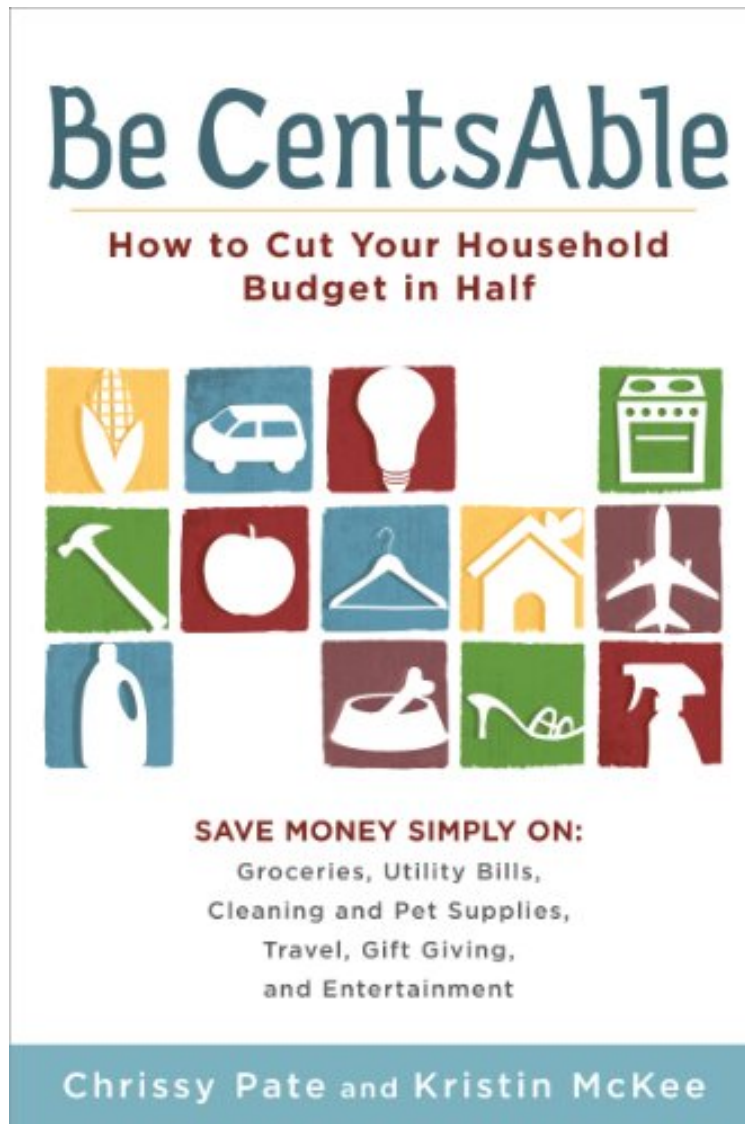


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**Chrissy Pate, Kristin McKee : Be CentsAble: How to Cut Your Household Budget in Half** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Be CentsAble: How to Cut Your Household Budget in Half:

11 of 12 people found the following review helpful. For the CouponerBy HornblowerI was expecting a bit more on how to "save big" than clipping coupons and arranging your menu around sales ads, but that's the main gist of this book. The couponing itself seems insane--identifying "useable" coupons for your household, sorting and labeling them into a 3-ring binder, cross-referencing all your coupons on a web-based spreadsheet---all this before actually walking

