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Mike Heath

5.0 out of 5 stars When half a book is enough

Reviewed in the United Kingdom on 2 April 2011

If I had read this book 10 years ago, I would have dismissed it as a fabrication because it is so crazy. Unfortunately, I now know from personal experience that most of what is said is true, and it is too agonising for me to read beyond half way (so far).

For those who have seen this from the inside, it is great to see it explained in a bigger context (The victims, usually men, are so isolated) and to realise that so many men have it even worse than "we" did. It really doesn't stop with losing your wife, your children, your friends, your job, your money, etc, (some give up their lives too)but the system continues to persecute and prosecute the innocent (usually men but not always) within an ideology of putting the child first whilst simultaneously separating the child from one or both parents (usually just the father), destroying the home, and promoting an anti-family world view that is bankrupt and will inevitably collapse.

When the western world finally comes to terms with this problem, and understands that "dead beat Dads" language is pure manipulation and as far from the truth as it is possible to be, then this book will be one of the milestones on the path to the restoration of society and responsibility.
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Roger Gay

5.0 out of 5 stars Political Dynamite

Reviewed in the United Kingdom on 26 October 2007

It isn't possible to understand the real state of America today, or Western civilization for that matter, without understanding the problems that are so brilliantly described in this book. In the US, the two major parties collaborated on the most destructive domestic policy the nation has experienced in more than a century; knowing it was wrong. Politicians in other Western nations followed suit. Baskerville has spent more than a decade of intense effort investigating and writing about the war against fathers, marriage, and the family. He allows you to load much of the core result into your brain simply by reading this one well written book. (Check out reviews at Amazon.com -- all 5 stars.)

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Dads of the UK

5.0 out of 5 stars USA same as UK

Reviewed in the United Kingdom on 27 June 2008

Well, I bought this and FAMILY COURT HELL by Mark Harris. Taken Into Custody tells the graphic story of the reasons the family courts dispense injustices to fathers, FAMILY COURT HELL details how it happened to one father-the author-and his daughters. Best buy both and you get the fullest picture of the utter corruption that masquarades as family law in the Western World.

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T. Miller

5.0 out of 5 stars The BEST Book Yet on the Full, BIG Picture

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Awesome and factually backed up.

Have you ever read a book that you just can't put down? Well, this book is beyond that. Everyone I talk to that has read it or is reading it just has to put it down, very often, due to the shocking thought provoking nature of presenting the truth in the most believable way. Great job, Dr. Baskerville!

Dr. Baskerville sees that the real root of the war on dads (which is the war on families and society) isn't just selfish feminism, media and our "learning" institutions, or even just the barrage of parasitic greedy attorneys, judges and all their "full court" of hangers-on who profit immensely and gain unlimited power from this. It has become government at the center and root of destroying the family, and all of our rights, for these same reasons. Our forefathers warned us often that this would happen every generation/20 years, lest we be aware and prevent it.

Becoming aware can sometimes be tricky when attractive hysteria prevails so strongly. The healthy, intact traditional family is indeed the number one enemy of government becoming in total control, put above the citizens and thus decaying into corruption. People will readily support family-destroying lies and anti-male/father hysteria propoganda if it has been warped into "protecting" women and children. People have always supported hysteria propoganda and lies when they are craftily twisted around to look so important and good. But supporting anti-father agenda and hysteria isn't just hurting but is destroying women badly too, and especially children. After all, that's what government generated hysteria is all about, milking the masses, not just one

group. Remember, where there's hysteria, there's fire, for all!

Like Dr. Baskerville points out - fathers are the weakest link to taking down the whole family, not just dad. It's ironic that while fathers are the weakest link to destroying the family, that they are also in fact the keystone and guardians of not just the family, but the keystone and guardians of any healthy society. The true patriarchy puts the family, the group and society before themselves. This isn't what you hear in the news or at school? This is what has always built and preserved healthy families and society. We'd still be in the stone age without this selflessness which feminists and government have discovered in men and fathers and have now exploited for only their own interests and "good." They use this to get men and fathers to help destroy themselves and take themselves down as protectors of society and family, against abuse and evil. Anything to prove they are not guilty of all the horrid atrocities which men and fathers are falsely, rampantly and hysterically accused of.

Fathers are the most important part of protecting and keeping families and children most protected and intact, from being ravaged by the many wolves in sheep's clothing. This includes fatherhood's main rival to truth, equality and justice for all (government). The classic signature of all totalitarian governments is to cleverly pretend to be putting up a valiant fight for these good things while doing the opposite. This is also the selfish radical feminist agenda, "Me first and only; it's all about ME, me milking you and everyone around me with my drama, while I pretend and dramatize doing the exact opposite."

