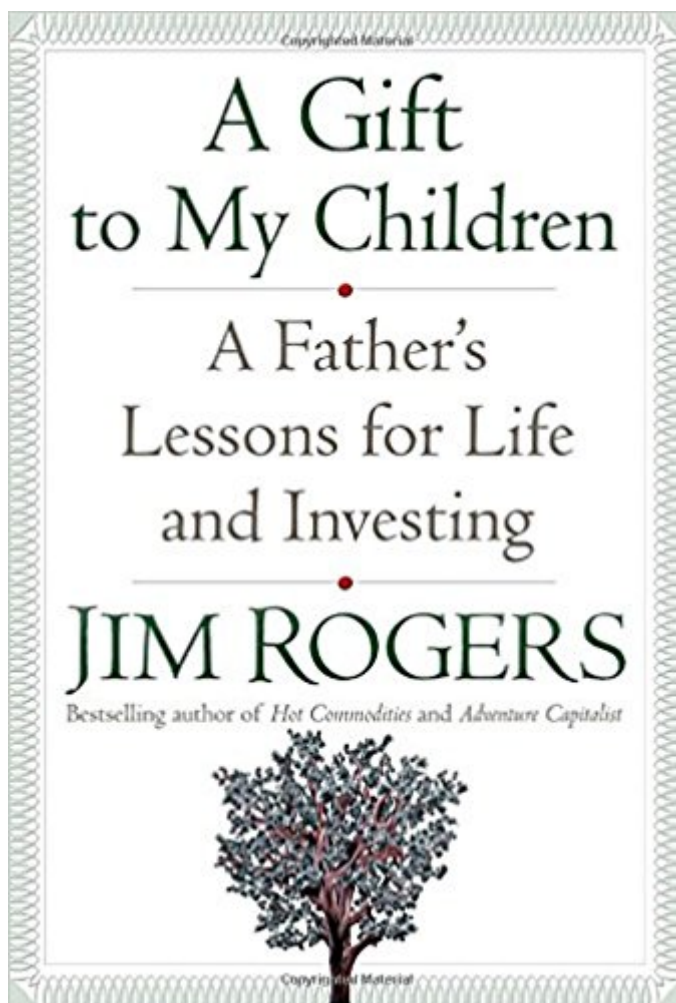


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# A Gift To My Children: A Father's Lessons For Life And Investing



## Synopsis

He's the swashbuckling world traveler and legendary investor who made his fortune before he was forty. Now the bestselling author of *A Bull in China*, *Hot Commodities*, and *Adventure Capitalist* shares a heartfelt, indispensable guide for his daughters (and all young investors) to find success and happiness. In *A Gift to My Children*, Jim Rogers offers advice with his trademark candor and confidence, but this time he adds paternal compassion, protectiveness, and love. Rogers reveals how to learn from his triumphs and mistakes in order to achieve a prosperous, well-lived life. For example:

- Trust your own judgment: Rogers sensed China's true potential way back in the 1980s, at a time when most analysts were highly skeptical of its prospects for growth.
- Focus on what you like: Rogers was five when he started collecting empty bottles at baseball games instead of playing.
- Be persistent: Coming to Yale from rural Alabama, and in over his head, Rogers never stopped studying and wound up with a scholarship to Oxford.
- See the world: In 1990, Rogers traveled through six continents by motorcycle, gaining a global perspective and learning how to evaluate prospects in rapidly developing countries such as Brazil, Russia, India, and China.
- Nothing is really new: anything deemed "innovative" or "unprecedented" is usually just overhyped, as in the case of the Internet or TV, airplanes, and railroads before it.
- And not a bit off the subject, and very important: Boys will need you more than you'll need them!

Wise and warm, accessible and inspiring, *A Gift to My Children* is a great gift for all those just starting to invest in their futures.

