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Helping Your Kids Cope with Divorce the Sandcastles Way - M. Gary Neuman

1999-07-27

Divorce is painful and confusing. Perhaps now more than ever, you want to give your child all

the love, support, and guidance he or she needs, but everything seems harder and more complicated. Helping Your Kids Cope with Divorce the Sandcastles Way can help. Based on Gary Neuman's phenomenally successful

Sandcastles program, which has helped more than fifty thousand children cope with divorce, this warm, empathetic guide shows you: How to build a co-parenting relationship--even when you think you can't When you or your child should see a therapist Age-appropriate scripts for addressing sensitive issues What to do when a parent moves away How to stop fighting with your ex-spouse How to navigate the emotional turmoil of custody and visitation How to help your child deal with change How to cope with kids' common fears about separation How to introduce significant others into the family and help your child cope with a new stepfamily More than a hundred pieces of artwork from children of divorce will help you appreciate how kids perceive the experience. Dozens of special activities and fun exercises will help you communicate and get closer to your child. This guide shows you that divorce need not be an inevitable blot on children's lives, but an opportunity for them to grow and strengthen the

bonds with their parents.

The Coparenting Toolkit - Isolina Ricci 2012-05
USA BEST BOOKS AWARD and the
INTERNATIONAL BOOK AWARDS *Award
Winning Finalist!* "The CoParenting Toolkit will likely become the resource manual for coparents, their attorneys, and mediators... ---
Claire N. Barnes, MA, Executive Director, "Kids' Turn" "Best I have seen in this kind of book! ...more useful and practical information in fewer pages than any other author on this topic. It's actually fun to read." ---Phillip Reedy, MA, Family Court Mediator, former Education Coordinator, "California Statewide Office of Family Court Services" ESSENTIAL STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS Step-by-Step and Easy-to-Use "This is a real toolkit!" It's packed with fresh new strategies plus some advanced versions of time-tested solutions from its partner, the comprehensive classic, "Mom's House, Dad's House." You will discover how to Build and keep a healthy co-parenting

relationship Enhance your strengths Find success with emails, texts, meetings Find success with 3 new essential CoParenting Guidelines Speed healing by managing hurt and hard feelings PLUS, what kids need you to know, "words to try," extras for Parenting Plans, schedules, problem-solving, parenting tips, and much more... FOR PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS Reviews at www.TheCoParentingToolkit.com

My Two Moms - Claudia Harrington 2015-08-01
My Two Moms is the story of a normal day in Elsie's life. When classmate Lenny visits her home, he discovers Elsie has two moms. Who gets her splinters out? Mommy! Who gets her cat out of the tree? Mom! Who reads to her? Mommy and Mom! Lenny realizes love makes a family. Aligned to Common Core standards and correlated to state standards. Looking Glass Library is an imprint of Magic Wagon, a division of ABDO.

Joint Custody with a Jerk - Julie A. Ross, M.A.

2011-08-02

From parenting expert Julie A. Ross and writer Judy Corcoran comes the fully revised *Joint Custody with a Jerk*, the highly praised guide to co-parenting with an uncooperative ex-spouse, now updated to provide real solutions to tough family issues. It's a fact that parenting is hard enough in a family where two parents love and respect each other... After divorce, when the respect has diminished and the love has often turned to intense dislike, co-parenting can be nearly impossible, driving one or both parents to the brink of insanity. *Joint Custody with a Jerk* offers many proven communication techniques that help you deal with your difficult ex-husband or ex-wife. By outlining common problems and teaching tools to examine your own role in these sticky situations, this book conveys strategies for effective mediation that are easy to apply, sensible, timely and innovative. This revised edition of a bestselling classic sheds light on how today's digital forms of communication can

both hurt and help in custody conflicts, and offers updated information throughout that brings age-old issues into the present day.

