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Written in lively, readable prose by a prominent estate attorney, this book deals with every aspect of wills and estates--from making a will to contesting one; from settling an estate to filing a claim against one; how to select an executor or

trustee; how to create a living trust; and from avoiding probate to avoiding taxes, and how to do both the right way.

From Library Journal These books have the same general subject, but their authors have distinctly different points of view. Attorney Bove, while believing people should be well-informed, recommends the use of a professional "in all but the smallest and simplest estates." Clifford, by contrast, thinks that most people with "small or moderate" estates can learn to prepare their own estate planning forms. Hence, his is more a how-to book, although he is careful to flag situations that require professional help. The authors agree that probate is normally a wasteful and unnecessary process, but Bove spends a large part of his book explaining the intricacies of wills, while Clifford devotes more attention to probate avoidance devices such as living trusts. Clifford also discusses tax considerations and gifts in more detail; additionally, he covers some topics (e.g., funerals and burials) that Bove does not. Both books are well written, provide concrete examples, and are accessible to general readers. Robert A. Esperti and Renno L. Peterson's *Loving Trust* (LJ 6/15/88) is a more detailed treatment of living trusts; Bove is strongest on wills, while Clifford provides a better balanced estate planning guide.- Jack Ray, Loyola/Notre Dame Lib., Baltimore Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc.