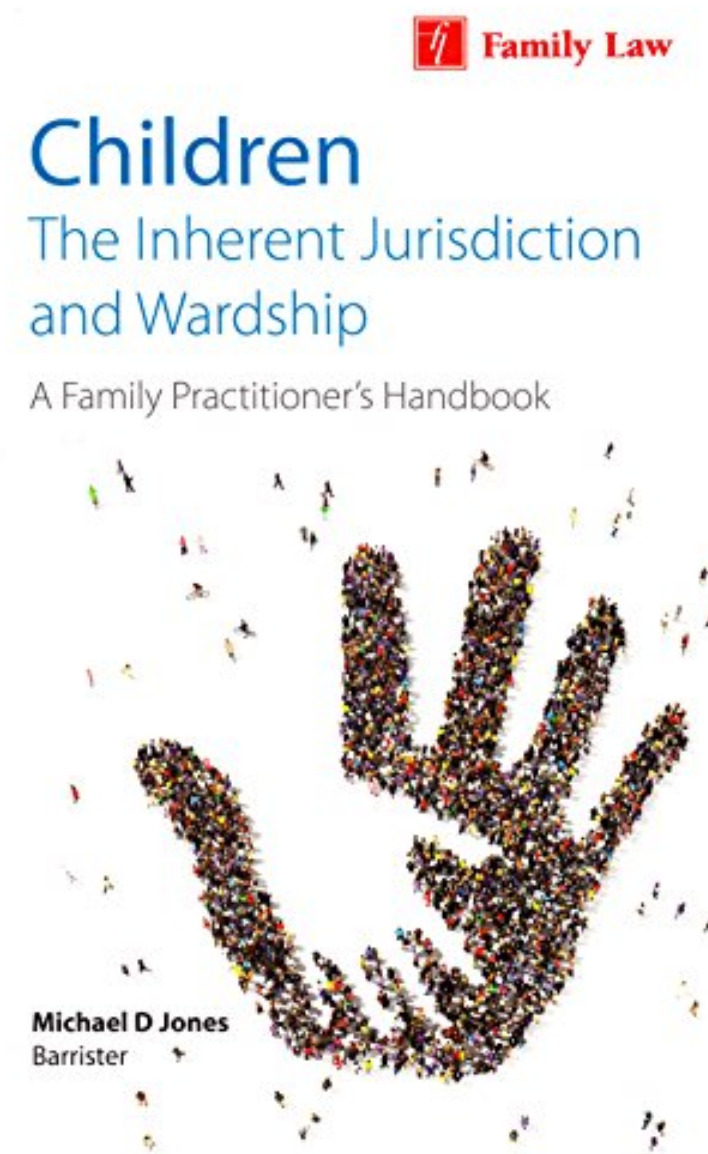


# Children: The Inherent Jurisdiction and Wardship: A Family Practitioner's Handbook

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**Michael D. Jones : Children: The Inherent Jurisdiction and Wardship: A Family Practitioner's Handbook** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Children: The Inherent Jurisdiction and Wardship: A Family Practitioner's Handbook:

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The inherent jurisdiction (including wardship) is an ever-developing concept within family proceedings, with a number of important recently reported authorities setting down parameters in respect of its use. The jurisdiction is increasingly used in order to protect children in novel and fact-specific situations, which are becoming more regular in today's world. This invaluable practitioner title provides family lawyers with a comprehensive guide to the inherent jurisdiction-the situations in which it can be invoked and its limitations-incorporating the relevant authorities and procedural guidance into an easily accessible text. [Subject: Family Law]