



Kevin O'Leary

AUTHOR · BUSINESS LEADER

Kevin O'Leary is a Canadian entrepreneur, investor, author and television personality who shares insights on business, investing and financial decision-making with corporate audiences and leaders.

- Entrepreneur and investor associated with O'Leary Ventures and O'Shares Investments.
- Founder of SoftKey Software Products, later known as The Learning Company.
- Investor on the television series *Shark Tank* and former panelist on *Dragons' Den*.
- Television contributor across programmes including *Project Earth* and *Money Court*.
- Author of three business and personal finance books in the *Cold Hard Truth* series.
- Entrepreneur involved in consumer product ventures including wine-branded products under the Kevin O'Leary name.

Kevin O'Leary's 2026 Biography

Key speaking topics

- Entrepreneurship and business building
- Investment strategy and capital allocation
- Financial decision-making
- Personal finance and wealth management
- Venture investing and startup evaluation
- Leadership and business discipline
- Value creation and long-term investment thinking

Ideal for

- Corporate leadership teams
- Entrepreneurs and startup founders
- Investors and financial services professionals
- Business conferences and leadership forums

Audience outcomes

- Clear perspectives on evaluating business opportunities and investment risk
- Practical insights into building and scaling businesses
- Structured thinking about capital allocation and financial discipline
- Lessons from venture investing and startup decision-making
- Approaches to managing money and financial priorities

AVAILABLE FOR

- After Dinner Engagement
- Speaking

KEVIN'S SPEAKING THEMES

- Business Strategy & Growth
- Economic Trends & Global Markets
- Entrepreneurship
- Innovation & Disruption
- Leadership

LANGUAGES: English

Why organisations work with Kevin O'Leary

- Recognised public figure in business through *Shark Tank* and *Dragons' Den*.
- Combines entrepreneurial experience with investment and media perspectives.
- Provides commercially focused insights on business growth, capital and financial strategy.
- Brings real-world examples from investing, entrepreneurship and television business evaluation.

Biography

Kevin O'Leary is recognised globally for his experience at the intersection of entrepreneurship, investing and business media. Known to audiences through *Shark Tank* and *Dragons' Den*, he brings a direct, commercially focused perspective on building companies, evaluating opportunities and making disciplined financial decisions.

O'Leary's entrepreneurial career began with the founding of SoftKey Software Products, which later became The Learning Company. The business grew into a major player in educational software before being acquired by Mattel in a multi-billion-dollar transaction. This experience established his reputation as a founder who understands both the operational realities of scaling companies and the financial discipline required to create enterprise value.

Alongside his work as an investor, O'Leary has built a portfolio of businesses including O'Leary Ventures and O'Shares Investments. His work focuses on capital allocation, long-term value creation and identifying businesses capable of sustainable growth. Earlier in his career he also co-founded O'Leary Funds, further extending his involvement in investment and asset management.

O'Leary's public profile expanded through television, where he became widely known as an investor on *Shark Tank* and previously as a panelist on *Dragons' Den*. His television work has also included appearances on programmes such as *Project Earth* and CNBC's *Money Court*, where he evaluates business proposals and financial disputes with a strong emphasis on commercial fundamentals.

Beyond investing and television, O'Leary is the author of the *Cold Hard Truth* series of books on business and personal finance. His writing focuses on practical approaches to entrepreneurship, financial responsibility and wealth creation. He has also been involved in consumer ventures, including wine-branded products developed under the Kevin O'Leary name.

For organisations and leadership audiences, Kevin O'Leary offers a perspective shaped by building companies, investing in entrepreneurs and evaluating businesses in highly competitive environments. His insights focus on financial discipline, opportunity assessment and the realities of scaling and sustaining successful enterprises.

Kevin O'Leary's 2026 talks & topics

Cold Hard Truth

Kevin O'Leary shares the story of his journey from a challenging childhood to building his first company and achieving business success. The talk explores the decisions, pressures and lessons that shaped his entrepreneurial path, with practical insights on business, money and life.

Key takeaways:

- How to identify your strengths and turn them into a profitable venture
 - Approaches to building and leading an effective team
 - Ways to transform adversity into opportunity while growing a business and personal finances
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Lessons From a Shark

Kevin O'Leary provides a behind-the-scenes perspective on *Dragons' Den* and *Shark Tank*, sharing insights from evaluating businesses and entrepreneurs on the shows. Each presentation is tailored to the audience, combining stories from the programmes with commentary on current economic conditions and industry trends.

Key takeaways:

- Insights into how investors assess business opportunities
 - Perspectives on innovation and where it is emerging within industries
 - An economic overview and how it relates to the audience's sector
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An Evening with Kevin O'Leary

Kevin O'Leary delivers a candid discussion on finance, investing, economics and business strategy. Drawing on his broad knowledge of markets and entrepreneurship, he examines how economic conditions affect industries and how organisations can respond to protect and strengthen their position.

Key takeaways:

- Perspectives on how economic downturns can affect different industries
- Considerations for protecting a business during periods of economic pressure
- Insights on strengthening organisations to emerge more resilient from challenging conditions

Kevin O'Leary's Videos



What Kevin O'Leary's clients say

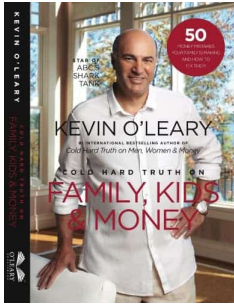
I've had the fortune of attending two of Kevin O'Leary's speaking events! Both times were so inspiring. I learned a ton and had a great time!

Adam
Chicago

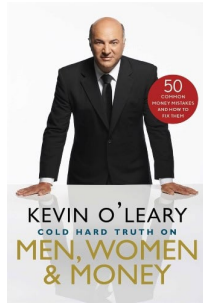
Kevin O'Leary is candid, motivating and speaks with passion. He leaves the audience feeling ready to take on anything.

Marie
Boston

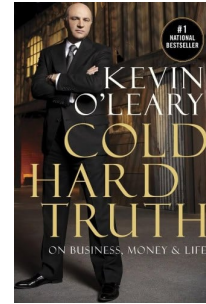
KEVIN'S LATEST BOOKS



Cold Hard Truth on Family, Kids and Money



Cold Hard Truth on Men, Women & Money: 50 Common Money Mistakes and How to Fix Them



Cold Hard Truth: On Business, Money & Life