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# The Divorce Dance: Protect Your Money, Manage Your Emotions & Understand The Legal Issues



## Synopsis

The Divorce Dance takes you through the journey and more. Through the eyes of a divorcing couple we experience the truth about divorce. The Divorce Dance provides a detailed step-by-step analysis of almost every aspect of divorce.~ ~ Learn about:Choosing the right attorney~ ~ How to negotiate a resolution of property~ ~ How to negotiate custodyHow to negotiate supportHandlings of complex financial issues~ ~ Loss carryforwardDefined benefit plans~ ~ Net spendable income~ ~ What you learn from Jim and Natalie's (fictional) divorce will have a pro- found impact on the resolution of your own divorce. The Divorce Dance will provide the building blocks you and your family will need to build a new life.~ ~

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## Customer Reviews

"As a divorce attorney practicing for thirty-five years in multiple jurisdictions, I have never encountered a publication as helpful as *The Divorce Dance*.~ As a Certified Financial Planner, mediator, and collaborative divorce professional,~ Stan Corey~ has helped hundreds of couples get through the financial crisis of their divorce. Over the last twenty-five years, he has worked cooperatively with mental health professionals and attorneys to gain a complete understanding of the intricacies of the divorce process. --~ Albert M. Bonin, Esquire

## Review of "The Divorce Dance" by Larry Gaughan, Divorce

Mediator: The dance in financial planner Stan Corey's new book, The Divorce Dance, is a tango. In dancing the tango, the

interplay between the two dancers has rules, but it also has options. Corey has written a readable novel about the divorce process of his protagonists, Jim and Natalie, and has seamlessly woven into his narrative a great "how to" book on avoiding the traps of the divorce process. It's the most readable book in print about the "nuts and bolts" of a mediated divorce settlement. With the exception of some excellent books for parents who are divorcing, such as Don Saposnek's classic "Mediating Child Custody Disputes," there is only a relatively short list of really good books about divorce. Of course there are some good novels, such as Diane's Johnson's 1998 book "Le Divorce." However, the overall quality of "how to" books on divorce is not very high. So many of these are overly anecdotal, difficult or boring to read, misleading, or poorly focused. Corey's new book is a notable exception. It's rare for a "how to" book on divorce to be valuable to both divorce professionals and their clients. Corey's book takes clients step by step through the divorce process in a way that integrates divorce law, sound financial planning, and the emotional issues of divorce. Divorce professionals may not find many specific details they don't already know, but following Jim and Natalie as they do in the step-by-step of their tango through the divorce process opens up new ways to rethink the familiar. Often we professionals are too immersed in those details to be fully able to appreciate the interactions of our clients in a longitudinal way. Corey has the background needed to write this book. He is a skilled financial planner, and his 35 years of experience also includes work as an expert witness, a mediator, and a collaborative professional. His book is a brilliant interweaving of Jim and Natalie's at times touching divorce story with useful information about financial planning, the legal structure, and their emotional states at various stages of the process. Another virtue of this book is its clear, concise style. A professional can read this 346-page book in somewhat less than a day. Clients should keep it on their bedside tables. There is another important benefit of Corey's book. We talk from time to time about the future of divorce law, mainly in the context of thinking about it as something imponderable except for one or two specific issues. Many divorce lawyers and many more of their clients have some reservations about the litigation system, but so far the organized bar has shown little interest in proposals for serious changes. What Corey has done is to show both the professionals and their clients how the future of the divorce process can be now. The businesslike and collaborative process that his book demonstrates doesn't need any legislative or bar generated changes for it to happen.

What is required is simply for either the professionals or the clients, or both, to insist on using it whenever it is reasonably possible. That's another reason why this book can be so valuable to divorce professionals, and why their clients may really need it for the process choices as well as to find ways to understand the legal and financial options.

For divorce lawyers, the book is a good reminder that the divorce process is not only about the legal issues. Corey demonstrates time and again the relevance of sound financial planning, often in ways that are perfectly consistent with the legal framework. He also reminds clients that it's their future that's in question, and that if they didn't have a financial plan before the divorce, it's essential that they develop one now.

For clients there is an enumeration of the practical steps in choosing among the process options, namely representation by attorneys, mediation, and collaborative practice. There are also guidelines for choosing professionals, as well as deciding which professionals may be needed in a given case. Corey takes it for granted, as he should, that litigation is a last resort which actually takes place in only a small percentage of the total divorce cases. As cases become more difficult, he assumes that it's appropriate to consider bringing in one or more other professionals and combining several process alternatives, such as integrating mediation with active representation.

Corey's book is somewhat more focused on the needs of the wife, Natalie, who has much less financial experience and income than her husband, Jim. In many divorce cases one spouse needs more financial information and planning than the other. Since the purpose of the book is to present ideas and information on the divorce process as well as on financial planning, such a context in Corey's novel is appropriate to best develop these themes.

Finally, in a sense this is a book about marriage as well as divorce. Most of us are all too aware of the personal and relationship issues in marriage, including family systems, intimacy, sex, and communication. We often ignore the ways in which the family is like a business. It manages, it earns and spends, it acquires and disposes of property, and the labor of each spouse has economic value. Spouses who can take responsibility for themselves are better able to face the challenges of both their marriage and of any post-marriage future. Corey shows how important it is for a spouse to be able to expand his or her self-responsibility through the divorce process. His book can also be a "wakeup call" for spouses whose are aware that their marriage is in trouble, but are willing to take a look at the divorce process in the hope of not having to take that path.

~ Larry Gaughan,

## Divorce Mediator

The Divorce Dance is an eye-opener. Whether you have previously been through a divorce or not, this book provides valuable insight and an abundance of important information. Through the benefit of his many years of experience as a Certified Financial Planner, and Certified Private Wealth Advisor, Stan Corey prepares us for what we should do and know well before contemplating a divorce. This book is gripping, yet refreshing, as it focuses on managing the divorce process with the goal of retaining financial wellness for a lifetime. As the author of 11 published books, and as a person who has been through divorce, I can tell you that this book is superbly thought out, well written and of incredible value. I highly recommend this book to any man or woman who has ever had the thought of divorce enter their mind. Cindy Chambers National Award Winning Author of "The Beamer Book Series" and "Tell Me Town Books"

This is awesome. Stan has captured the essence of family mediation touching on a wide variety of issues including, property, investments, custody, support along with the emotional ups and downs of the parties involved. It is an easy read and will prove beneficial to anyone going through a divorce as well as for mediators or other divorce practitioners . Well done Stan.

A contrived story about a couple splitting up only to promote the concept of a divorce team of a divorce financial advisor, an attorney and a mediator in divorce. Perhaps some useful information for some, but it felt too much like an infomercial to me.

Fantastic book for both family mediators and anyone going through the divorce process!

Informative and a good read even for those not needing the guidance.

Very helpful

As someone going through a divorce now, I was the one who really needed to read this book. But my mother found it so informative and entertaining that she hijacked my copy! And let me tell you, not all books pass my mother's inspection. I'm looking forward to getting my own copy!

Flows smoothly, while giving the reader great information on how to handle finances during the stressful process of a divorce. the presentation from the woman's of view is refreshing and needed.

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