Two Homes - Claire Masurel 2014-03-25

"Parents looking for a book about separation or divorce will find few offerings as positive, matter-of-fact, or child-centered as this one. . . . Simple, yet profoundly satisfying." - Booklist (starred review) At Mommy's house, Alex has a soft chair. At Daddy's house, Alex has a rocking chair. In each home, Alex also has a special bedroom and lots of friends to play with. But whether Alex is with Mommy or with Daddy, one thing always stays the same - Alex is loved. The gently reassuring text focuses on what is gained rather than what is lost when parents divorce, while the sensitive illustrations, depicting two unique homes in all their small details, firmly establish Alex's place in both of them. Two Homes will help children - and parents - embrace even the most difficult of changes with an open and optimistic heart.

Putting Children First - JoAnne Pedro-Carroll
2010-05-04

An internationally renowned authority on children and divorce reveals the latest research-based strategies for helping children survive and thrive before, during, and long after their parents divorce. The breakup of a family can have an enduring impact on children. But as Dr. JoAnne Pedro-Carroll explains with clarity and compassion in this powerful book, parents can positively alter the immediate and long-term effects of divorce on their children. The key is proven, emotionally intelligent parenting strategies that promote children's emotional health, resilience, and ability to lead satisfying lives. Over the past three decades, Pedro-Carroll has worked with families in transition, conducted research, and developed and directed award-winning, court-endorsed programs that have helped thousands of families navigate divorce and its aftermath. Now she shares practical, research-based advice that helps

parents: -gain a deeper understanding of what their children are experiencing -develop emotionally intelligent parenting strategies with the critical combination of boundless love and appropriate limits on behavior -reduce conflict with a former spouse and protect children from conflict's damaging effects -learn what recent brain research reveals about stress and children's developing capabilities Filled with the voices and drawings of children and the stories of families, *Putting Children First* delivers a positive vision for a future of hope and healing. *Between Two Homes* - Bradley Craig 2014-07-21 You may be divorcing, divorced, never married, a grandparent, or other relative of a child growing up between two homes. For whatever reason you find yourself in the situation of helping a child grow up between two homes, it's normal to wonder how to do so now that you're no longer (or maybe never were) a single-home family. *Between Two Homes* has the answers. In this book, you'll learn how to remain or become

coparents (instead of opponents) and how to help your child grow and thrive while living between two homes. *Between Two Homes* helps you:* Build a successful coparenting relationship so you can stop fighting and start communicating* Recognize obstacles to the coparenting relationship* Take advantage of alternatives to litigation-you don't have to fight it out in court* Talk to your child about the changes using language he or she can understand* Learn the special needs of your child at various stages, from newborn to teenager* Create a coparenting plan* Learn what behaviors, and even what words, can help or hurt your childThis book is also a helpful resource for mental health professionals and family law professionals. Not only does it provide helpful tools to help families, but it is a valuable text to provide to your clients. "Bradley S. Craig brings practical advice to emotionally driven situations involving one of life's most precious gifts, children. *Between Two Homes* is a concise,

informative, and well-written guide to help parents learn to effectively coparent. I enthusiastically recommend *Between Two Homes* and Bradley's philosophy on how to effectively coparent." - Lauren Gaydos Duffer, Attorney and President of The Law Office of Lauren Gaydos Duffer, PC "A great tool for helping families raise children between their two homes." - Jennifer Leister, LPC, Author of *Meet Max: Learning about Divorce from a Basset Hound's Perspective* "Brad is one of the premier mental-health professionals dealing with families of divorce in the state of Texas. I, as well as the others Brad comes across, always learn something from him." - Patrick A. Savage, MA, LPC, FAPA, BCPC

Parents are Forever - Shirley Thomas
2004-01-01

Special advice for parents who never married. The book includes detailed suggestions for parents of infants. Healing from the wounds of divorce while you learn to co-parent your

children. It provides a helpful and optimistic plan for restructuring your relationship with your former partner, for the well being of your child.

My Parents Are Divorced Too - Melanie Ford
2006

Three stepsiblings in a blended family discuss their experiences and those of friends with divorce and remarriage.

