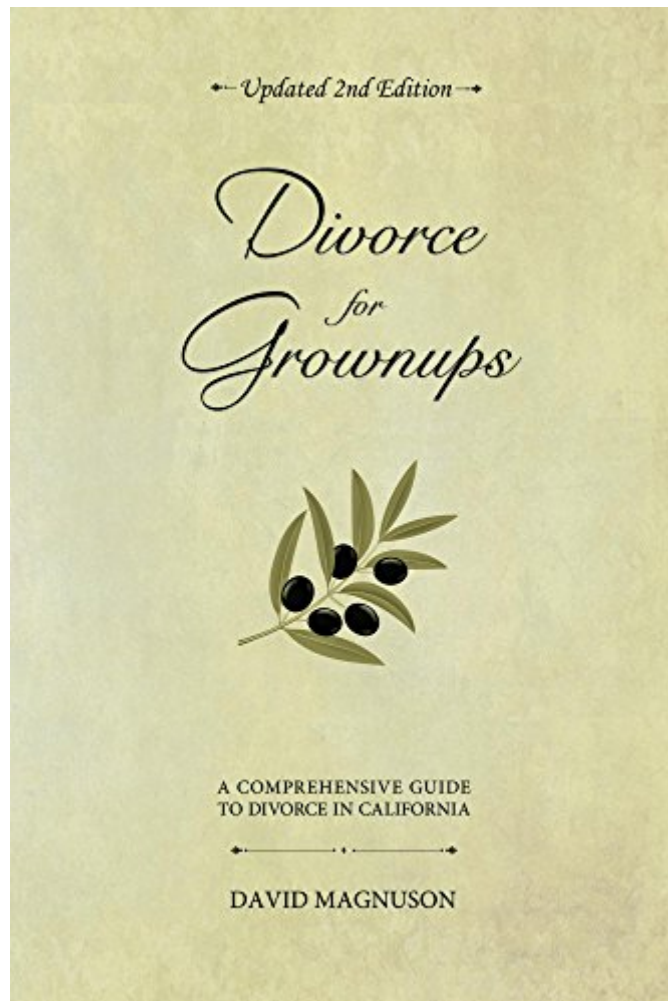


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Divorce For Grownups, A Comprehensive Guide To Divorce In California



Synopsis

A certain degree of stress and frustration is inevitable when divorce looms on the horizon, but the process doesn't have to be a disaster. Couples who end their marriage with dignity reap enormous emotional and financial benefits. Not only will they avoid the bitterness that accompanies an adversarial divorce, but they can also save thousands of dollars in legal fees and maintain a healthy working relationship for years to come (critical for successful co-parenting). A unique mixture of common-sense advice and easy-to-read explanations of applicable law, *Divorce for Grownups* is a comprehensive guide to separating with dignity in California. Topics covered include:

- The benefits of mediation, including a guide to surviving a high-conflict divorce
- A step-by-step guide to the legal process of obtaining a divorce in California
- Detailed instructions on how to divide assets and debts, complete with an overview of community property law
- Practical advice regarding spousal support, together with an analysis of relevant law
- A detailed explanation of how child support is calculated in California, as well as exceptions to the state-mandated formula
- Key elements of an effective parenting plan
- An in-depth analysis of various approaches to dividing the family home
- An overview of estate planning essentials

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Since the divorce rate is over fifty percent these days and I have a friend who is going through a painful divorce now I thought this book would be helpful. I decided to give this book a read. I had never heard of mediation for divorce until I talked with her then I saw this book. The title intrigued me. The author starts the book with a candid and real view of his experience and how he became a mediator. The book begins with how an overview of how to get the most out of the book. The advice to "act like a grownup" stuck a cord with me. I see so many people act complete and total fools in a divorce process it is unreal. The chapter on staggering cost of divorce in California was eye opening. The tips for how to manage your reaction to a difficult spouse are helpful and timely advice. I enjoyed the chapter on mediation and how it works, how to pick a mediator and what to expect during the process insightful. This a comprehensive and well researched book giving a step by step guide to divorce in California. I did not know so much could be handled in the mediation of a divorce. Although divorce can be very painful this book offers a tasteful, professional mature approach to divorce "very detailed. Well done and Great Read.

My sister lives in Southern California and is in the beginning stages of a somewhat amicable divorce. They have one child, a small amount of property and don't want to waste a lot of money on legal fees. As I am out there frequently and went through a California divorce years ago, we have discussed this and have both read through several books on this issue. This is, by far, the most comprehensive and up-to-date guide on everything you need to know about divorce in California. Each topic covered is in depth and gives clear direction, from dealing with property, children, assets, debts and even estate planning. A must have if you're looking to survive divorce with your wallet and sanity intact.

This is a very useful book by one of the top divorce mediators in California. The author certainly knows his stuff, and he is an effective writer. This book was recommended to me by a close friend who was a client of Mr. Magnuson's and who suggested that I read the book in its entirety prior to filing for divorce. This turned out to be valuable advice. Divorce for Grownups is a surprisingly easy read given the sad and somewhat complex nature of the content of the book. I've consulted with several divorce attorneys, and none have succeeded in demystifying the process as handily as the author does. I liked that he devotes a short chapter to something I haven't found in other divorce books; specifically, the estate planning considerations associated with getting a divorce. This is a critical read for anyone facing divorce in California.

There is a wealth of knowledge to be gained from this book and I don't think I would have survived the financial or emotional stress without it. I was anticipating the worst; after all, we've all heard a divorce horror story or two in our time and although there was stress; which is to be expected, we managed to avoid a war. Mediation is a great way to go if you want to bypass a lot of the headaches that have become synonymous with divorce. The advice in this book goes a long way. I can't think of anything off the top of my head that wasn't mentioned or covered in here. My ex-wife and I don't have any children but if you do, it is all explained in here and will clarify anything you may not understand, or even know. If you are facing divorce, I can't recommend this book enough.

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