, what if you lost a hundred dollar bill out of the window on your way to buy a ticket? Would you take another $100 and still buy a ticket? We are weighing these kinds of options through mental accounting. It's a little different for each of us as we have our own categories with our subjective values. You can cost a concert ticket worth $100 in a different hundred dollar bill that you haven't yet to spend. Money for a concert ticket may be in the already held category, while the bill was lost before it received the designated category, so it can feel like it's still waiting to be spent. That's why most people say they won't buy a new ticket, but will take more money if they haven't bought it yet. We see that mental accounting can be irrational, but it can also serve a purpose. Strictly speaking, a rational mind will not treat these two scenarios differently, as they both cost you the same amount But the world is filled with countless options on how to spend money, and so mental accounting can be a valuable time-saving tool, even it's not perfect. If you want to buy a cup of coffee, you wouldn't look at all the prices, go through all the possible costs, and consider all possible options for using that money, even if it might be the most rational thing to do. Instead, it's helpful to use the mental accounting label, take money out of your coffee account and get on your day. There is another type of accounting known as emotional accounting, and it has its fair share of dangers as well. When you attach emotions to money, it can easily affect your spending decisions. For example, if you get money from a relative you don't like, you can try to wash away the negative association by donating a portion of it to charity - and then spend the rest lightly once you feel better about it. After all, if you get extra cash, the most sensible thing to do is not let your emotions stick in the way and just keep it. If you have ever tried to feed your baby, you will know that language can make things a lot easier. Even the most picky eater can't resist a spoonful of carrot puree once you tell them it's a plane coming for landing. As with the child at the height, language shapes the way we perceive and perceive the world around us. How would you feel, for example, about living with twenty percent less than your current salary? Now, what do you think of living at the expense of 80 percent of your current salary? What's the odds? There is no one, and yet, as a 1988 study in the Journal of Consumer Research showed, people are much less comfortable with the idea of spending their retirement 20 percent less of their income than spending it on 80 percent of their current income. The restaurant industry is very knowledgeable about how language can make their food and drinks seem more valuable. When a waiter uses words such as sophisticated and earthy notes of oak and tobacco, they know that customers will be willing to pay $80 for a bottle of wine that they won't buy at your local grocery store for $30. The authors refer to this language as our vocabulary consumption, which is often associated in our minds with the superior value of a product such as a wine bouquet or a blanket sash. The word artisan has this effect as well - just because the fast food chain calls them bread artisan, it doesn't mean you should automatically think it's worth more money. Another way we can add value through the rituals we create around the product, which is usually to enhance our experience. This is another reason why a glass of wine might seem so precious; as we ritualize the pouring, swirling, smelling and finally tasting. Each step gives the experience additional importance. show that when we create rituals around consumption, we perceive objects associated with this consumption to have Value. In 2013, researchers at the University of Minnesota and Harvard Business School asked participants to either eat the chocolate bar quickly or slowly turn around and break it into pieces before eating. As you might have guessed, those who took the slow route were willing to pay more for chocolate. It's natural for people to be irrational about money - that's why everyone so wants to find smart ways of budgeting. But all the tips and tricks in the world won't work if you don't have self-control. Without it, you have to make bad decisions. One of the best ways to increase self-control is to start emotionally connecting yourself to the future. You probably know that your future self would be better off if you didn't sit in front of the TV tonight and eat a pint of ice cream. But this future person usually seems so distant and distant that you are still tempted. To counter this temptation, UCLA's Hal Hershfield suggests taking it one step further - creating an emotional connection, imagining a conversation or writing a letter to your future self. You can also imagine the future- you're appreciating the benefits of your good decision - kicking back and enjoying retirement in comfort thanks to the early investments you make today. It also helps to think in terms of fixed dates. According to a 2005 study published in the journal Management Science, we are likely to be diligent in saving if we prepare an exact retirement date. So instead of telling yourself, it will come in handy in 30 years, think: August 23, 2048. Another way to increase self-control is to create Ulysses contracts. As legend has it, in order to pass the Sirens and their enticing but deadly songs, the famous Greek hero Ulysses had his crew tie him to the mast of his ship. A Sulissa contract is a way to eliminate temptation by having a process or structure whereby a bad solution is not even an option. If you are lousy with credit cards, a good contract Ulysses will only use prepaid debit cards. Or, if you spend money that should go into your savings, reduce the temptation by setting an automatic deposit that takes a certain amount directly from each salary. In 2010, a study published in the journal World Development found that people who created automated savings ended up saving 81 percent the most in twelve months! Now that you have a better understanding of why we are so bad with money, it's time to stop making excuses and start being more sensible. Key message in this book summary: Whether it's basic needs like food and housing, or luxuries like cars and exotic vacations, it all requires money and it can be difficult to achieve anything if you are constantly making bad decisions. Figuring out how to spend money wisely doesn't come naturally, and unfortunately the money doesn't come come Instruction. Instead, we are constantly grappling with misleading cost signals and struggling to understand how much things are really worth. But instead of fighting against human nature, we can gain some stability by acknowledging our shortcomings and creating systems that keep us away from our worst instincts. Action tips: Replace your complicated budget with a simple one. A useless budget can be like a bad diet that makes you obsessively measure and count every calorie. When your budget is too complex and specific, you just end up quitting smoking in frustration. Instead, figure out how much you can comfortably spend on inconsequential items and create a broad category for this called discretionary spending. Every week, put this amount on a prepaid debit card and you can stop worrying about overspending.

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