Ben Stein is one of the most famous economics teachers in history. This is due to his iconic scene as the annoying economics teacher in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. Yet, in his real life off screen, Ben Stein is a compelling, humorous speaker about economics, politics, and daily life in America.

Even before leaving home to study economics at Columbia University and earning a law degree at Yale University, Stein was immersed in the thrill of economics at home as a child in Silver Spring, Md., with his father, Herbert Stein, an economist, writer, and presidential adviser. It should not be surprising that, after this exposure, Stein focused on the study of economics himself. He was taught by some of the most renowned economists and jurists in the nation, and those learning experiences have led him to share commentaries on economic, political, and social issues along with financial advice and breakdowns and analyses of how finance works, what motivates business decision making, and what causes and resolves economic crises.

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