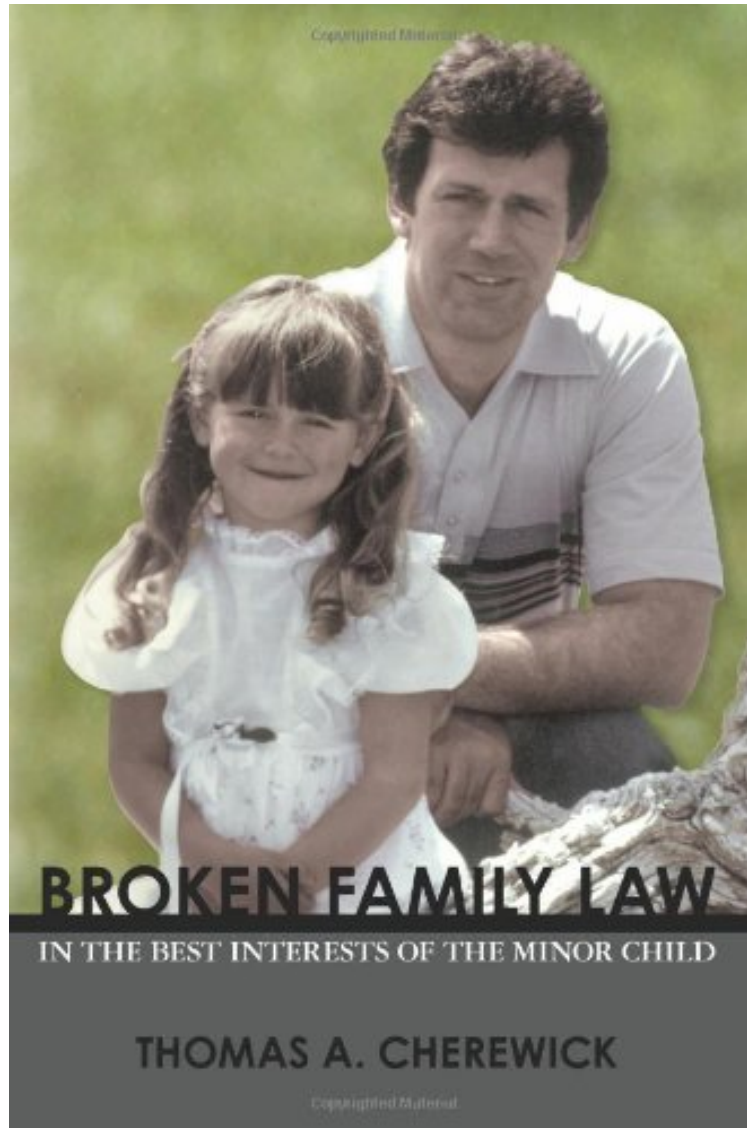


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A rambling, incoherent messBy Alan GunnThere's a lot wrong with family law, and Thomas Cherewick has experienced quite a bit of it. Unfortunately, his story is presented so incoherently that few readers will manage to get through this book. His claims are that women involved in custody

disputes often make false allegations of abuse against their children's fathers, that some lawyers and psychologists are incompetent, lazy, or corrupt, and that some judges aren't very good. All these things are true; all of them can be stated in a sentence. There's also a lot of name-calling; we are, for instance, repeatedly told that Mr. Cherewick's former mother-in-law is a mental case. Perhaps she is, but learning this fact doesn't help us understand much about family law. What else does this book offer? Nothing, really: a long, meandering account of Mr. Cherewick's hard times, some made up passages purporting to be thoughts of various people, and a lot of vague talk about "quality assurance," or "QA," a concept which, we are assured, will help us a lot if we understand it. For instance, we are told that QA will help us find "discrepancies and unbelievably stupid things," which Mr. Cherewick calls "DUST." If you are the sort of person who can find meaning in that sort of language, by all means buy this book. If you want facts, data, and serious analysis, look elsewhere. Oddly, this book seems to have no publisher. Too bad; if it had had one, it might have been improved by editing.

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Should be titled: A man with an axe to grind. By Michael J. Rentner I was suckered into buying this book by a blurb that made it sound interesting for a new lawyer thinking of seeing some advice for a future career in family law. What a waste of money. There are a few tidbits of somewhat useful information, but for almost the entire book it is little more than a man whining and complaining about his ex-wife and how she did him wrong. There might be some lessons learned but this is less about family law than it is about this one man's bad life. I'm sure he got a raw deal. That is tragic, but it's certainly not interesting. What would have been interesting is a bit more thoroughness in examining family law rather than just one man's bad experience. He may be right about every complaint about his ex-wife, but the thing is, without her side of the story it just comes out as biased and mean. And not very interesting. I would discourage anyone from wasting their money on this if they want something more than gossipy stories about people that they don't know.

7 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Broken Family Law: In the Best Interests of the Minor Child By Teri M. Lucara Broken Family Law: In the Best Interests of the Minor Child by Thomas A. Cherewick offers well-documented insight into the corruption of family law practice in the U.S. today by following his own personal case history. It is informative, yet highly readable and gives new balance to issues surrounding child custody and the "best interests of the child." It takes a comprehensive look at the existing layers of injustices surrounding child custody cases and serves as an invaluable and thought-provoking guide for couples going through divorce, judges, lawyers and state legislators. There are chapters dedicated to Alternative Dispute Resolution and how to improve the "broken" family law system with subsequent guidelines for parents who are dedicated to protecting the welfare of their child. This book should be available in every public library for those seeking a better way.

Broken Family Law: In the Best Interests of the Minor Child, is Thomas A. Cherewick's contribution to anyone who has faced, or will be subjected to, the vagaries and unpredictability of the U.S. family law system. Two decades of being the Respondent in a child custody case give Cherewick the knowledge, expertise, and ammunition to deliver this no-holds-barred and highly enlightening book. More than a how-to guide, every section is about what works and what doesn't in a system that is flawed, often unfair, and undeniably broken. The author delivers important information about finding the right attorney and protecting oneself from setups, becoming well-versed in giving straightforward depositions and testimony, while juxtaposing against each informative point his frustrating encounters. Whether dealing with an ex, a divorce attorney, social worker or family law judge, Cherewick exposes how facts and the law are often manipulated for the good of one, often to the detriment of the child.

About the Author Thomas A. Cherewick, a medical physicist and attorney dedicated to resolving medical malpractice cases that involve radiation exposure, came to this subject after being the Respondent in a child custody case that spanned twenty years and took place in both Montana and California. After losing custody of his daughter in Montana, and then gaining custody in California, he was convinced that the system of family law was severely flawed. He believes no parent or child should have to endure these struggles. Cherewick and his wife reside near Yellowstone National Park.