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## Customer Reviews

Legendary investor Rogers cofounded the Quantum Fund with George Soros in 1970, retired at the age of 37 in 1980, and spent a number of years traveling through China and six continents by motorcycle. He recently fathered two daughters in his sixties and wrote this small memoir to share with them some of the insights that he has garnered from his experiences. He advises to make your own decisions in life rather than listening to others, to figure out what you love to do and focus on that rather than what is expected of you, and to have a dream and to live your dream. In the area of finances, he says to save and invest early on rather than spending frivolously, so that you will be able to afford the important things in life later, and to do your own research, draw your own conclusions, and look to the future—•not the past—•for great ideas. These and other nuggets of wisdom from this self-made man are worth reading several times over. --David Siegfried

Praise for A GIFT TO MY CHILDREN  
Hey Jim! What a lovely, lovely book! (A Gift to My Children).  
Though I've read all you've written, this one really touched me. It is, of course, a love letter to your daughters, which is not only a wonderful, meaningful thing to do, but it was filled with exactly the kind of advice all fathers should give. Your new book will stay on my shelf for a long, long time, and I'll be giving it to my own kids to read. --Nicholas Sparks: Author of The Notebook, Dear John, and The Last Song

This is a great book! It's advice from someone who not only has had great success as an investor, but also seen more of the world than anyone else. I like Jim Rogers' advice and anecdote on being a self-starter. It's something I think about from time-to-time when I feel like I have nothing to do. I have begun studying Mandarin (as he recommends). If he's right about China, which I think he is, then anyone who can speak the language will have a huge competitive advantage going-forward. I also appreciate the fact that he thinks studying history and philosophy are worthwhile. It's nice to know that someone as accomplished as himself appreciates a degree that's not business. As much as I enjoyed this book, I'd like to give a heads-up that this book is nowhere near as good as Adventure Capitalist, Rogers' book on his adventure traveling the globe (and one of my all-time favorite books). However, it is still a fantastic read and gives you lots of food for thought. Highly recommended!

There are not any other financial books that I read that touch my soul. I know it sounds crazy, touch my soul. But when you finally hear the truth and you know it will make a positive change in your life,

AND the lives of your children. You are touched. I love the authors other books, I'm a little bit of a Jim Rogers Fan, But A Gift to My Children: A Father's Lessons for Life and Investing. Really moved me, as parents we are all so busy, but trust me if you read this book and listen, It will do great things for you and your family now and in the long run.

excellent book. like it a lot.

A book about the common wisdom of Jim Rogers through his vast years of being on the look out for investments. Explained from the eye of a father this time, as the guy decided to bring kids after becoming old. So its an advice book written in a way in which he's addressing his daughters. Very straight forward and usual of the Jim Rogers way of looking at things and writing. Any reader who has been acquainted with the writings and remarks of this renowned investor will find it as a summary of some of his observations in life generally. An enjoyable read.

I originally came across this book at my local library while looking at investment and business books. I'm a proud father with the number one goal of raising my daughter to be an independant, confident young woman and I'm always interested to see how people I look up to raise their children. I've picked up a few new ideas over the last couple years and was looking forward to learning something from this book. I was not disappointed. A gift to my children is packed full of general life lessons from the mind of a successful global investor with a passion for life. It touches on subjects such as boys and ethics, explains hidden dangers that young women seldom notice, and promotes thinking for yourself and not taking someone's advise just because they are a professional. I bought a copy for my cousin whom just became a father a little over a month ago, and I have a copy I intend to give my daughter once she is a little older. All in all, I feel any good father would enjoy this book.

The writing is very easy to follow and there are lot of great advice that all parents should read and talk to their kids about. Having the international mentality, see the world through your own eyes and form your own judgement are some of the key takeaways I learned for myself. I think wisdom shown here in this book will be relevant for generations to come.

A good and easy piece to get an overview idea on his insights towards investment. Worth to give it a go

This book is a short read, but in a short amount of time, it makes you reflect on a lots of things. On parenting for sure, but on your own life and on the way you see life and the world. It gives some tips on investing, but it doesn't feel like the main purpose of the book.

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