Mindful Co-Parenting: a Child-Friendly Path Through Divorce - Jeremy S. Gaies
2014-11-06

Being good parents is hard even when you're happily married, but for separated or divorced couples, parenting can be particularly daunting. There is hope. Mindful Co-Parenting provides divorced parents a practical way through the process that protects their children. In this compact, step-by-step guide, written in a supportive yet direct style, clinical psychologists Jeremy S. Gaies, Psy.D., and James B. Morris Jr., Ph.D., identify what matters most to kids and describe the importance of parents being

mindful of their children's needs and wants. Starting with the question of whether or not divorce is the best option for your family, the book walks you through the process, from choosing the most child-friendly divorce proceedings, to navigating co-parenting after the papers are signed, to handling the future challenges of stepparenting and other issues that may arise. By simply paying attention and planning ahead, you and your ex can reduce the potential negative effects of divorce on your family. Learn how to create a comprehensive parenting plan that can begin to establish a new norm for the benefit of your family's new future. *Good Parenting Through Your Divorce* - Mary Ellen Hannibal 2002

This guide for divorcing parents helps them to recognize, encourage, and respond to their child's feelings and help them make a healthy transition through this change in their lives.

Growing Up With Divorce - Neil Kalter
2006-01-05

Using extensive examples, the author describes the various ways in which children of varying ages react to divorce and discusses joint custody, dating, remarriage, and parental discord as they affect children

What About the Kids? - Sandra Blakeslee
2003-03-12

The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce gave us new and important insight into the long-term effects of divorce on children who have grown into adulthood. What About the Kids? is a new book that tells parents in unprecedented detail how to help their children over the long haul--what to say, what to do, what to expect--every step of the way. Tapping into the latest findings on how children develop, this clearly written guidebook helps parents understand why children at different ages react the way they do to divorce and how to head off trouble before it begins. The book follows divorce chronologically so parents can find advice for whatever stage of the experience they are in, including how to help

older children many years after the breakup. Part One--The Immediate Breakup: What you need to know to get your own life back on track, what to tell the children, how children react, the reasons for their reactions, and thoughts on when is the best time to divorce. Part Two--The First Few Years: Setting routines, getting legal help, choosing the right custody to fit your child, finding support, and how to realistically follow the advice 'don't fight.' Part Three--Assessing the Post-Divorce Family Five and Ten Years Down the Road: Take another close look at yourself and your kids. Divorce requires a new kind of father, mother, and teenager. Part Four--When Outsiders Join the Family: Dating, sex, remarriage, blended families, holidays, and what step-parents need to know. Part Five--Conversations for a Lifetime: How to talk with your children as they enter young adulthood so they feel safe and free to seek relationships based on love, trust, and mutual commitment. What About the Kids? is the ultimate resource

for any person wishing to ease the effects of divorce on children, and for all divorced parents who want to ensure their children's future happiness.

The Co-Parenting Handbook - Karen Bonnell
2017-08-22

A valuable resource for parents who are transitioning from being married with children to co-parenting together, this handbook will help ensure kids and co-parents thrive. Parents need help to confidently take on the challenges of guiding children through divorce or separation and raising them skillfully in two homes. The authors, both trusted divorce and co-parenting coaches, provide the road map for all family members to safely navigate the difficult emotional terrain through separation/divorce and beyond. Addressing parents' questions about the emotional impact of separation, conflict, grief, and recovery, the authors share their well-tested and reassuring guidance on how to move from angry, hurt partners to

constructive, successful co-parents who are able to put their children's needs first. Chock-full of strategies to help resolve day-to-day issues, create boundaries, and establish guidelines.

And Baby Makes Three - John Gottman, PhD
2008-01-22

Congratulations! You have a new baby. Don't forget you also have a marriage. Having a baby is a joyous experience, but even the best relationships are strained during the transition from duo to trio. In *And Baby Makes Three*, Love Lab™ experts John Gottman and Julie Schwartz Gottman teach couples the skills needed to maintain healthy marriages, so partners can avoid the pitfalls of parenthood by:

- Focusing on intimacy and romance
- Replacing an atmosphere of criticism and irritability with one of appreciation
- Preventing postpartum depression
- Creating a home environment that nurtures physical, emotional, and mental health, as well as cognitive and behavioral development for your baby

Complete with exercises that

separate the “master” from the “disaster” couples, *And Baby Makes Three* helps new parents positively manage the strain that comes along with their bundle of joy.

