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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. important review of the outcomes of different custody arrangementsBy CustomerThis book reviews the social science research on child custody arrangements after divorce. This empirical research shows that, in most cases, what works best - especially from the child's point of view - is a "shared parenting" custody arrangement. This is where the child(ren) spend roughly equal time with each parent. Of course, this sometimes is not the best arrangement, but in most cases it is, and this book reviews the empirical research on the topic of how various custody arrangements work out, for children and parents alike.Based on this scientific research, Kruk argues that the law ought to support this shared or equal responsibility-parenting. That is, the divorce system should be set up so that it enables and encourages shared parenting, instead of the current, typical sole custody model, since there would be a wide variety of benefits for children and parents. The courts should institute a "shared or

equal parenting presumption," i.e., a working assumption that, unless there are good reasons not to have shared parenting, that this should be the custody arrangement that is the norm and the default position. This is, again, in contrast to the current system where parents who are seeking shared parenting have to argue explicitly in favor of it, defending their position that this would be best for the children. (Those who seek a sole custody arrangement currently don't have to do anything to try to support their assumption that this would be nearly always best for the child[ren], even though the social science doesn't support this view). The writing and organization make the book a more challenging read than it should be. Kruk fortunately present a lot of the material in a blog on Psychology Today which people should check out. "Sixteen Arguments in Support of Co-Parenting" is an especially good place to start.