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## **Grey House Publishing Announces the Second Edition of *Weiss Ratings' Financial Literacy Basics***

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the second publication of the of *Weiss Ratings' Financial Literacy Basics, 2018*. Published annually, *Weiss Ratings' Financial Literacy Basics* contains eight individual guides, each for a different financial-planning sector: Checking Accounts, Renter's Insurance, Auto Insurance, Health Insurance, Starting a 401k, Student Loans, Managing Debt, and How to Make and Stick to a Budget.

*Weiss Ratings' Financial Literacy Basics* deliver the critical information consumers need to make sound financial decisions. Each guide in *Weiss Ratings' Financial Literacy Basics* is packed with accurate, unbiased information and recommendations that patrons have come to expect from Weiss Ratings. Each 50-100 page guide offers a narrative about the subject, explains what consumers should look for when choosing a plan or policy, lists recommended companies to work with, and so much more. Each guide also includes several helpful Worksheets & Planners to further aid the user.

***What to Know about Checking Accounts*** shows patrons how Checking Accounts work and the choices they have. Topics include the benefits of having a checking account, choosing a bank, types of checking accounts, debit cards, and much more. In this guide there are outlined *Weiss Ratings' Highly Recommended Banks by State*, the *Weakest Banks by State*, as well as the *Weakest Credit Unions by State*. Frequent topics of concern are discussed in the *How to Avoid Overdraft Fees* and *How to Avoid Other Bank Fees* sections.

***Understanding Renter's Insurance*** shows patrons how Renter's Insurance works and the choices patrons have when choosing an insurer. Topics include the benefits of having renter's insurance, choosing an insurer, types and cost of coverage, liability, and much more. In this guide there are outlined *Weiss Ratings' Highly Homeowner's Insurance by State* and the *Weakest Homeowner's Insurance by State*. Frequent topics of concern are discussed in the *Personal Property Covered*, *Personal Property Not Covered*, and *How Much Coverage Do You Need?* sections.

***What to Know about Auto Insurance*** outlines the anatomy of an auto insurance policy and additional coverage available to patrons. Topics include "no fault" insurance, coverage required by state, insuring other vehicles, and much more. In this guide there is outlined the *Weiss Ratings' Highly Recommended*

*Insurance Companies by State*. Frequent topics of concern are discussed in the *Things Your Policy won't Cover* and *Ways to Save Money on your Premium* sections.

The ***Guide to Understanding Health Insurance Plans*** shows patrons how Health Insurance policies work and types of plans. Topics include insurance cards, managed care plans, COBRA, military health care, and much more. In this guide there are outlined *Weiss Ratings' Recommended Health Insurers by State*, and the *Weakest Health Insurers by State*. Frequent topics of concern are discussed in the *Common Exclusion* and *Dental and Vision* sections.

***Starting a 401k*** explains what a 401k is and how your patrons can begin investing. Topics include employer matching, when taxes are deducted, mutual fund advantages, creating a budget, and much more. In this guide there are outlined *Weiss Ratings' Recommended Mutual Funds*, the *Largest Recommended Mutual Funds*, as well as target date mutual funds between years 2030 and 2055 in increments of 5 years. Frequent topics of concern are discussed in the *How Much Should you Invest* and *Determine When you Will Retire* sections.

***Understanding Student Loans & How to Pay Them Back*** goes over what types of Student Loans exist and how patrons can pay them back efficiently. Topics include types of student loans, loan servicers, repayment plans, financial strategies, and much more. Frequent topics of concern are discussed in *Loan Consolidation* and *Loan Forgiveness, Cancellation, or Discharge*, and *How to Avoid Student Debt in the First Place* sections.

***How to Manage Debt*** details all of the particulars of debt and credit and tips to keep patrons financially stable. Topics include interest and collateral, good and bad kinds of debt, reducing debt, debt strategies, and much more. In this guide there are included a list of Approved Credit Counseling Agencies and Where to get a Free Credit Report. Frequent topics of concern are discussed in the *Bankruptcy* and *Building Good Credit* sections.

***How to Make and Stick to a Budget*** shows patrons how to create an individualized budget and the benefits of sticking to it. Topics include the benefits of having a budget, needs and wants, budgeting strategies, credit cards, and much more. In this guide there are outlined sample budgets for High School Students, College Students, a Single Person Household, a Two-Person Household, and a Household with Children, as well as a Budget Worksheet. Frequent topics of concern are discussed in the *Ways to Cut Back* and *Budgeting Software and Apps* sections.

### **Free Online Access**

*Weiss Ratings' Financial Literacy Basics* come with FREE ONLINE ACCESS! With the purchase of an annual subscription, users will get one year of free access to all eight of these reliable guides on the popular online platform at <http://greyhouse.weissratings.com>

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