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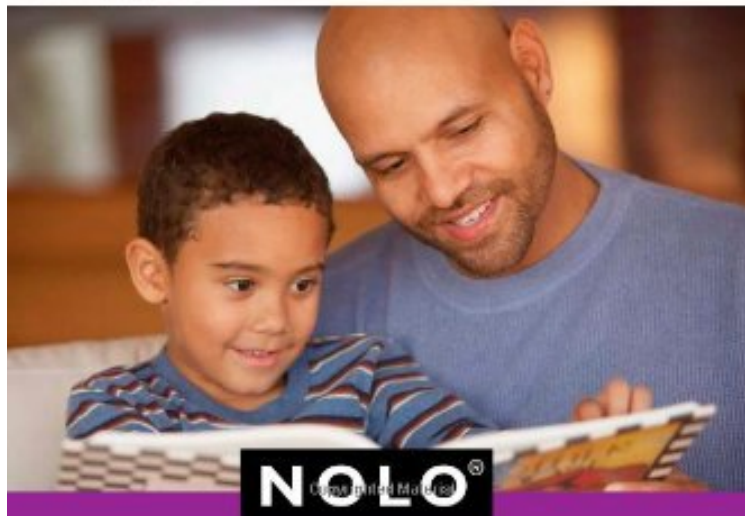
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Paul Mandelstein : Being a Great Divorced Father: Real-Life Advice From a Dad Who's Been There before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Being a Great Divorced Father: Real-Life Advice From a Dad Who's Been There:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Probably OK for Those in a Somewhat Amicable DivorceBy Robert HuffstedtlerOn the positive side, this book is an easy read. Let's face it: if you are in a situation where you need to read

this book, you are at a point where it helps to have everything broken down as simply as possible. Also, he is fairly comprehensive. He tackles how to try to save the marriage, how to set up your own home (as dads are usually the ones who leave the marital home), how to work through the legal issues, how to try to work through the day to day aspects of shared custody, and what to do about dating and remarriage. The best thing of all is that he consistently operates from the principle that the most important thing is to do what's right for the kids. On the negative side, the book is too short to do any of that adequately. For instance, legal and custody issues are going to differ a lot from state to state, so it's difficult to give any good advice there that isn't obvious. Also, he generally assumes that there is at least the possibility that the parents can operate somewhat collaboratively even in the legal process. If you find that not to be the case in your situation, you may find that this book is of limited use. One additional frustration I had with the book is that it is sprinkled with many infographics that seem to be mostly unrelated to the matter being discussed. I mostly found them distracting. I haven't looked to see if there are better books out there on the topic, but I'm pretty confident that there must be.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good Info For a Limited Audience
By Hippie2MARS
I chose this book because my son is currently going through a divorce. I discovered, to my dismay, that most of the advice applies to fathers who get to see their children regularly. It also assumes that they have a relatively "sane" ex. Neither of these caveats apply to my son's situation. He lives 7 hours from his son and his visits are ad hoc at best thanks to conflicting schedules and zero cooperation from his child's mother. There is a lot of great advice here, however it essentially boils down to this little nugget: put your child's best interests ahead of your own. Well, duh. Not a bad book, but it just assumes the best of situations is in play. Sadly, not always the case.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great advice, well written, just one nitpick
By Bookinator
This really is a well thought out, well written guide to a sensitive and important topic. My one nitpick is the little USA Today charts sprinkled throughout the book. Sometimes they are relevant to the text and sometimes they just leave you scratching your head. So do what I did and ignore them. Read the book. I found a ton of helpful advice, and it got me thinking about important topics I hadn't thought through. Very well done.

Maintain a great relationship with your kids during and after divorce. More than half of all marriages end in divorce, many with kids caught in the middle. If you're a father going through divorce and you want to keep a close relationship with your children, you need practical guidance and advice on building a new life, keeping your kids' needs front and center. Being a Great Divorced Father gives you the strategies and building blocks for maintaining a relationship with your children and shows you how to prioritize their needs as your life changes. Learn how to: - create a new home and make room for your kids in it - manage babysitters, after-school care and other details of daily life - create and enforce house rules governing homework, TV, game use, and recreation - communicate effectively with your ex: being nice, sparing the kids, establishing boundaries, and finding ways to agree - settle legal and custody issues - handle dating and remarriage

Being a Great Divorced Father helps you create an extended family by cooperating and collaborating with your former spouse, and prioritizing your children's needs, all written by a dad who's been there. Plus, read insightful examples of families who have met the challenges of divorce transition with success.

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"In his landmark book, Paul Mendelstein advises divorced fathers to find ways to play a crucial role in their children's lives. He suggests that they call a truce with their ex-spouse -- to put an end to active fighting and to collaborate. While this is may be a challenge at times, collaboration with an ex paves the way for greater cooperation in the future. Children flourish best when raised by both a father and a mother -- whether in a divorced or intact family."
Terry Gaspard, MSW, LICSW, Huffingtonpost.com