## Introduction

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"History is largely a history of inflation, usually inflations engineered by governments for the gain of governments."

Friedrich A. Hayek
Nobel Laureate Economist

High, or even hyper, inflation is rapidly approaching.

After 30 years of helping people hedge against financial risk, I can feel the tremors of this oncoming economic tidal wave rumbling beneath my feet. It is far bigger than I have ever felt.

The coming devastation will put America's economy underwater and destroy the U.S. Dollar as we have known it, as the world's Reserve Currency.

For those who have not prepared, the economic devastation about to arrive will bring hardships that make the Great Depression look like a summer picnic.

Most of us have been deceived into thinking that high inflation is the inadvertent by-product of misguided or unlucky government policies.

As this book will show you, inflation is the government policy.

The approaching tidal wave has been deliberately set in motion. This investigation will show you how and why.

Our aim is to show you why inflation is much more than higher prices, and what steps you and your family can take to survive, thrive and even prosper during the hard economic times in America's immediate future.

In this book you will also learn how you have been systematically deceived about what inflation really is, how much it has taken from you, and how many ways our politicians and central bankers use it.

Inflation, we will show you, is quietly being used as a tool, an ideology, and a form of taxation that secretly extracts the earnings not only of Americans but also of unsuspecting people in other countries. It has also become a means of wealth redistribution, a mode of social engineering, a device to weaken some and strengthen others both within our nation and in the global community of nations, and a way to seize and exercise power.

Inflation and its monetary impact can, as recent scientific brain scans suggest, literally affect our perceptions, judgment and decision-making ability like a mind-altering drug....just one of the ways inflation can be used to manipulate us through what economists and scientists call "Money Illusion."

Inflation is being deliberately created and used to trick us out of:

- 1. Our earnings, savings, investments and property
- 2. Our opportunities to pursue happiness
- 3. Our independence and self-reliance
- 4. Our security and peace of mind
- 5. Our freedom and our rights, and
- 6. Our children's and grandchildren's future in what used to be a much freer America.

The welfare state depends on inflation to fund its unlimited craving for expansion. If we can curtail inflation, this would be a huge step towards halting and reversing the ballooning growth of Big Government.

This book offers seven ways we can rein in inflation and government – including a path that, come what may, can protect you and your family from inflation and even hyperinflation.

Fasten your seatbelt, dear reader. You are about to take an amazing

journey through empowering information and horizon-expandideas. After reading this, you will never again see inflation or more the way you do now.

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