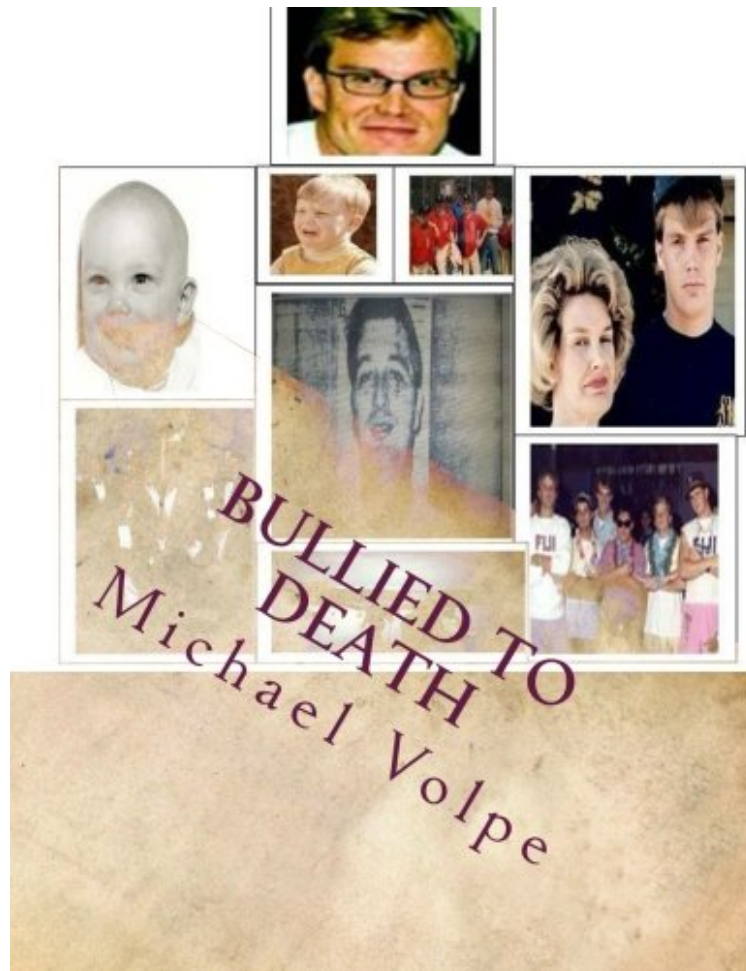


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11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Michael Volpes Book on Chris Mackneydescribes court corruption in amazing detail. I have just finished MrBy Joanne DenisonMichael Volpes Book on Chris Mackneydescribes court corruption in amazing detail.I have just finished Mr. Volpes book on court corruption, and in particular the experiences of Mr. Chris Mackney-as he worked his way through a highly troubled divorce with a ex-wife with an interesting family secret that came out during his own internet research: it was there he discovered that his wealthy father in law had been convicted of murder, had likely been involved in much more criminal activity, and his ex-wife conveniently forgot to tell him during their long marriage.As a result, the father-in-law, a Mr. Scamardo (what an apropos name), went to great lengths to fund a divorce for \$1.2 million which of course involved dozens of failures of the court to simply follow the law, set reasonable child support for the father and a fair co-parenting

