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- Focus on what you like: Rogers was five when he started collecting empty bottles at baseball games instead of playing.
- Be persistent: Coming to Yale from rural Alabama, and in over his head, Rogers never stopped studying and wound up with a scholarship to Oxford.
- See the world: In 1990, Rogers traveled through six continents by motorcycle, gaining a global perspective and learning how to evaluate prospects in rapidly developing countries such as Brazil, Russia, India, and China.
- Nothing is really new: anything deemed "innovative" or "unprecedented" is usually just overhyped, as in the case of the Internet or TV, airplanes, and railroads before it
- And not a bit off the subject, and very important: Boys will need you more than you'll need them!

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#### From Booklist

Legendary investor Rogers cofounded the Quantum Fund with George Soros in 1970, retired at the age of 37 in 1980, and spent a number of years traveling through China and six continents by motorcycle. He recently fathered two daughters in his sixties and wrote this small memoir to share with them some of the insights that he has garnered from his experiences. He advises to make your own decisions in life rather than listening to others, to figure out what you love to do and focus on that rather than what is expected of you, and to have a dream and to live your dream. In the area of finances, he says to save and invest early on rather than spending frivolously, so that you will be able to afford the important things in life later, and to do your own research, draw your own conclusions, and look to the future—not the past—for great ideas. These and other nuggets of wisdom from this self-made man are worth reading several times over. --David Siegfried

#### Review

#### Praise for A GIFT TO MY CHILDREN

Hey Jim!

What a lovely, lovely book! (A Gift to My Children). Though I've read all you've written, this one really touched me. It is, of course, a love letter to your daughters, which is not only a wonderful, meaningful thing to do, but it was filled with exactly the kind of advice all fathers should give. Your new book will stay on my shelf for a long, long time, and I'll be giving it to my own kids to read. --Nicholas Sparks: Author of The Notebook, Dear John, and The Last Song

#### About the Author

Jim Rogers co-founded the Quantum Fund before he turned 30 and retired at age thirty-seven. Since then, he has served as a sometime professor of finance at Columbia University's business school, and as a media commentator worldwide. He is the author of **A Bull in China**, **Hot Commodities**, **Adventure Capitalist**, and **Investment Biker**. He recently moved to Asia with his wife and daughters.

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