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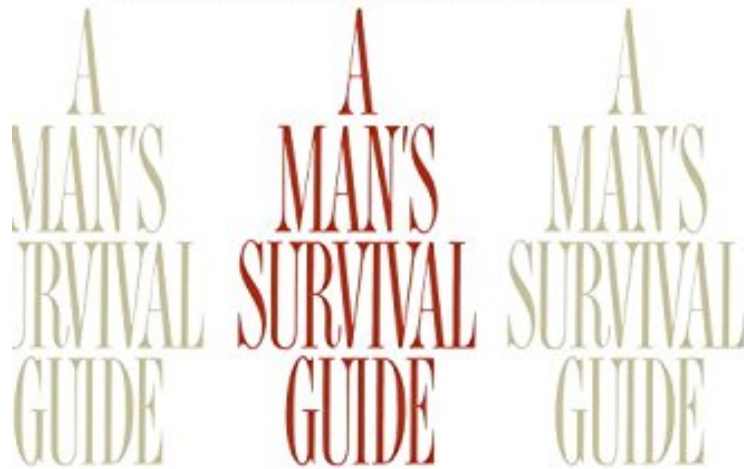
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shouldn't be in divorce proceedings if you want to make up with your spouse. Therefore, if you ARE in divorce proceedings you have to believe that you're in a war and act that way. Period. He makes the point that you're in for disappointment if you're in court looking for justice or vindication - that's not what the US court system is about. This book is very readable. He has obviously taken pains to include plain English descriptions of things that they layperson involved in a divorce may not be familiar with - Discovery, the Trial process, direct/cross examination, etc. He also includes a continuous stream of tactics, for each stage of the divorce process, that will improve the chances of the male not being burned by the female-biased divorce process. These range from the obvious - take control of joint assets quickly (e.g. clean out the joint accounts, take control of financial documentation, etc) to the less apparent (e.g. encourage her to seek work, always demand custody of the children [even if you don't want them], lower her [but NOT your own] standard of living before the divorce, if you move out then DON'T move into a cheap apartment - get a more expensive one, etc) He's also very direct on the matter of reality vs. popular myth concerning the system - biased judges, how lawyers react to various situations, the reality of overbilling and bone-lazy lawyers, purchasing favorable expert testimony, etc. Probably the most interesting part of the book is kinda obvious in hindsight, but he reiterates it continually because emotional, vengeful couples lose sight of it - it's much cheaper (and for the male, will often result in a better outcome) to settle at some stage, rather than pursue divorce all the way through to the end of a trial. He frequently gives examples to illustrate why that is the case and shows how to successfully use out-of-court negotiations and tactics to get things that an 'in the best interests of the child' style bored-with-too-many-divorces judge is unlikely to give you. Great book. Nice counterpoint to the female version (from a different author) called "Divorce War! 50 Strategies Every Woman Needs To Know To Win" 19 of 26 people found the following review helpful. Not for Men Only! By A Customer Wow! A woman likes this book? Indeed! This very readable book is NOT just another "me-too" version of what is already out there. There's always a new spin on protecting possessions, tax aspects of the settlement--all that good meaty financial stuff--and the author is an original thinker in many areas, including important principles and tips on successful negotiating. I purchased this book to find out the "tactics" my cheating husband would be using in negotiation to grab as much of the goodies as he could. But along with that, I found there were quite a few tips that could benefit one whether male OR female. I guess it's like my dad always said, "What's good for the goose is good for the gander."

A needed contribution toward helping men get on course and gain the perspective they'll need. Herb Goldberg, PhD, author of *The Hazards of Being Male* Successful New York City divorce lawyer Timothy J. Horgan provides men with a step-by-step guide on how to hire the best lawyer, protect assets, and arrange child custody and support all while keeping a cool head. He views divorce as a competition in which the winner is determined by who is best prepared, and with real-life examples of what to do and not do, men will be armed for negotiations not only with an understanding of smart strategy but also good ideas of what their wives' strategies will be. From dealing with post-separation romantic relationships to whether or not to move out of the family house, *Winning Your Divorce* will help the reader emerge on the other side of this stressful legal battle with a fair and satisfying deal.

From Publishers Weekly New York City divorce lawyer Horgan cautions men that, once divorce is undertaken, a man's relationship with his wife becomes adversarial--and that, contrary to women's longstanding complaint, the system is unfair to men. He then spells out such safeguards as protecting assets, hiring a competent lawyer, keeping emotions in check, fighting for either child custody or reasonable visitation rights (the man is always the plaintiff, according to Horgan), arranging alimony and child support (recommended are payments that increase or decrease with the payer's income). Horgan also offers advice on "discovery," the process by which evidence is presented, and courtroom behavior. The book is fair-minded, since it is not a guide to vanquishing the woman, but to aid the man in not being vanquished. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.