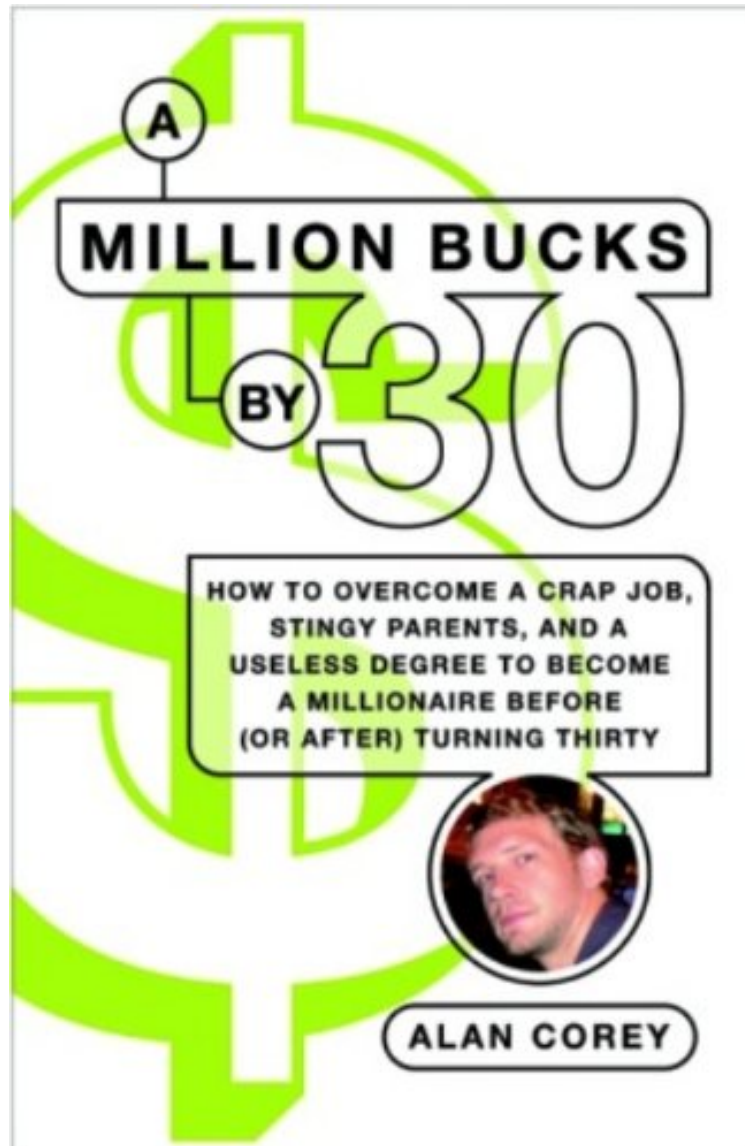


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Alan Corey is an entrepreneur, motivational speaker, and author of *The Subversive Job Search*. Corey accumulated a million-dollar net worth by the age of 28 while living in New York City and shared his personal finance success story in the book *A Million Bucks by 30*. He has conducted finance seminars to twenty- and thirtysomethings in New York City and at colleges around the country. He has been featured in *Fast Company* magazine as a "Fast 50 Rising star," *Money* magazine as a "Millionaire in the Making," and was the subject of a cover story for *U.25*, a national magazine for children and young adults under the age of 25. A front-page story in *The New York Times*'s Real Estate section reported the \$1.1 million sale of one of his buildings to real estate mogul Barbara Corcoran. Additional profiles have appeared in the *New York Post*, *InTouch Weekly*, *Time Out New York*, *Georgia* magazine, *Curbed*, and *Brownstoner*, and on NPR's "Talk of the Nation." In 2005, *The New York Press* named his bar/restaurant Pioneer BBQ, "Best Brooklyn Bar." Corey has also appeared on *Bravo's Queer Eye For the Straight Guy* and *NBC's The Restaurant*.