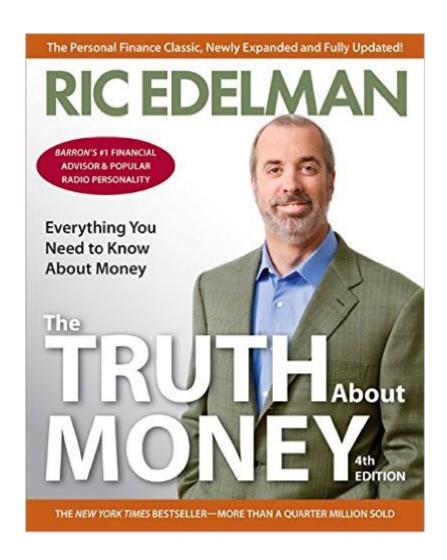
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I have listened to Ric's Saturday morning radio show for a number of years, and in fact I'm listening to it right now, as I write this review. I also have given copies of this book to several of my family members. And I have to admit that I learn something every time I listen to his show. So, why only three stars for his book? Well, one reason is that whenever I listen to his show, I keep wondering why I should pay him over 1% of my retirement portfolio's value every year to do something I am perfectly capable of doing for myself. I have finally come to realize, and this is not an original observation, that Ric is very clever, glib, and a bit disingenuous. He does a lot of people a lot of good, and there is nothing wrong with doing well by doing good. But at the same time, he is not

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