Many just don't fully understand (they will benefit greatly from this book too) that it's not that fathers have abandoned their children or are bad, abusive and any more evil than mothers are. Government and their hangers-on would like you to believe dads are bad, more risky and suspect or guilty, until they can prove their innocence, which isn't even allowed anyway. These lies and hysteria just help them do more business than ever, and look like the good guys while raping and pillaging you and your family, and of course the whole village. They easily do this with the fully support of a largely happily ignorant village itself, because they can hysterically point the finger at those they have set up as villains.

Thanks for helping "our" government "help" us all so very much: Hillary, Obama, McCain, Pres. Bush, legislators on both "sides," governors, AG's, prosecutors and so very many "friends" of the family - very attractive wolves in sheep's clothing. There is little if any distinction between republicans and democrats when it comes to this subject and a few others.

Dr. Baskerville documents and backs up what he writes in this book. And, thanks for the quote from Dickens in the opening of chapter 1:

"The one great principle of the ... law is to make business for itself."

- Charles Dickens, "Bleak House"

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Stephen VO

5.0 out of 5 stars Social Security Title IV-D - Scourge and Bane of this Country

Reviewed in the United States on 14 October 2007

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It is about time that a book like this was published! Ever wonder why things happen the way they do in family courts across the country? Wonder why the custody of children usually always goes to the parent with the lowest income? Why custody always goes to the mother unless she voluntarily gives it up or is in prison? Why fathers can't seem to get more than about 35% physical time with their kids when both parents are fit and live close together?

Common sense and wisdom would dictate that, with all other things being about equal, the parent with an income significantly higher than the other would be better able to provide for and raise a child following a divorce - especially considering how expensive it is these days with the rising cost of college tuition, clothes, food, and extracurricular activities. But, then why is it that it seems that the parent with the highest income is always the one made to pay outrageous sums to money to the parent with the lower income? And the courts will unabashedly tell us that a 'child must be maintained in a standard of living he/she would have enjoyed had the divorce not happened'. Please!

All too often, we run around examining individual cases in disbelief and outrage at the way father's are methodically ostracized and demonized in today's culture without searched for doing a 'root cause' analysis. This is similar to finding an apple tree and trying to determine why just about each apple we pick is poison and trying to determine this on an apple by apple basis. We MUST stop analyzing the apples and start looking at the tree trunk and its roots! THERE is where we will find the problem!

The poison is the TITLE IV-D and IV-E sections of our Social Security Law! It can be found by going to this link [...]

It is United State Code (USC) Title 42 Chapter 7 SubChapter IV. You MUST read all the sections of these laws in their entirety and you will then begin to understand how every state in the union is PROFITING big time on the backs of parents going through divorce. They are profiting so big that if divorces stopped tomorrow, their state budgets would be in the RED big time!

And NO mainstream media outlet will TOUCH this! The so-called conservative big-mouths like Limbaugh, Hannity, and Savage will talk all day long about Hillary's 'SChip' program for child medical care (which is another joke), but they won't dare talk about what is already in place and is ruining this country from the inside. Most mainstream radio stations won't even let organizations purchase time on their stations to try to expose it! This is how well-kept the dirty secret is!

This book exposes this dirty secret, but I wish it would have gone into even more detail about it. For low level details, the best website I have found is [...] This person has done extensive research thru Freedom of Information Acts (FOIA) requests and has the 'goods' on them!

Hopefully, this book will serve as the catalyst that has been needed for so long that will finally expose the corruption in this nation's family courts and how the judges are ALL in on the profiteering! It is truly disgusting what is being allowed (and indeed approved) to happen in this country.

In 2006, Ohio collected 2.1 BILLION dollars in child support and spousal support payments! Because of this, they were able to obtain approximately an additional BILLION dollars from the Federal Government in incentives and block grants that can go into the GENERAL FUND! Basically, for every dollar the state claims as an enforcement expense, the Feds give them back \$2. If you were told that for every dollar you spend remodeling your house, the government would give you back \$2, can you imagine the remodeling that would start tomorrow??

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Tim A.

5.0 out of 5 stars Dispelling Anti-Father Myths

Reviewed in Canada on 13 August 2018

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Dr. Stephen Baskerville has done an immeasurable service in writing this book. Even coming from someone who was initially sympathetic to his point of view, the material in this book still retains a paradigm shifting capacity. There are so many myths about fathers (“deadbeat dads,” “abusive husband,” “controlling man”) that require dispelling that the reader is not likely to come away from this book without having his beliefs challenged in some way.

