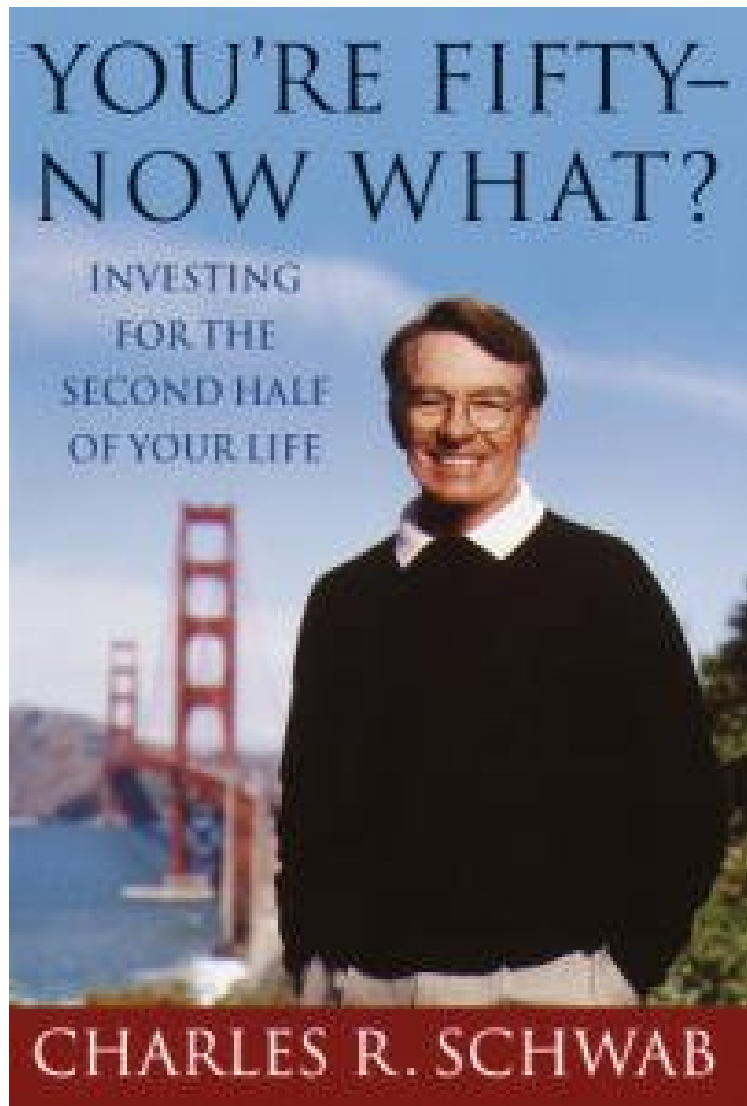


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Every eight seconds someone in this country turns 50, an age at which even baby boomers can no longer put off becoming fiscally responsible and planning for the future. For everyone who finds that thought daunting (and that's an awful lot of us), Charles R. Schwab, America's most trusted figure in financial services, is here to outline the simple steps we should take to evaluate what we have, determine what we'll need, and put our money to work to make our future one of reward instead of worry. In the same upbeat, user-friendly style that made Charles Schwab's Guide to Financial Independence a bestseller, *You're Fifty- Now What?* offers a mix of clear and workable advice, simple worksheets, and a healthy dose of encouragement. In addition to learning how to accumulate and grow their money, readers will even find help with estate planning and charitable giving. His message is that the goal is not just financial security, but financial peace of mind. The way to get there is not by being a spectator, but a participant. It doesn't take special talent or advanced degrees; it just takes attention and a little time. With baby-boomers living longer and spending more time in retirement, the need is clear. Charles Schwab's *You're Fifty- Now What?* is the perfect place to get started.

.com As boomers reach midlife faster than a new Beatles CD can climb the charts, many are wondering if they'll have sufficient resources to comfortably make it through their golden years. Investment guru Charles Schwab's *You're Fifty--Now What?* addresses these concerns with a step-by-step road map to help the middle-aged assess where they're at, determine where they want to go, and pick the proper mix of investments to get there. "While getting older isn't a bad thing," Schwab writes, "being unprepared for it is. And by not understanding the financial part of your future, you sabotage yourself and limit your choices." Not surprisingly--given the author's background as founder of the discount brokerage that bears his name--the book contends that you have to remain an active investor for the rest of your life in order to make it financially over the long haul. To do so, it advocates using as aggressive an approach as you can comfortably handle, centered on a combination of broad-based index funds and actively managed mutual funds or individual stocks. With plenty of easy-to-use worksheets, Schwab helps you take stock of everything you've accumulated, determine how much it costs you to live now, and estimate what it will take to maintain that lifestyle into the future. The latter is determined by calculating everything from projected housing and tax obligations to food and entertainment expenses, while life-expectancy tables, inflation adjustment factors, and investment return rates allow you to see where you stand versus where you need to be. Schwab then addresses reaching these goals through a proper investment mix. (Sidebars explaining the basics guide even novices through these critical steps.) Additional chapters detail ways to develop a regular long-term cash flow, and suggest how to monitor its progress while making adjustments when necessary. There is also information on financial advisors, insurance, estate plans, and charitable giving, adding up to a wealth of specifics presented in a manner that virtually everyone should be able to understand and follow. --Howard Rothman From Publishers Weekly Founder and chairman of a famous international brokerage, Schwab offers sound advice on basic personal finance topics faced by boomers and retirees, including estate planning, retirement cash flow and pension plans. The investing sections target inexperienced investors, with definitions of stocks and zero coupons, and worksheets for retirement budgets and portfolio benchmarks. A useful appendix includes advice on reading mutual fund prospectuses and selecting insurance. Schwab's breezy, non-threatening style and advertising backed by his company should ensure high visibility and bestseller list appearances. (Jan.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Finances, investments, and estate planning for aging baby boomers. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.