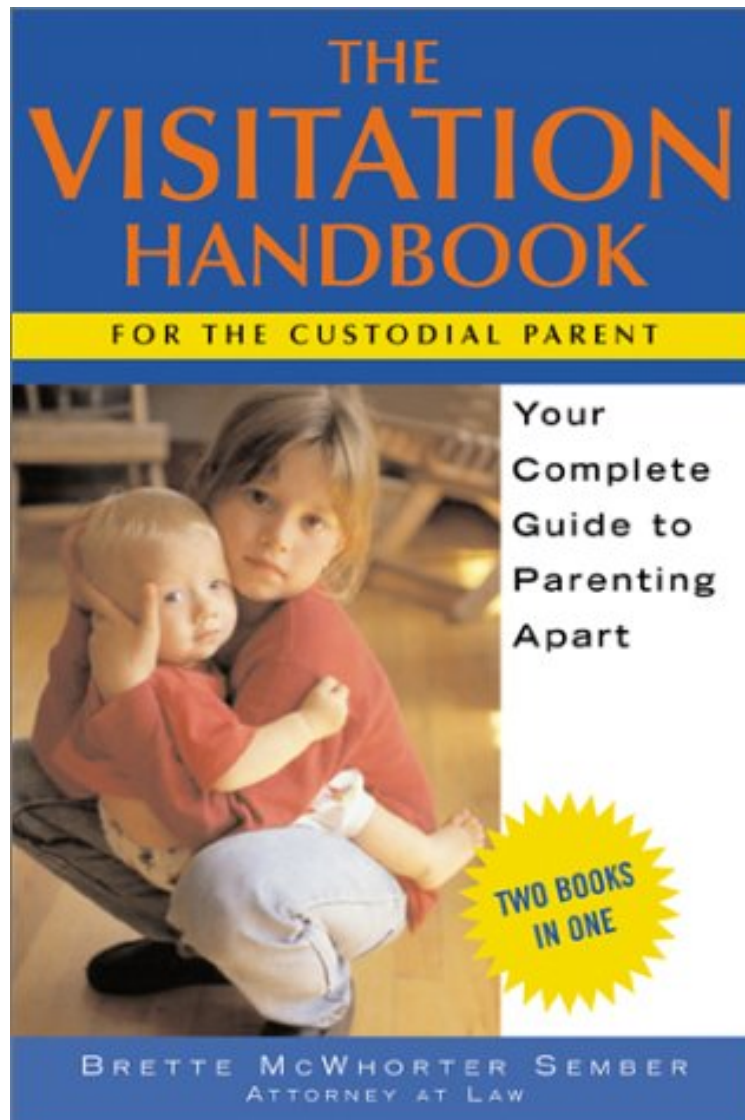


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. NiceBy foxNice2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An Informative and Practical GuideBy A CustomerThis is a great book that gives a lot of practical advice. The most wonderful thing about this book is that its focus is on your children. As a custodial parent, sometimes things will happen that will make me see red, and it's so tough to know what to do. Even though I know that whatever I say and

do affects my kids, it can be so difficult sometimes not to let loose and get upset in a way that ends up hurting them instead. Sember's nuts and bolts advice is great for helping me keep my kids the top priority, even when it means biting my tongue sometimes. I wish I had the kind of relationship with my ex which would let us use this book together, but even without that, it has been extremely helpful. The resource section is great, and I was pleased to see that it includes Canadian resources as well. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who has to deal with visitation. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. This is a book I'd like to see all divorced parents read! By A Customer I work for a social services agency and many of my clients are trying to cope with visitation/access. I liked this book a lot because it gives straight advice about real situations. The emphasis is on working things out, but it also tells parents how to handle it if they can't. This is a book I am going to recommend to my clients because it gives them real tips on how to make things work. There are great things like lists of things parents shouldn't say to their kids and lists of things to pack for visitation/access time. There are also good tips about how to make transitions work - often the most difficult time for children. It really is a handbook- a manual for living with visitation/access. This is a book I'd like to see all divorced parents read.

This manual is a complete guidebook for helping both parents learn to live with the changes visitation brings to their lives after a divorce and offers a unique perspective with its back-to-back format. One half of the book is written especially for the custodial parent and talks about how to deal with problems of a child having two parents in two homes with two sets of rules. The other half of the book addresses the non-custodial parent and deals with what to do during visitation, long-distance visitation, communicating with the other parent, coping with scheduling and helping the child adjust. The book contains appendices with various resources, including parenting organizations, publication resources, related websites and sample visitation plans schedules.

From Library Journal Author and attorney Sember focused on divorce and family law in her law practice and has used her experience with child custody cases to create a "flip book," with one-half for custodial parents and the other for noncustodial parents. Each book is complete with appendixes and indexes, and the chapter content is equivalent. The goal of the book is to offer practical advice to parents who must deal with the situation after a court has determined custody and to make the most of the time they have with their children. Her advice is solid and straightforward, with suggestions for improved communication between parents, appropriate behavior with children, and caution against returning repeatedly to the courts. Sember tells parents to get over it, get on with their life, put their children first, and do the best with the arrangements they make children need both parents. Recommended for public libraries and for parents struggling with custody and visitation issues. Kay Brodie, Chesapeake Coll. Lib., Wye Mills, MD Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. "4 stars...solid, well-reasoned advice for custodial and non-custodial parents...excellent resource...great advice...vital reference...well-practiced advice, useful tools" -- About Fatherhood (http://fatherhood.about.com/library/weekly/aafpr_vishandbook.htm) "Excellent tips and tools...enlightening...excellent book...useful ideas and techniques...worthwhile purchase...4 star resource" -- Separated Parents Access and Resource Center Web site (<http://www.deltabravo.net/custody/review21.htm>) "Plenty of useful advice ...a simple-to-use format that makes a tough topic a little easier to cope with." -- Parenting Magazine Editor's Pick, October 2002 "Practical advice...Her advice is solid and straightforward...Recommended for parents struggling with custody and visitation issues." -- Library Journal, July 2002 "Wonderful resource for parents who want to make the transition to two households as painless as possible...exceptional...practical suggestions" -- Chicago Parent, October 2002 From the Author After representing children in family court it became clear to me that families are not given enough guidance about how to manage a life with visitation after divorce or separation. This book is designed to be your hands-on practical guide for coping with visitation. The book contains two books in one - one for custodial parents and one for non-custodial parents. Filled with practical tips, to the point advice and information for coping with real life situations, this book is designed to be your guide to making your visitation plan work, helping your child cope, communicating with the other parent and enjoying a life that involves visitation. The book contains two resource lists - one for US parents and one for Canadian parents - that will help you find support and specialized information. When I practiced law, I saw many families returning to court again and again with visitation problems. This book is designed to help you avoid the pitfalls, disputes and problems that can arise when living with visitation. There are so many things you can do to make your situation manageable and workable. Constant disputes about visitation take a toll on your child and on you. Learn to navigate around them.