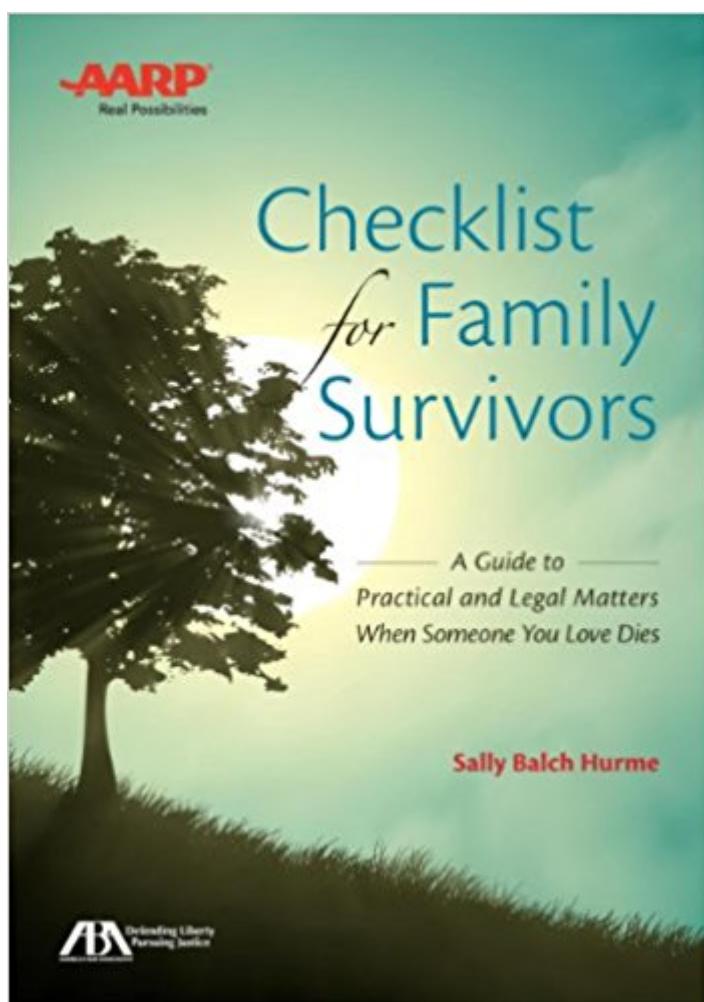


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# ABA/AARP Checklist For Family Survivors: A Guide To Practical And Legal Matters When Someone You Love Dies



## **Synopsis**

Grand Award Winner for Print Media in the APEX 2015 Competition!"An exceptional book. ...the content is first rate. Extremely well researched and well organized, each topic is well written, and carefully presented in as inviting a way as such a topic can be. If anything has been overlooked in this thorough book, we can't think what it might be. If you're planning on passing away, do your family a favor and get this book. :-)"â "APEX 2015 Judges CommentaryA practical resource for dealing with family matters upon death, this first-of-its-kind publication from the American Bar Association and AARPâ "the nation's leading associations in the law and the advancement of issues that matter most to people 50+ and their familiesâ "helps answer the myriad of questions surrounding what needs to be done following a loved one's passing. This must-have book guides you through the steps to wrap up the personal and financial affairs of the loved one who died. Although the ABA/AARP Checklist for Family Survivors: A Guide to Practical and Legal Matters When Someone You Love Dies does not provide legal advice, it does include legal reasons, implications and complications that cover a variety of questions loved ones face upon death. In each chapter, you'll find convenient checklists to help guide you through the difficult time.

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## **Customer Reviews**

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This book with its CD is useful for those who want to plan ahead and lessen the burden on those whom they will leave behind when they die. Having just gotten started on filling in the checklists on-line, I can tell you that it is a time-consuming job to gather the information and type it in. Hopefully, the result will be very helpful to family members when the time comes and they need this information to know where to find it and in many instances to have the information already in one place at their fingertips.

Great book! And if any of you are facing the Executor "End of life" obligations for one of your family, please think about getting this book. I live in a different state than my brother. We have been very distant from each other - both physically and emotionally. I don't know his friends, what his Will says, or really much about him, except that I will be the only member of the family who is willing to clean up the financial-legal (different state) paperwork and the physical possessions mess that is left when he passes on. Trying to do that is going to be expensive (flight and a hotel, funeral, etc.) and time consuming to handle for him. Hopefully, he can find someone there to help coordinate this for me, but if not - this book is a Godsend! I just hope I can convince him to fill it out with all this info that will be required when he passes on - to settle his estate. And keeping that info in this book and under lock and key is essential! This is a lot of info and someone interested in id theft would love to get their hands on it when it is filled out. ID safety and care - as usual these days - should be the rule. Good luck with it. I'd like to see everyone think ahead like this to the mess the "End of Life" stuff can be. This sure would make it all easier!

I've been fortunate to not yet face the death of a close family member. However, I've attended many funerals and have watched with sympathy and amazement at how mourning spouses and adult children are somehow able to take on the duties of planning and hosting a complicated, costly and logically challenging multi-venue social event, which is what wakes, funerals, burials and other traditions of death often become. In addition to performing the work of an event planner, a surviving family member is also called upon to become a professional organizer, family therapist and "too often" forensic accountant. Sally Balch Hurme's "Checklist for Family Survivors" is an essential book to own if you think you'll ever be called upon to manage all that happens as soon as a loved one dies and, as importantly, be responsible for the details of the aftermath, which is when

the deceased person's finances and possessions need to be sorted through, distributed or somehow resolved. Ideally, Hurme's book should be purchased and at least skimmed before actually needing to use it. That's my plan. I have the "Checklist for Family Survivors" and will try to remember where on my bookshelf I'm keeping it so, when or if the time comes, I can use and refer to the book and its checklists as needed. The "Checklist for Family Survivors" would be a very useful gift for a friend or relative who is dealing with the terminal illness of a loved one, or has just experienced a loss. Such a blunt present may require some advance conversation. A possible icebreaker: "I see how you're having to handle so much due to NAME's illness/death. I know a great book that could be of help. May I give you a copy?"

This book presents comprehensive and well-organized material along with to-do checklists and how-to information. It is extremely helpful.

Actually, I have not used the Guide yet - it's one of those workbooks which requires a lot of research into your own records to complete in order to be useful. But it appears to be well organized to be useful for a wide range of survivors - widow, adult children, military and non-military, and to ask cogent and reasonable questions to produce the kind of information needed to take timely actions after a death. Thus, very helpful to have required information at your fingertips, prepared ahead and ready for a later time when rational thought and wise decision-making are just not to be had.

Superior compilation of blank lists that you can fill in with all the personal information that will help keep you calm and secure when the time comes to handle your loved one's death. There are many checklists and many pages of questions pertaining to information and documents you should look for in order to close accounts, etc. Super Resource!

A great book. Took bad I didn't know to buy it before my dad passes. Some very useful information.

It has a lot of checklists as promised. I thought it could provide some examples, and maybe sample approaches for evaluating the services required for funerals/memorials. Would be nice to have testimonials or samples of ideas for memorials. It just made me feel that I needed a bit more info.

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