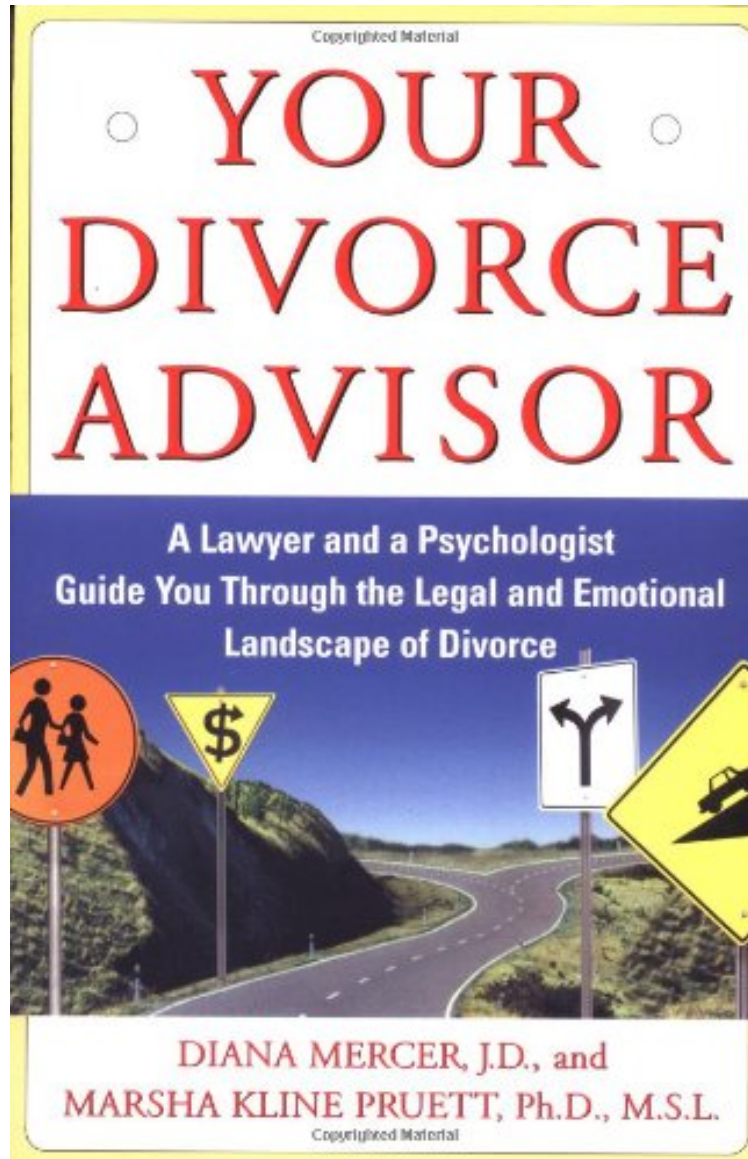


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42 of 42 people found the following review helpful. Very well put together. By C.R. I bought this book post divorce, a mistake equivalent to waiting until after a bad operation to check out your doctor's credentials with the AMA or state medical board. It hardly needs to be said that as far as life altering events go, both marriage and divorce present potential short/long term repercussions. To move into either of these arenas without having first educated yourself to the negative implications is probably the most common mistake made in our society today. Still, while the typical no-fault divorce in a joint property jurisdiction is a cut and dry event, there are areas - emotional, intellectual, and financial, that you need to explore in advance and this book can help you to accomplish that. Even if there are painful or unresolved issues that linger after the decree is final, you can gain insights here as to legal strategies that may help, or other practical guidance if acceptance is the only option. Unlike some of the other books I've read on this subject, "Your Divorce Advisor" does not appear to have a gender bias or other transparent agendas. Working together, Mercer and Pruett help you to gain a bit of distance from your own situation, while offering objective advice toward gaining fair and effective closure. This book does a fine job of capturing the circumstances that I imagine might be faced by 90% of all respondents. Even if you have a very unusual situation, the general advice available here is valuable. I had particular concerns when I bought the book, and I found viable answers and explanations contained therein. They may not have been what I was hoping for, but as the basic theme of this book expounds, getting realistic about divorce and its aftermath is step one in the multi-part process of a successful separation.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very useful advice. By Anneke Van Den Broek I used this book extensively during my divorce. I probably bought 20+ books on divorce and child custody issues and this was by far the best book. I often didn't understand the details of the procedures, or would get lost in the emotional turmoil that interfered w/ my decision making. I could consistently turn to this book to help sort things out. Additionally, I am a clinical psychologist and I have recommended this book to many of my clients if they are facing divorce.

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Janet Johnston Executive Director, Judith Wallerstein Center for the Family in Transition, and author of In the Name of the Child Your Divorce Advisor, written by a seasoned lawyer-and-psychologist team, is a gem of a guidebook that empowers divorcing adults to take control of their own divorce -- legally, financially, and emotionally. It walks the reader through the divorce process, step by step. Vital information about financial matters and state-of-the-art research about the needs of children allow the reader to make constructive decisions for themselves and for their children, setting them on the pathway toward solutions that work for everybody involved. All of this is presented in a manner that is compassionate, sensible, and most comforting.

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From the Author I first got the idea to write Your Divorce Advisor when I

went to the bookstore to find this book to buy in bulk and give to clients....and it didn't exist. Serving clients was the reason I went to law school, so I am always happy to hear from readers with feedback, and it also seemed like writing this book would help clients learn about the divorce legal process from start to finish before they started their divorce, rather than waiting for the end. Marsha Kline Pruett, Ph.D. was a colleague in New Haven, and we both understood that the emotional divorce is just as important--if not more important--than the legal divorce. You didn't get married as a business deal, yet the legal system expects you to get divorced as a business deal. So addressing both the legal and the emotional aspects of divorce was really important to me. Since writing *Your Divorce Advisor* I've stopped my litigation practice altogether and now only serve as a mediator. I founded Peace Talks Mediation Services in Los Angeles to help divorcing couples and separating parents navigate the emotional divorce right along with the legal divorce. I've also written a 2nd book, *Making Divorce Work*, about how to keep your divorce reasonably civil even when things aren't going too well.

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