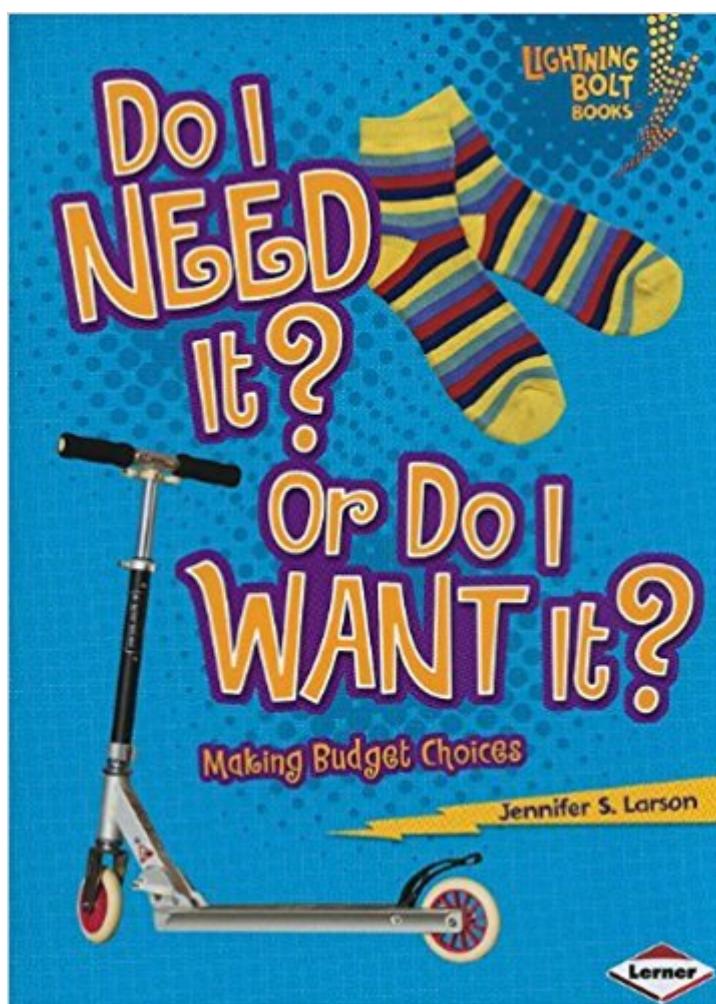


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# Do I Need It? Or Do I Want It?: Making Budget Choices (Lightning Bolt Books: Exploring Economics (Paperback))



## **Synopsis**

This basic introduction to budgeting starts young readers off with the concept of making choices based on resources. It then explains cost and benefit, saving for the future, wants and needs, and different ways to save.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## **Customer Reviews**

K-Gr 2 "These books offer easy-to-read introductions to the world of economics. Addressing readers as "you," Larson asks questions such as, "Did you ever get money for your birthday?" and "How do you decide what to do with your money?" (Do I Need It?). The everyday-life examples will demonstrate to children that they can play a vital role in the economic world. Clear, age-appropriate language explains new concepts well: "When someone works at a paid job, he or she earns money. This money is called income." Simple paragraphs of two to four short sentences appear in large colored fonts against bright backgrounds that change color with every page. Each title includes an activity such as making a spend-or-save list to help decide what to do with birthday money. The books' layout is interesting and fresh, and each page features a large, well-chosen photograph with a boxed caption. A caption in *What Is Money, Anyway?* states that "People trade goods at swap meets," which may confuse readers who only know swap

meets as a place to buy merchandise. Margaret Hall's "Earning, Saving, Spending" series (Heinemann, 2008) covers similar topics of money, banks, allowance, credit cards, and checks, but is for first through third graders. Report writers will value her longer paragraphs with detailed coverage including history and global issues. Larson's books will help ease younger readers into the world of economics. June Shimonishi, Torrance Public Library, CA © Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

Jennifer S. Larson previously wrote *Mighty Bison* (Pull Ahead Animal series) and *Jackie Joyner-Kersee* (Sports Achievers series) for Lerner Publishing Group.

This fits into the second grade curriculum well with being able to create a budget and learning about wants vs. needs. In addition check with your local financial institutions to see if their have an education department that comes out to schools.

Used this with our common core ELA and Social Studies unit in first grade and along with the other texts in this series it worked very well.

My son wants everything he sees this is helping him understand what's really important.

Very good for helping to teach your child about budgeting & money.

Great

This book was perfect to use as a whole group in our 3rd grade classroom to learn about our economics curriculum!

This book is a little advanced for my 1st grade students, but it was a VERY helpful tool (when I read it aloud) for introducing the concept of budgets to my class. I will use this book in my classroom forever.

If you have literally never had a basic conversation about finances with your child, I guess this work ((For example - you're at the store and your child wants something silly. And you explain that it

might be better to wait to buy something they really want or need). This was a super short, super basic book that was way to simple for kids that have already been given some simple principles.

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