Kids First - Kids First Center 2008

"A helpful guide for professionals and parents as they progress through the process of divorce. An insight into the impact their decisions will have on their children and a range of solutions available for problems which might arise"--
Provided by publisher.

Co-Parenting Course Workbook - Kristine Turner, Ph.d. 2016-04-16

This court approved self-study guide promises to provide you with all the initial information you will need as a parent of divorce. It will help you traverse the legal and emotional aspects of divorce. This do it yourself workbook contains easy to follow chapters, and a quiz at the end if you are interested in or need to receive a certificate of completion for the courts for your parenting after divorce class. With the divorce

rate in the United States at 50%, it has become increasingly important to educate all parents going through the process of divorce about the specific effects divorce can have upon their children. Although you may have ended a bad marriage, it is possible to have a good divorce. It is certainly possible to parent effectively after a divorce. Whether you choose the co-parenting or parallel parenting method. Parenting for the best interest of your children will be your goal and objective post divorce. The choices you make now, as to how you choose to manage your divorce, will be largely indicative of how your child or children will be able to cope with your divorce. There are better and worse ways to divorce. Commit to taking the high road, commit to being the best parenting you can be for your children post divorce. I really enjoyed reading this workbook. It was a simple format and allowed me to meet the court requirements for parents going through divorce. I feel like I have the tools necessary to be a good parent after

divorce.

Home Will Never Be the Same Again - Carol R. Hughes 2020-06-22

Adult children are often overlooked and forgotten when their parents divorce later in life, but in these pages they will find comfort and understanding for the many feelings, frustrations, and challenges they face. For more than two decades, a silent revolution has been occurring and creating a seismic shift in the American family and families in other countries. It has been unfolding without much comment, and its effects are being felt across three to four generations: more couples are divorcing later in life. Called the “gray divorce revolution,” the cultural phenomenon describes couples who divorce after the age of 50. Overlooked in the issues that affect couples divorcing later in life are the adult children of divorcing parents. Their voices open this book, and they are the voices of men and women, 18 to 50 years old. Some of them are single; some are married.

Some have children of their own. All of them are in different stages of shock, fear, and sudden, dramatic change. In *Home Will Never Be the Same: A Guide for Adult Children of Gray Divorce*, Carol Hughes and Bruce Fredenburg share their deep understanding gained during the innumerable hours they have spent with these women and men in their clinical practices. The result is a valuable resource for these too often forgotten adult children, many of whom find that, whenever they express their feelings and experiences, the most important people in their lives frequently ignore and dismiss them. As the divorce rate for older adults soars, so too does the number of adult children who are experiencing parental divorce. Yet, these adult children frequently say that they are the only ones who are aware of what they are going through, no one understands what they are experiencing, and they feel painfully alone.

The Good Divorce - Constance Ahrons
2009-10-06

It's never too late to have a good divorce Based on two decades of groundbreaking research, *The Good Divorce* presents the surprising finding that in more than fifty percent of divorces couples end their marriages, yet preserve their families. Dr. Ahrons shows couples how they can move beyond the confusing, even terrifying early stages of breakup and learn to deal with the transition from a nuclear to a "binuclear" family-one that spans two households and continues to meet the needs of children. *The Good Divorce* makes an important contribution to the ongoing "family values" debate by dispelling the myth that divorce inevitability leaves emotionally troubles children in its wake. It is a powerful tonic for the millions of divorcing and long-divorces parents who are tired of hearing only the damage reports. It will make us change the way we think about divorce and the way we divorce, reconfirming our commitment to children and families.

Custody Chaos, Personal Peace - Jeffrey P.

Wittman 2001-10-01

This empowering guide is an inspirational roadmap for the millions of men and women navigating a rocky relationship with a former spouse-while trying to maintain a healthy atmosphere for their child. Topics include: * The 7 strategies for peace when an ex refuses to change * Skills for taming former in-laws * Ways to help children cope with a difficult parent * Strategies and alternatives for focusing anger * How to avoid hot-button issues * How to nudge an ex to change for the better * Ways to deal with children's questions and confusion * The new partner's role in the old partner's shadow This is the book for every frustrated parent coming out of a divorce who needs support in setting things right-the healthy, sensible, and sane way.