into a store! I also started off behind the 8-ball because the area where my family lives does not feature stores that do the legendary "double-couponing," nor do they offer store "loyal shopper" cards where a shopper can claim 5-15% off just by using the card in the store. When a bargain hunter goes to a store in our area armed with her trusty envelope of carefully culled coupons, what is listed as the value on the coupon is the amount she can expect to get off, nothing more (unless the stores have relaxed their "one sale offering per item" policy, and, only in a few cases, none of them really have except for certain products at certain times of the year.) I also started to question the idea of being able to save money while making several trips to the store in a 2-week interval to "pick up perishables." Everyone knows that a trip "to pick up a gallon of milk" usually ends up in a multi-item impulse snatch-and--grab event. And the "creative stockpiling" that is touted as a sure way to preserve your budget started sounding to me like a trip to the grocery store with a team of shoppers from "Extreme Couponing"---pile the cart high and then start squirreling your stash away in closets, garages, under beds, on porches---seems like a recipe for forgetting what products you have and eventually have to toss because they're way past their expiration dates. Some of the material in the book is informative, though, like identifying "sale cycles" of products, what products freeze well, etc. If you're looking for some REAL common sense info on trimming and saving, check out the Economides' "America's Cheapest Family," where some couponing, food preservation, planning and budget evaluation is discussed in a light-hearted manner. If you must look this book over, visit your local library, or check out the authors' blog. Not really worth owning.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Useful information in here I was able to use immediately ...By Urban Mom Useful information in here I was able to use immediately in my life. No, I am not a millionaire now, but I sure have a little more fun money in my life! :) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book really helped out family! By J. Peagler I LOVE this book! I've read it multiple times and really find the advice in the book to be practical. I'm a working mother of two with not a lot of time on my hands, and the tips in the book aren't extreme or time consuming. The main point of the book is to plan--plan how to use your coupons, plan your travel ahead of time so you have time to look for coupons and find the best prices, plan your gift spending and stay under budget--all practical tips. One tip advised in the book was to write down who you buy gifts for over the course of a year and total up how much you normally spend. I was blown away by how much I spent and have challenged myself to cut that amount in half this year. The book also has good advice on ways to cut your electric bill, which has helped reduce my power bill--not a significant savings, but every little bit helps. The chapter on cleaning mainly advises to use home made cleaners. I now make my own laundry detergent and like it just fine. I still use regular cleaning products for everything else, which, with combining sales and coupons you can find 50% off or cheaper. This book is very practical for our family and has helped us save money in areas we didn't realize we could save in without doing without the things we like. I highly recommend it.

As seen on Good Morning America and successfully adopted by thousands of subscribers, this easy-to-use system will help slash any household budget. Now more than ever, people are desperate to save money without scrimping on every little purchase or sacrificing their lifestyle. Like most Americans, stay-at-home moms Chrissy Pate and Kristin McKee spent the lion's share of their budgets on what they assumed to be static costs such as groceries and utilities. But when using traditional couponing and cheapskate guides didn't help their budgets shrink by a dime, Pate and McKee decided to come up with their own way to save. Within a few months, their household expenses dropped by more than half--from spending \$800 each per month to less than \$350! Only a few years after developing their "be centsable" system, Pate and McKee have helped thousands of subscribers save money without spending hours finding and cutting coupons, or giving up "extras" like travel and entertainment. In this prescriptive guide, these authors show how anyone can save thousands of dollars on cleaning supplies, pet care, toys, travel, and most importantly, groceries--without giving up healthy foods, favorite products, or the occasional splurge.

From Publishers Weekly Former neighbors and stay-at-home moms, Pate and McKee offer a detailed look at slashing household expenses. The authors, asked by their husbands to cut their budgets in half, settled on savvy coupon use: stacking savings; purchasing goods already on sale with additional coupons. They present a plethora of information about coupons themselves, where to find them and how to use them properly in conjunction with sales on particular groceries. Nearly half of the book is devoted to grocery shopping, including tips on which stores to visit, and how to plan meals and win at consumerism. No topic is too small or pedestrian; there are instructions for making cheap household cleaners, finding affordable airfares and mattresses, and menu planning. The occasionally dry and serious content is enlivened by quick tip action plans at the conclusion of each chapter, breaking down the information into digestible portions. (Mar.) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. A plethora of information about coupons themselves, where to find them and how to use them properly in conjunction with sales on particular groceries; No topic is too small or pedestrian; there are instructions for making cheap household cleaners, finding affordable airfares and mattresses, and menu planning. Publishers Weekly; The authors show how anyone can save thousands of dollars on cleaning supplies, pet care, toys, travel and; most importantly; groceries, without giving up healthy foods, favorite products or the occasional splurge. Fort Wayne Journal Gazette; Stay-at-home moms

tend to be among the smartest when it comes to handling money. In an era of rising household costs, they have to be. Pate, a former high school teacher, and McKee, a former financial analyst, outline everyday savings strategies that go beyond coupon clippinghellip; Savings no doubt will add up if you follow these tips.rdquo;mdash;The Holland Sentinel (Michigan)About the AuthorChrissy Pate and Kristin McKee are former neighbors who launched their first "Be CentsAble" workshop in 2008. Pate lives in Kansas City, Missouri, and McKee in Phoenix, Arizona.