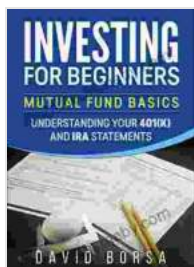


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## Chapter 1: Understanding Your 401(k) and IRA Statements

Your 401(k) and IRA statements are a treasure trove of information about your retirement savings. They can tell you how much money you have

invested, how it's invested, and how much it's worth. Understanding your statements is the first step to taking control of your financial future.

Here are a few key things to look for on your 401(k) and IRA statements:

- **Account balance:** This is the total amount of money you have invested in your account.
- **Investment options:** This is a list of the different investment options available to you within your plan. Each option has its own risk and return profile.
- **Contribution history:** This shows how much money you've contributed to your account over time.
- **Investment performance:** This shows how your investments have performed over time.

## **Chapter 2: Choosing the Right Investments**

Once you understand your 401(k) and IRA statements, you can start to make informed investment decisions. The first step is to determine your risk tolerance. This is a measure of how much risk you're willing to take with your investments.

Once you know your risk tolerance, you can start to choose the right investments for your portfolio. There are a variety of different investment options available, including stocks, bonds, and mutual funds. Each option has its own risk and return profile, so it's important to choose the ones that are right for you.

## **Chapter 3: Making Smart Investment Decisions**

Once you've chosen your investments, it's important to make smart investment decisions. Here are a few tips:

- **Diversify your portfolio:** Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Instead, diversify your portfolio by investing in a variety of different assets. This will help to reduce your risk.
- **Invest for the long term:** Don't try to time the market. Instead, invest for the long term and ride out the ups and downs.
- **Rebalance your portfolio regularly:** As your investments grow, you'll need to rebalance your portfolio to ensure that it still meets your risk tolerance and investment goals.

#### **Chapter 4: Common Investment Mistakes to Avoid**

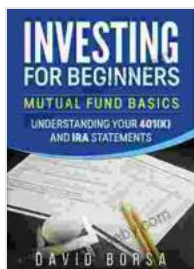
Even the most experienced investors make mistakes. Here are a few common investment mistakes to avoid:

- **Investing more than you can afford to lose:** Only invest money that you can afford to lose.
- **Not diversifying your portfolio:** Diversifying your portfolio is one of the best ways to reduce your risk.
- **Trying to time the market:** Timing the market is a fool's errand. Instead, invest for the long term and ride out the ups and downs.
- **Panic selling:** Don't panic sell when the market takes a downturn. Instead, stay calm and ride it out.

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