The Truth About Children and Divorce - Robert E. Emery Ph.D. 2006-01-31

Nationally recognized expert Robert Emery applies his twenty-five years of experience as a

researcher, therapist, and mediator to offer parents a new road map to divorce. Dr. Emery shows how our powerful emotions and the way we handle them shape how we divorce—and whether our children suffer or thrive in the long run. His message is hopeful, yet realistic—divorce is invariably painful, but parents can help promote their children's resilience. With compassion and authority, Dr. Emery explains: • Why it is so hard to really make divorce work • How anger and fighting can keep people from really separating • Why legal matters should be one of the last tasks • Why parental love—and limit setting—can be the best “therapy” for kids • How to talk to children, create workable parenting schedules, and more **How to Listen so Parents Will Talk and Talk so Parents Will Listen** - John Sommers-Flanagan 2011-05-25

"In keeping with person-centered theory and therapy, John and Rita Sommers-Flanagan have produced a book that will be immensely helpful

for professionals who work with parents. Throughout the pages, there are many examples of practitioners honoring and respecting parents and listening deeply to how best be of help. I am delighted that this book continues to echo and expand on my father's work." —Natalie Rogers, PhD, REAT, author, *The Creative Connection* and *The Creative Connections for Groups* "Because parenting can be such a dizzying task, professionals working with parents need to have intelligible, compassionate, and ethical principles to guide their work. John and Rita Sommers-Flanagan have mastered this complex terrain, and we are fortunate, in this articulate and accessible book, to gain from their exceptional experience and wisdom." —Andrew Peterson, EdD, author, *The Next Ten Minutes: 51 Absurdly Simple Ways to Seize the Moment* Step-by-step guidance for building healthy dialogues with parents that open communication and promote positive outcomes Embracing the uniqueness of every parent, family situation, and

practitioner, *How to Listen so Parents Will Talk and Talk so Parents Will Listen* helps professionals address the parent-child problems that families often find puzzling or challenging and for which they seek support and guidance. *How to Listen so Parents Will Talk and Talk so Parents Will Listen* features many specific interventions and methods for helping parents implement developmentally appropriate and scientifically supported strategies for building healthy parent-child relationships and working through the most common conflicts encountered in families. It includes: Tips for creating a positive therapist-client experience with parents Guidelines for working with a variety of parents Parenting tip sheets and homework assignments Case studies focusing on many different parenting problems, including the strong-willed child, divorce, homework battles, spanking, and more *How to Listen so Parents Will Talk and Talk so Parents Will Listen* will help you develop positive relationships with parents so that

constructive two-way dialogue can be established. Even the most difficult and resistant parents can be successfully engaged through the helpful strategies, advice, and tools found in this practical guide.

Parenting Apart - Christina McGhee

2011-06-02

When a marriage ends, the most important thing divorcing parents can do is to help their children through this difficult transition and remain united as parents even if they are no longer united as a couple. In *Parenting Apart* divorce coach Christina McGhee offers practical advice on how to help children adjust and thrive during and after separation and divorce. She looks at all the different issues parents may face with their children of different ages, offering immediate solutions to the most critical parenting problems divorce brings, including: ·When to tell your children about the divorce and what to say ·How to create a loving, secure home if your child doesn't live with you full time ·What to do if your

child is angry or sad ·How to manage the legal system, including information on family law and issues of custody ·How to deal with a difficult ex This is an invaluable resource that offers parents quick access to the information you most need at a time when you need it most.

