

# **Download Broke Usa From Pawnshops To Poverty Inc How The Working Poor Became Big Business**

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Rent-to-own, also known as rental-purchase, is a type of legally documented transaction under which tangible property, such as furniture, consumer electronics, motor vehicles, home appliances, real property, and engagement rings, is leased in exchange for a weekly or monthly payment, with the option to purchase at some point during the agreement. Gary Rivlin 10 a.m. Rivlin, author of *Katrina: After the Flood* and an investigative reporting fellow at The Nation Institute, is a former New York Times reporter and the author of five books, including most recently *Broke, USA: From Pawnshops to Poverty, Inc.*—Mark Speese joined Rent-A-Center in 1979. In 1986, Mr. Speese and a colleague left Rent-A-Center and started a competing business known as Vista Rent-To-Own.