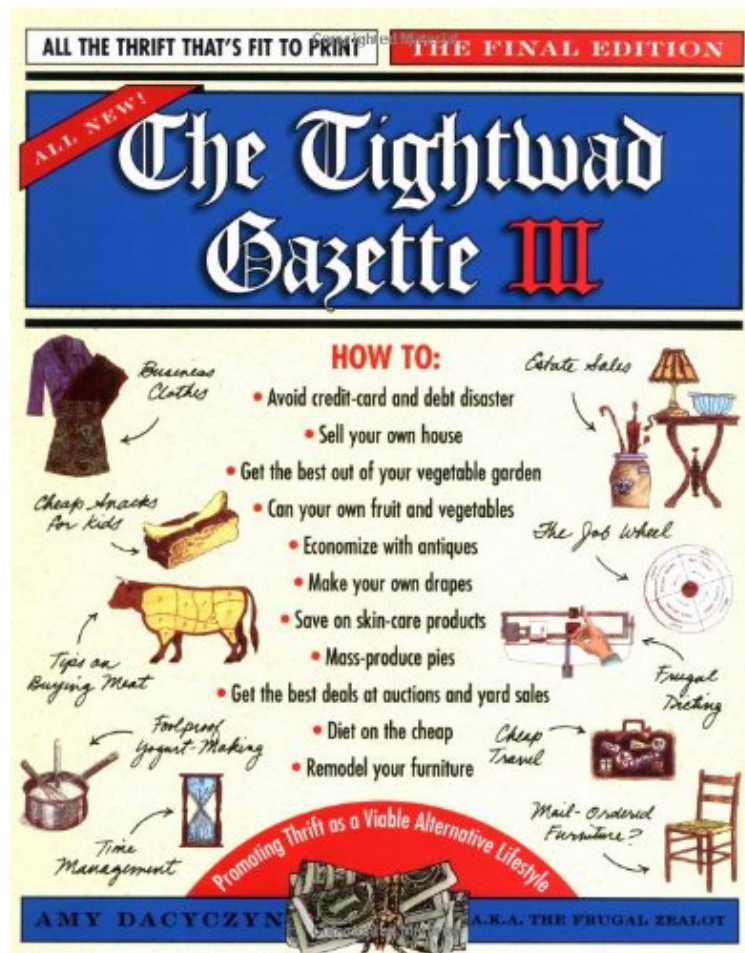


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mostly, it's an encouragement to change your way of thinking about life. Just what is an "essential?" Saving money is not just about finding the cheaper option; it's a matter of adopting a frugal lifestyle. Amy D. (I can't spell her last name) is one individual who is truly gifted at finding and living the frugal life. Here's an example: She never buys new clothes for any of her six children. She spends many Saturdays going to yard sales, which she has evaluated before setting out on her mapped course on a Saturday morning. She buys sizes up from where she is at the moment, so that through a system of hand-me-downs and careful buying, she spends only a small amount for clothing. Same principle applies to the grocery bill. In this case, gardening and mass preparing of items ahead at home keep the family fed for maybe \$50 per week (or less). An interesting note, for those parents who have "picky" kids: Amy's kids learn early that they eat what is set in front of them, in a pleasant frame of mind. As a parent of now grown kids, I recall how difficult family meals could be on occasion, so my hat's off to her for managing this feat with so many offspring.

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From Publishers Weekly For those who are afraid of Martha Stuart, there is Amy Dacyszyn (pronounced "decision"). Dacyszyn has the same basic goal as Martha's: giving information that will help readers create a more comfortable home life—but there they part company. In her newsletter, *The Tightwad Gazette*, and now in her third book, *The Tightwad Gazette III: Promoting Thrift as a Viable Lifestyle*, Dacyszyn offers help on saving money, saving the environment, living simply and doing things with the family. With the help of readers, she pulls together tips on making coats last longer, creating new furniture out of components, figures out the relative cost of electric razors vs. blades, researches retreads and more. (Villard, \$12.99, 320p, ISBN 0-679-77766-0) Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From the Inside Flap This third collection of the best of Dacyszyn's popular newsletter presents all-new advice and tips, culled from the fifth and sixth years of *The Tightwad Gazette*. A tireless advocate of "voluntary simplicity," Dacyszyn offers lessons in advanced "tightwaddery," such as how to cut back APR interest points on credit cards, strategies for comparing food bills, guides to saving on the cost of college, and the secrets of yard sales and store bargains. Illustrations. 320 pp. Author tour. Radio ads. 150,000 print. (Reference)