Speaking of Divorce - Roberta Beyer 2001

Divorce ends a marriage, it doesn't end a family. Whether you're getting along with your ex (or not), this book can help you: - Think about how divorce will affect your children - Talk with them gently but truthfully - Guide them through your break-up and its aftermath - Shield them from the adult problems between you and your ex - Give them 'permission' to love both parents - Create a stable and supportive environment - ...and much more

Getting Through My Parents' Divorce - Amy

J. L. Baker 2015-07

Is your child stuck in the middle of a high-conflict divorce? In *Getting Through My Parents' Divorce*, two psychologists and experts in

parental alienation offer a fun and engaging workbook to help kids work through stressful or confusing emotions and feel safe and loved—no matter what. Divorce is never easy. But for kids who have parents in conflict with one another, or where one parent is so hostile that he or she is actively trying to undermine the kids' relationship with the other parent, divorce can be unbearable. This workbook is designed especially for kids, and includes helpful tips and exercises to help them deal with the negative impact of custody disputes, understand and identify their feelings, learn to cope with stress and other complex emotions, and feel secure. Written by two leading experts in child psychology, this easy-to-use workbook includes a number of helpful suggestions to guide children through a number of possible scenarios, such as what to do if one parent says mean and untrue things about the other parent; what to do if a parent asks them to keep secrets from another parent; or what to do if one parent attempts to

replace the other parent with a new spouse. If you have or know a child that is dealing with a difficult divorce, this workbook will give them the tools needed to move past loyalty conflicts and the difficult emotions that can arise when parents don't get along.

Mom's House, Dad's House - Isolina Ricci
1997-11-18

Offers guidance in making the two-home approach successful

Mom's House, Dad's House - Isolina Ricci
1980

Mom's House, Dad's House - Isolina Ricci
2013-04-16

Internationally renowned therapist, family expert and mediator Isolina Ricci, Ph.D. presents this definitive and newly updated guide to divorce and making shared custody work for parents and children. The ground-breaking classic, Mom's House, Dad's House, has become the standard for two generations of divorcing

parents, and includes examples, self-tests, checklists, tools, and guidelines to help separated moms and dads with the legal, emotional, and financial issues they will encounter as they work to create happy and stable homes. This comprehensive guide looks anew at the needs of all family members with creative options and common-sense advice, including: * The map to a “decent divorce” and two happy homes * Helping children of divorce with age-specific advice * Negotiating Parental Agreements and custody arrangements * Breaking away from “negative intimacy” with a difficult ex-husband or ex-wife * Sidestepping destructive myths about divorce (and marriage) * Handling long-distance parenting and parenting alone With Mom’s House, Dad’s House, parents will learn how to help their children heal and find a sense of continuity, security, and stability throughout the divorce process and in any custody situation.
Parenting Through Divorce - Lisa René Reynolds

2011-11

A repository of wisdom and practical counsel for any family going through a divorce.

How It Feels When Parents Divorce - Jill Krementz 2012-05-23

In this immensely moving book, nineteen boys and girls, from seven to sixteen years old and from highly diverse backgrounds, share with us their deepest feelings about their parents' divorce. By listening to them, all children of divorced parents can find constructive ways to help themselves through this difficult time. And they will learn that their own shock and anger, confusion and pain, have been experienced by others and are normal and appropriate. These boys and girls speak with extraordinary honesty and tolerance, and with a remarkable absence of rationalization, illusion, or attempt to justify their own often-trying behavior in response to their situations. Their stories are immediate and convincing, and their generosity in confiding their feelings should provide comfort to children

and parents alike.

Vicki Lansky's Divorce Book for Parents -

Vicki Lansky 2009-02-01

Vicki Lansky's Divorce Book for Parents presents practical suggestions for parents who want to learn those new parenting techniques and is based on the author's own experiences, those of other divorced parents, and the expertise of professionals, Lansky offers sensible advice for almost every issue of parenting through divorce. Lansky identifies predictable behavior parents can expect from their kids and shows how to best respond to help them through the difficult transition. She suggests lists of age-appropriate books for children to read and shares valuable information for parents on custody options, money and the legalities of divorce. There are dozen of helpful references and resources (many online) on subjects discussed in each chapter. This book is a must for parents considering or experiencing divorce.