schedule. What happened instead was a complete nightmare leading to his own suicide when judgments against him ended up for over \$100,000. Mr. Mackney never in fact did receive his share of equity in the marital residence which would have wiped out the debt; instead he continually struggled to fend off multiple unfair motions, one after the other. His ex-wife had him arrested and jailed four times. Once she and her attorney claimed attempted extortion when, after multiple attempts to reduce his child support to a level he could afford, he threatened to go to the media if it wasn't reduced. He spent 3 months in jail awaiting trial, only to have the jury acquit him of extortion, deciding that child support is for the child so no money could be extorted from the ex-wife. During the overly litigious divorce, the extreme motion practice of his ex-wife cost him his job and all future job prospects. One job was lost when Mrs. Mackney went and tried to depose his boss. That was the end of that job. Mr. Mackney's child support was based on an old tax return when he happened to make over \$250,000 for the year as a Realtor in 2007, at the height of the real estate boom something he never did before, or after that year. But the child support was set at \$2,800 per month year after year and the court refused his many motions to decrease it at any time, even after Mr. Mackney lost his job, had no income and his ex-wife continually hounded him in court and harassed him outside the courtroom. There are great descriptions of many of the lengths his ex-wife went to engaging in deception, trickery, parental alienation, describing him as mentally ill, when he clearly was not. Mr. Mackney lost his custody rights when he failed to fax in one receipt to the court he simply forgot or was confused. Of course, all of Mrs. Mackney's sins were always forgiven by the court. Mr. Mackney, for most of the divorce proceedings, was forced to attend court pro se because he had no income and no attorney. In addition, professionals assigned to the case always sided with the wife, because, as many of you already know, he who pays gets the total cooperation from any professional assigned to the case and will attack the less wealthy litigant, engaging in slander, libel, false light and defamation, unless and until the appropriate fees are paid. Make no mistake, there are court appointed experts that can be bought and who can change their testimony for the highest bidder and most prompt payer. The book is a very interesting read and I highly recommend it for those going through, or might possibly face, a contentious and overly litigious proceeding with someone hell bent on utter destruction of their ex. Utter destruction of a spouse, parental alienation, Legal Abuse Syndrome, suicide by men during divorce and other concepts of outrageous unjust litigation are aptly identified and discussed. Highly recommended. Thank you Mr. Volpe for bringing this to the attention of the public, and more particularly those who are in need of your expertise and analysis to protect them. The book is interesting and well written. The emails of Mr. Mackney during all his troubles and tribulations were preserved by Mr. Volpe and they are republished at the end of the book. The ex-wife somehow was able to wrest a copyright registration out of the court, and she then went on a campaign of unconstitutional gag orders to remove all derogatory information about her and her ex-husband from the internet. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. but the sad truth is that it is not uncommon for that ... By Customer I purchased this book and have read it thoroughly. It is an expose of appalling circumstances in family courts in our country. Mr. Volpe uses cases of both men and women being absolutely ruined in every way to show that no one is truly safe. It is an incredibly difficult book to read because everyone wants to believe that children are never taken from a protective parent and placed with an abusive parent, but the sad truth is that it is not uncommon for that to happen. Mr. Volpe also gives example after example of people being silenced and threatened in order to keep misdeeds from being exposed. This book will absolutely terrify you. One of the quotes that chilled me to the bone is from Joan Kloth-Zanard, a Guardian Ad Litem. Mr. Volpe reports that Ms. Zanard emailed the following: "Shared parenting would actually reduce the issue of abuse, because both parents would be more involved equally. This would provide a chance for the kids to have a safety net. It would also enable counseling much more effectively for all involved. And believe it or not, someone who physically abuses does so because this is what happened to them as a child and it is all they know. They desperately need counseling to heal. While not all abusers can be healed, such as those that are sociopathic, there are many a person who has turned this around with proper counseling and education. As for pedophiles, while this is a harder group to heal, at the very least, with shared parenting, the other parent can teach the children right from wrong and how to say no and go get help if it is physical. While I do not condone this behavior, these pedophiles are damaged from their own childhoods or warped thoughts and ideas. But without shared parenting, you have no way to protect your kids." That quote shows why Mr. Volpe's work is so important. There are people out there who believe, like Ms. Zanard, that abusers should have unrestricted visitation with their victims. It doesn't matter whether that belief comes from a delusional mindset or a personal agenda, it is treacherous and dangerous to victims. This is an issue that crosses all gender, racial, religious and ethnic barriers. It affects us all. Even people who are not directly involved feel the results as the court system churns out damaged children who become damaged adults. 15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. Exposure on the Horrors and Devastation of the Family Court By Mark G Hexum I find the book excellent and filled with so many examples of the corruption and brutality of the family courts. I have so much respect for Michael Volpe on the research he did and the compassion and commitment he demonstrated to expose issues that most will not touch. I have survived the horrors of the family court system. In my four year fight of a fraudulent divorce trial I have experienced six judges covering for corrupt attorneys. No one is willing to get involved because divorces are "he said/she said" issues. These horrors are not about "he said/she said", they are about constitutional rights, civil rights, children, human beings, corruption, judicial brutality,

money and judicial immunity. Mr. Volpe has taken a major step to expose the horrors thousands across America experience in the family court system where there is no recourse. Chris Mackney tried to fight the corrupt family court system, but no one did the right thing and his life was destroyed to the point he could not take it anymore. Thank you for not letting Chris Mackney's murder by the family court system, his father-in-law, his ex-wife, and ruthless greedy attorneys be brushed under the rug.

On December 29, 2013, Chris Mackney sat in his parked car, put a rifle underneath his chin, and blew his head off. It was the end of a long and tortuous process where he was legally bullied to death by the divorce and criminal court system. His story didn't start or end there. It started in Texas when a man named Sam Degelia, Jr. was murdered. It ended when his ex-wife attempted to copyright and remove all his writings after his death from the internet. Now, the story behind the suicide note read by millions will finally be told.

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