

# Stealthy Wealth

**A 15 Year Journey to Early Retirement**

**One Year At A Time**



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## Foreword

In September 2016 I had a brainwave. These are rare, so I thought I better act on it immediately!

The idea I had was to gather all the blog posts I had written during 2016 and then throw them all together into sort of a yearbook. That way, if anyone had missed out on any of the posts during the year, they would be able to do some catching up. It would also provide a convenient, compressed and portable format of the blog which would make for easy reading. And so the Stealthy Wealth e-Book started to take shape in my head.

However I didn't want the book to simply be a rehash of all the old blog posts. So I thought let me add some anecdotes and additional comments and thoughts to each of the blog posts which would appear only in the book and not on the website. You will find these at the top of each chapter.

And then for good measure I threw in a chapter containing a review of 2016, which turned out to be quite a year for me and my family! Finally I added some of my thoughts and plans going into 2017 at the end.

And so the Stealthy Wealth "One Year At A Time" eBook was born, with this, the 2016 edition, being the first. The plan is to hopefully get one of these "yearbooks" out for every year of my 15 year retirement journey. The title was chosen to represent that each journey worth taking is achieved one step at a time, or in the case of my Early Retirement journey, one year at a time.

I think the Foreword section of a book is also the part where I am supposed to dedicate and thank people, so let's get that out of the way too –this one goes out to Mrs Stealthy and Stealthy Junior. Love them to bits! And of course a big thanks to you, the reader of this book, without which it would feel like I was talking to myself (some say that's the first sign of insanity!)

It is maybe also worth mentioning that putting this book together has allowed me to tick off an item on my bucket list. Writing a book is something which I had always wanted to do. So that one is in the bag!

*And what do I hope to achieve from all this?*

As a best case, people will read this book, learn something, and maybe even be inspired to become better with their finances. As a worst case this book will become a pdf backup for the blog in case some cataclysmic event breaks the Stealthy Wealth servers – I don't know, maybe Clive Roffey goes short Gold or something like that!



I hope you enjoy this book! If you do, please let me know. If you don't – well that's even more reason to let me know!

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