Gaslighting - Stephanie Moulton Sarkis

2018-10-02

A mental health expert sheds light on "gaslighting"--the manipulative technique used by sociopaths, narcissists, and others--offering practical strategies to cope and break free. He's the charmer -- the witty, confident, but overly controlling date. She's the woman on your team who always manages to take credit for your good work. He's the neighbor who swears you've been putting your garbage into his trash cans, the politician who can never admit to a mistake. Gaslighters are master controllers and manipulators, often challenging your very sense of reality. Whether it's a spouse, parent, coworker, or friend, gaslighters distort the truth -- by lying, withholding, triangulation, and more -- making their victims question their own reality and sanity. Dr. Stephanie Sarkis delves into this hidden manipulation technique, covering gaslighting in every life scenario, sharing: Why gaslighters seem so "normal" at first Warning signs and examples Gaslighter "red flags" on a

first date Practical strategies for coping How to coparent with a gaslighter How to protect yourself from a gaslighter at work How to walk away and rebuild your life With clear-eyed wisdom and empathy, Dr. Sarkis not only helps you determine if you are being victimized by a gaslighter -- she gives you the tools to break free and heal.

Stepcoupling - Susan Wisdom 2007-12-18

Love may be sweeter the second time around, but once the bliss of a newfound relationship wears off a little, the reality of being part of a stepfamily sets in. If you are one of the millions of remarried Americans facing the challenge of blending two existing families into one cohesive whole, you are part of a stepcouple—and you know all too well how hard it can be to make your marriage work in sometimes tough terrain. Different parenting styles, finances, relationships with ex-spouses, legal matters, and even seemingly simple issues such as the kinds of chores assigned to children can chisel away at

your union if you don't always make your marriage a priority. Stepcoupling offers advice for stepcouples on how to do just that—all the while strengthening their blended family with a healthy marriage. Susan Wisdom and Jennifer Green provide tips and strategies on dealing with the issues remarried couples face, with a wealth of advice from real-life stepcouples, such as: * Learning to tailor your expectations of your spouse or children and remembering that no family is perfect * Knowing where your boundaries are, whether involving a hostile ex-spouse or a stepchild who demands too much attention * Realizing that traits like flexibility, tolerance, forgiveness, and openness are especially essential in a stepfamily situation * Making “us” time for talking, problem-solving, weekends away, and enjoying your marriage to constantly renew and strengthen your bond as a couple Let this invaluable remarriage manual help you make your stepcouple the foundation of a strong, happy, and successful stepfamily.

Co-parenting with a Toxic Ex - Amy J. L. Baker
2014-05-01

Protect your child from alienation and loyalty conflicts. During and after a difficult divorce, it's easy for your relationship with your kids to become strained—especially if you are dealing with a toxic ex who bad-mouths you in front of your children, accuses you of being a bad parent, and even attempts to “replace” you with a new partner in your children’s lives. Your children may become confused, conflicted, angry, anxious, or depressed—and you may feel powerless. But there is help. In this guide, you’ll discover a positive parenting approach to dealing with a hostile ex-spouse. You'll learn the best ways to protect your children from painful loyalty conflicts, how to avoid parental alienation syndrome, and techniques for talking to your children in a way that fosters honesty and trust. Co-parenting with a toxic ex can be challenging, but with the right tools you can protect your kids and make your relationship with them stronger

than ever.

We're Still Family - Constance Ahrons
2009-10-06

What is the real legacy of divorce? To answer this question, Constance Ahrons, Ph.D., interviewed one hundred and seventy-three grown children whose divorcing parents she had interviewed twenty years earlier for her landmark study, the basis of which was the highly acclaimed book *The Good Divorce*. What she has learned is both heartening and significant. Challenging the stereotype that children of divorce are emotionally troubled, drug abusing, academically challenged, and otherwise failing, Dr. Ahrons reveals that most children can and do adapt, and that many even thrive in the face of family change. Although divorce is never easy for any family, she shows that it does not have to destroy children's lives or lead to a family breakdown. With the insight of these grown children and the advice of this gifted family therapist, divorcing parents will

find helpful road maps identifying both the benefits and the harms to which postdivorce children are exposed and, ultimately, what they can do to maintain family bonds.

