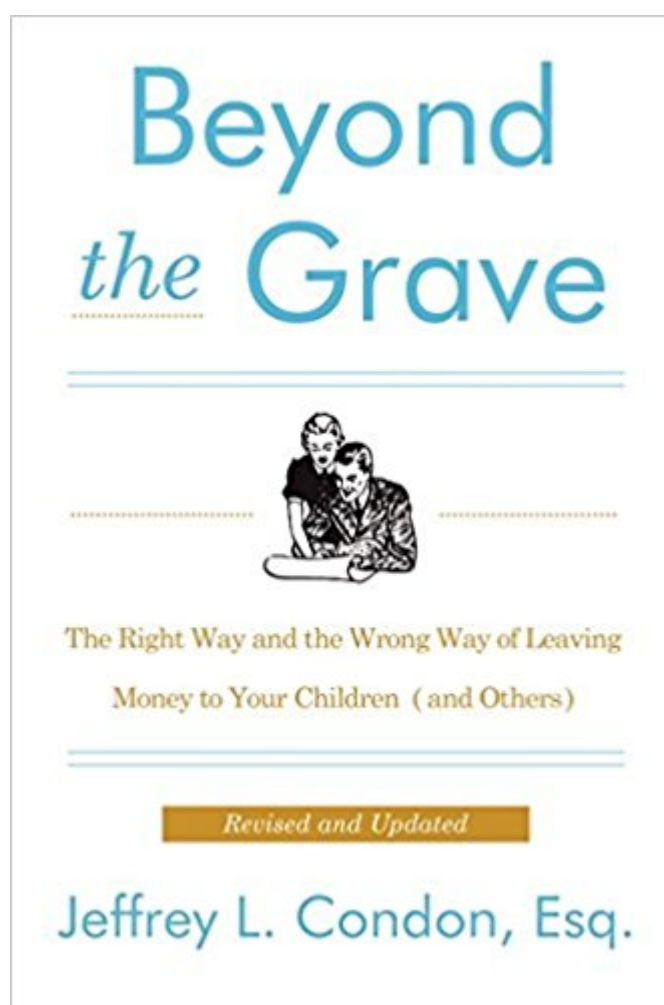


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# Beyond The Grave, Revised And Updated Edition: The Right Way And The Wrong Way Of Leaving Money To Your Children (and Others)



## 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 children'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; avoid creating inheritance problems in your family with "cautionary tales" of inheritance planning gone bad; understand why you still have to deal with estate tax issues even if your net worth falls below the new death-tax-exemption.

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Jeffrey L. Condon, Esq. has been practicing in trust, estate, and probate law since 1987 at the Law Offices of Condon & Condon in Santa Monica, California. He is also the author of The Living Trust Advisor and has conducted over three hundred family-inheritance-planning talks and seminars throughout the United States for numerous businesses, financial institutions, charities, brokerage firms, insurance companies, social clubs, and service organizations.

It told me everything I needed to know about how to structure my finances for the possible future. It brought up issues I never thought about and had me considering situations that never occurred to me. The advice is sensible and sound. It covers a wide variety of possibilities and situations. It is also easy for the lay person to understand and offers many stories to demonstrate circumstances

and point. Well written and well thought out. I bought a copy for my Mom as well. It is the best book I could have bought for the subject. It is easy to read and find the relevant info you want. I read it cover to cover though. I learned a lot.

Outstanding. Everyone should read this book. It doesn't matter if you're rich or poor. You'll be surprised at all the bad things that can happen to your family after you die. I thought I knew about wills, but there were a lot of potential problems I never dreamed of. I have bought 3 copies of this book to give to friends. Very easy to understand and very helpful. Thank you to the authors.

Very good book discussing a lot of very practical and real-life considerations I hadn't thought much about before when preparing to plan my will and before meeting with an estate planner. This is actually the second time I've bought the book....I own and have read the earlier edition. I'm not sure there is a lot new between the two versions....If you already have the previous edition it might not be worth buying this new one.

Love this book! It covers not just the legalities, but also the impact on family relationships of inheritances. I was part way through reading the book when my stepdaughter came to visit. She has shown little interest in her family's finances before (much to my son-in-law's chagrin) but she devoured this book. This book has practical, sound advice tempered by real life experience. I highly recommend it for anyone who has more than one child, much less a blended family.

Easy read; some chapters only apply in certain situations, but those are still worth skimming through, to see the author's whole philosophy.

I recommend Beyond The Grave to anyone who has assets. It teaches you how to control what will happen to them after you are gone. This is such an important topic, whether you have children or not. With a tone of humor, this well-written book makes what could be a dry subject interesting and understandable. Real-life situations are examined and discussed to illustrate the pitfalls and benefits of various estate planning actions, and their probable outcomes. Diverse strategies are offered and examined as well. The author, a respected estate planning attorney, shares his wisdom and experience with readers in order to save them from mistakes that could (and probably would) cost their loved survivors large chunks of inheritance.

You never get tired of reading and studying these illustrations and practical cases. Sooner or later if you are in the risk management insurance business, sell life insurance or investments, you need to cross the line where the psychology and personal family thing matters, where you need to show you care and understand the real true sense of the word "empathy".

This book is well written, with real life examples to bring the concepts to life. The only problem I have with it is that some of the solutions Mr. Condon suggests are really not a viable option for people who are doing their estate plans. For example, he suggests buying life insurance to pay people who might otherwise be left out of your estate plan. If you are near or past retirement age (when most people start thinking seriously about estate planning), premiums on life insurance will not be cheap. If you have preexisting health issues, you may not be able to buy life insurance at any price. But overall this is a great place to start your planning.

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