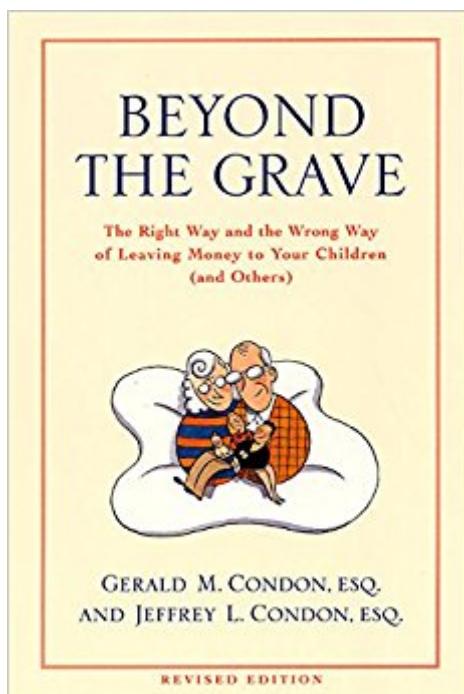


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# Beyond The Grave Revised Edition: The Right Way And The Wrong Way Of Leaving Money To Your Children (and Others)



## **Synopsis**

This expert, one-of-a-kind handbook shows you how to: Ensure that your inheritance instructions will be carried out -- the way you want them to be. Protect your child's inheritance from creditors, ex-spouses, addictions, tax troubles, mismanagement, squandering, and other risks of loss. Prevent family conflict that can arise when parents die and children divide the "family money." Leave more money to your children and grandchildren, and less to the IRS -- and understand the hidden cost of a "death tax" repeal.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Almost all books on estate planning explain how to maximize inheritance, minimize taxes, avoid probate, set up trusts, etc. The Condons, father and son lawyers, do this, too, but what they also do is consider the psychological and emotional aspects of leaving and inheriting money. Presenting more scenarios than a season full of made-for-television movies, the Condons cover such possibilities as "protecting" the inheritance from one's child's spouse, preventing squabbles over inherited property, selecting trustees or guardians, avoiding disputes between second spouses and children of one's first marriage, leaving money for pets, etc. With good sense, humor, and authority, the authors provide a thorough look at inheritance planning with an eye toward maintaining good, stable family relations well after the estate has been settled. David Rouse -- This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"[Beyond the Grave] aims to show how proper estate planning leaves your family secure -- not at

war." -- Los Angeles Times

This book, hands down, should be required reading for any and all humans who are either the recipients of wealth from their parents' estate \*OR\* who will be passing down their own wealth from their own estate. Cleared up a ton of questions I had concerning this hoo-hah. Bottom line: if you are passing down wealth to children/other worthies, try to be as "fair" and equitable and EQUAL as possible (whatever that means!). This will avoid many issues, hurt feelings, and general bad ju-ju when dealing with family/money/etc. The book goes into muuuuch greater detail as to what "fair" and "equal" might look like in various scenarios. Great read (I've read it twice now it's that good!).

While this edition has become a bit outdated due to tax laws changes (Jeffery Condon has an updated 2014 edition for purchase on ). I would highly recommend reading this or even better the newer edition of this book on the Condon's experience with dealing with the estates of their clients. It is an interesting read on human nature when dealing with death and financial aftermath. It will make you want to take out your estate plan and give it a second look. Disclaimer: My late Father attended Santa Monica High School with Gerald Condon, but I did not find that out to after I purchased and read the book.

Dozens of helpful insights, neither morbid nor depressing . . . a must-read when one is facing the possible emotional challenges of creating a Will or Living Trust . . . or, inheriting. My niece, who along with her sisters, recently inherited a nice-sized estate, turned me down when I offered the book to her. "Oh, we won't have any problems -- it's an equal split." Now, none of the three are talking to each other anymore. My opinion - important to be receptive to the insights contained here -- as they give you a heads-up on what could happen; and ways to handle many totally unexpected situations.

I have several estate planning books...the "how to" type and they are great. This is the book you need to read before you start filling in the blanks. I wish my parents had read this book. It would have saved my family relationships. This book gives you the basic information you need before drawing up your trust. Protect your beneficiaries and prevent family conflict by reading this book!

Bought ten books from on Estate Planning and tossed nine of them and kept this one. Most books are simply definitions of trusts or wills or insurance. This one provides real life examples of your

choices and most particularly what is likely to happen when you are gone. It provides loads of true to life choices. If you only buy one estate planning book this is the one. If you are setting up a trust you must read this book first. If you don't plan to die then forget about buying estate planning books, if on the other hand that's a possibility then buy this book now.

## GOOD BOOK AND TRANSACTION

To the purchaser who wrote the review about this book being outdated...you're correct! Which is why you should have read the 2014 Revised Edition which is updated to reflect changes in the estate tax law. Check it out!

I thought this book pointed out many types of situations and gave good ideas and strategies for avoiding problems both while you are living and after you die and leave your assets to your beneficiaries. I did, however, feel that a lot of the examples were geared for those with significant estates. Most of the examples discuss people with estates well over \$1,000,000. With that being said, even though my estate doesn't come close to this amount, the author gave me a lot to think about and I felt he had excellent advice -- even if all of it didn't apply to my particular situation. In my opinion, no matter how big or small your estate is, this book is worth the read if you are planning your estate. I feel that everyone has something to learn from the various situations the authors discuss in their book. Thank you Gerald and Jeffery Condon for being the eyes and ears from beyond the grave and helping us all learn from yours and your many clients mistakes.

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