Co-parenting 101 - Deesha Philyaw 2013-05-01

A successful co-parenting relationship is as vital to your child's well-being and health as nutritious food or proper exercise. Research, anecdotal evidence, and plain common sense all point to the fact that children are happier, healthier, and better adjusted when both of their parents play an active role in their lives. Studies also show that the trauma children experience in the wake of a divorce or separation can be lessened when they see their parents getting along. Kids whose parents successfully co-parent feel more secure than those who have limited or no connection to one of their parents post divorce. Co-Parenting 101 is based on the premise that co-parenting is a must, not an option. The involvement of both parents—not just the primary guardian—is the cornerstone of

successful co-parenting. This is the first book written by a formerly married couple for whom co parenting is central to their day to day lives, and it offers a comprehensive, personal, and upfront look at how to effectively raise kids with an ex-spouse. Authors Deesha Philyaw and Michael D. Thomas, the creators of the popular co-parenting website, co-parenting101.org, share their own experiences raising their children together, as well as provide professional advice from co-parenting experts. Through practical tips combined with expert parental strategies, this book a great resource for divorced parents with children. For parents, less time stressed out about legal wrangling means more time to be fully present and engaged with the children. By learning to put their animosity aside, parents can focus on putting their kids first.

The Conscious Parent's Guide to

Coparenting - Jenna Flowers 2016-06-01

A positive, mindful plan for children and parents

in transition! If you're facing the challenge of raising children in two homes, you may be feeling overwhelmed and unsure of how to build a healthy coparenting relationship. With *The Conscious Parent's Guide to Coparenting*, you'll learn how to take a relationship-centered approach to parenting, foster forgiveness, and find constructive ways to move on when relationships change. Coparenting means putting your child's needs first. And conscious parenting acknowledges a child's thoughts, feelings, and needs, as well as a parent's responsibility to them. This easy-to-use handbook helps you to: Build a coparenting relationship based on mutual respect Lower stress levels for the entire family Communicate openly with children about divorce Discuss and reach parenting decisions together Protect children, meet their needs, and help them build resilience Educate your family and friends about coparenting The concept of ending a marriage peacefully, with compassion and respect for

former partners, is often viewed with surprise in modern society. But choosing to consciously coparent is an important choice you can make for yourself and your children--one that will benefit the emotional health of your family for years to come.

Parenting Together Apart - Jd Brette Sember
2019-06-14

A book specifically for the parent without primary custody. This title offers support and advice for the nonresidential parent. Learn how to make the most of your time, deal with bumps in the road, negotiate with the other parent, ease transitions, help your child adjust, improve communication, and work with schedules.

Mom's House, Dad's House for Kids - Isolina Ricci
2006-05-02

From the author of the classic *Mom's House, Dad's House*, the essential guide for kids on how to stay strong and succeed in life when parents separate, divorce, or get married again. Isolina Ricci's *Mom's House, Dad's House* has been the

gold standard for inspiring and supporting divorcing and remarrying parents for more than twenty-five years. With her new book, Dr. Isa adapts her time-tested advice on maneuvering the emotional, logistical, and legal realities of separation, divorce, and stepfamilies to speak directly to children. Alongside practical ways to cope with big changes she offers older children and their families key resiliency tools that kids can use now and the rest of their lives. Kids and families are encouraged to believe in themselves, to take heart, and to plan for their lives ahead. Mom's House, Dad's House for Kids is packed with practical tips, frank answers, easy-to-use lists, "train your brain" ideas, reproducible worksheets, and things to try when words just won't come out right. Kids will learn how to:

- Deal with parents living apart,

- schedules, and dueling house rules
- Settle comfortably in one home or two
- Stay out of the "miserable middle" when parents fight
- Manage stress, guilt, change, fear, and other feelings
- Stay connected with parents, relatives, and the "right" friends
- Appreciate the gifts (and deal with the gripes) of their new version of family
- Feel better FAST! Kids can't get their parents back together, but they can help themselves get stronger and go on to succeed in life. This book shows them how.

What in the World Do You Do When Your Parents Divorce? - Kent Winchester 2001

Answers common questions about divorce, its effects on the family, relationships with parents after a divorce, and related matters, and provides observations from children who have experienced a divorce in their families.