If you’ve ever questioned the conventional wisdom on domestic violence, domestic abuse, child support, supervised visitation, child custody issues, divorce, family court, and the like, you are going to appreciate this book. Dr. Baskerville convincingly demonstrates that almost everything we’ve been told about these subjects is wrong. For example, there never was any significant problem of fathers abandoning their families. Domestic violence is committed by women at least as often as men. Family courts do not actually serve the best interests of the children, but instead serve mainly as a racket to extract money from fathers to fund their own interests.

This is by far the most well researched and well cited work on these issues in existence. I thought when I ordered this book that I would get a well written polemic against the institutions that perpetuate the war against fathers. Instead I received the most comprehensive study of these issues I have seen. The author has gone to great lengths to ensure that his arguments are well grounded in research, that he draws from both allies and opponents to support his arguments, and that he covers the issues from every angle possible (the courts, the law, feminism, etc.).

The anecdotes in this book will shock you. The crimes that the state (and he covers not only the U.S. but the entirety of the Anglo world, including Canada, Britain, Australia, and New Zealand) has perpetrated against individuals in the “best interests of the children” have not been adequately reported. While individual anecdotes could be dismissed as outliers, taken as a whole the evidence is overwhelming, and it is hard to imagine a workable argument that could be made dismissing the author’s claim that there is a legitimate “war on fathers, marriage, and the family.”

I cannot recommend this book highly enough if you are or know a man (or woman) who has been railroaded by the family courts, whose rights have been casually violated by the police (false accusations), or who has been driven into destitution by so-called “child support.” After experiencing many of these issues myself and struggling to explain the nature of my agony to friends and family, I found that this book could communicate my intended message better than I ever could. I ordered four copies to share with friends and family. I hope that this book will help you to achieve healing, or to gain a better understanding of what is happening, as well.

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4.0 out of 5 stars An important book, but with a few caveats

Reviewed in the United States on 19 August 2010

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The subtitle “The War Against Fathers, Marriage, and the Family” sounds melodramatic but it’s all true. This expose of the divorce industry and its abuses is very eye-opening and hopefully will help to stir action. It is very well researched and contains copious footnotes. Time and again, I found one of the facts incredible and unbelievable, but then I checked the footnote and then looked it up on the Internet to confirm that it was indeed true.

This is a strong call for action for limiting of no-fault divorce, presumption of shared custody, rationalizing child support, and reforming of domestic violence laws.

But some caveats:

1. Most importantly, I don't think that the gender bias is quite as strong as he says. The "war against fatherhood" is less convincing than the "war against marriage and the family". The chapters "Fathers and Feminism" and "Politics of Fatherhood" are weaker than the others, and also aren't necessary to reach the conclusions and recommendations of the final chapter. Unfortunately, the book will turn away potential female supporters of divorce reform by its overemphasis on the gender bias.

2. Also, a underlying philosophy of TAKEN INTO CUSTODY is anti-big-government and the author seems to be a Libertarian. It will play into the hands of those who want to portray family-law reform as a right-wing cause.

3. Family "law" differs considerably from State to State, and the book presents something of a composite of the worst of all States. For example, the author says that false accusations of domestic violence won't affect later child custody hearings, but in some states they will. An important call for action is for a presumption of shared custody rather than a presumption of the mother getting full custody, but many states such as PA already do that. I think that a few states don't have No-Fault divorce, though unfortunately most do. It would be very helpful for the book to have an appendix or references about differences between States.

4. Adultery is not discussed, but in fact the legal protection of our imaginary "right to consensual sex without restrictions" is a very big part of the war against marriage and the family. In most states, adultery is not only legal, but it cannot even be a consideration in child custody or child support or divorce settlements. Probably Prof. Baskerville doesn't mention adultery because A) the gender bias isn't clear -- probably as many men have affairs as women if not more; and B) It doesn't fit with the anti-big-government theme.

In summary, this is an important and powerful book, but I'm afraid that it won't get as much attention as it deserves because of its overemphasis on gender bias and its political conservatism.

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Donald Tenn

5.0 out of 5 stars Baskerville's Best

Reviewed in the United States on 24 September 2021

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Dr. Stephen Baskerville is 'Spot On' in this book entitled, Taken Into Custody: The War Against Fathers, Marriage, and the Family

As the President of the Internationally recognized organization, "Fathers4Justice" I can tell you without a doubt, there is a war being waged within the so-called, 'Family' courts. This war has proven to be most detrimental not only to fathers and their children, but the anti-father actions of these courts have also had an adverse effect on our extended families and unfortunately for all, these actions have adversely affected our society as a whole.

The war against fathers is not only being waged in the United States, it is worldwide in scope! If you should find yourself in this most unfortunate situation if at all possible, try and reach a compromise outside of the courts. If you can not, BUY THE BOOK! Align with others, learn how this 50 Billion dollar-a-year industry is destroying the family unit and our society as a whole!

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