

## **About the Author**

### **From Tadpoles to Teaching Money**



Garrett Jay's financial experience began when he was nine years old and decided to capture, raise, and sell tadpoles to his friends. His early entrepreneurial ventures didn't stop there. From seal coating paved driveways, to deejaying parties, to selling pumpkins from his NYU dorm room for Halloween, he envisioned opportunities and seized them.

Garrett Jay learned the value of money at an early age. His parents didn't force this education upon him, but encouraged him to earn and spend his own money. At 13, he decided to invest in precious metals. At 16, he started his first "full-time" business, and bought his first income-producing real estate at 21.

He graduated cum laude from NYU's Stern School of Business with a B.S. in Finance and International Business. A few years later, he earned an M.B.A. from the Anderson School of Management at UCLA. Merit scholarships, personal earnings, and savings paid for most of his tuition and living expenses.

Garrett Jay held leadership roles in finance, management, sales, and marketing at multinational corporations in the financial services, printing, and technology consulting industries. He also held critical positions at smaller, entrepreneurial apparel, food service, and software development businesses.

As a Money Coach and founder of Money Lessons for Life, Garrett Jay passionately makes learning about money interesting and easy-to-understand for students and adults. He believes that being aware of your money, along with saving early and often, are keys to achieving financial independence.

Garrett Jay was born in New York City and currently resides in Palm Beach County, Florida where he has not retired early (yet).