

## The Unexpected Legacy Of Divorce A 25 Year Landmark Study Judith S Wallerstein

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Growing Up with a Single Parent Vintage  
Fifty stories of marriages brought back from the brink of disaster. Fifteen more stories of heroic spouses standing for their marriages after spousal abandonment. Child of Divorce, Child of God Random House of Canada  
Nonwhite and white, rich and poor, born to an unwed mother or weathering divorce, over half of all children in the current generation will live in a single-parent family--and these children simply will not fare as well as their peers who live with both parents. This is the clear and urgent message of this powerful book. Based on four national surveys and drawing on more than a decade of research, Growing Up with a Single Parent sharply demonstrates the connection between family structure and a child's prospects for success. What are the chances that the child of a single parent will graduate from high school, go on to college, find and keep a job? Will she become a teenage mother? Will he be out of school and out of work? These are the questions the authors pursue across the spectrum of race, gender, and class. Children whose parents live apart, the authors find, are twice as likely to drop out of high school as those in two-parent families, one and a half times as likely to be idle in young adulthood, twice as likely to become single parents themselves. This study shows how divorce--particularly an attendant drop in income, parental involvement, and access to community resources--diminishes children's chances for well-being. The authors provide answers to other practical questions that many single parents may ask: Does the gender of the child or the custodial parent affect

these outcomes? Does having a stepparent, a grandmother, or a nonmarital partner in the household help or hurt? Do children who stay in the same community after divorce fare better? Their data reveal that some of the advantages often associated with being white are really a function of family structure, and that some of the advantages associated with having educated parents evaporate when those parents separate. In a concluding chapter, McLanahan and Sandefur offer clear recommendations for rethinking our current policies. Single parents are here to stay, and their worsening situation is tearing at the fabric of our society. It is imperative, the authors show, that we shift more of the costs of raising children from mothers to fathers and from parents to society at large. Likewise, we must develop universal assistance programs that benefit low-income two-parent families as well as single mothers. Startling in its findings and trenchant in its analysis, Growing Up with a Single Parent will serve to inform both the personal decisions and governmental policies that affect our children's--and our nation's--future.

### The Divorce Culture Lcb Publishing

When it first appeared in 1995, The Good Marriage became a best-seller. It offers timeless clues to the secret of happy, long-lasting marriages. Based on a groundbreaking study of fifty couples who consider themselves happily married, psychologist Judith Wallerstein presents the four basic types of marriage — romantic, rescue, companionate, and traditional — and identifies nine developmental tasks that must be successfully undertaken in a “good marriage” — separation from the family of origin, up and-down vicissitudes of early years, children, balance of work and home, dealing with infidelities, and more. The men and women Wallerstein interviewed readily admit that even the best relationship requires hard work and continuing negotiation, especially in the midst of societal pressures that can tear marriages apart. But they

also convey an inspirational message, for almost all of them feel that their marriage is their single greatest accomplishment. The Good Marriage explains why, and its lively mix of storytelling and analysis will challenge every couple to think in a profoundly different way about the most important relationship in their lives. “Should be required reading for all who are interested in marriage.” — W. Walter Menninger “Should prove a lifesaver for many couples.” — Publishers Weekly “Will enrich the sparse literature on happy marriages.” — USA Today “One of the nice things about The Good Marriage is its modesty. It doesn't pretend to offer a philosophy or even a lecture on marriage. It takes no position on the ideologically charged issues of women's marital roles and status. Equally important, it ignores the two most common ways of talking about marriage — as a contract negotiated between two equal parties and as the pathway to individual fulfillment. For this reason it is refreshingly free of ‘rights’ talk and therapy talk. Indeed, Wallerstein places much more emphasis on the development of good judgment and a moral sense than on the acquisition of effective communication or negotiation skills.” — Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, The Atlantic “A lagniappe to enduring couplehood... The strength of this study is that Ms. Wallerstein, a gifted interviewer, persuades the couples to reveal their interior lives in rich, explicit detail.” — Susan Jacoby, The New York Times Book Review “Written in a masterful style that often reads like the best popular fiction... Wallerstein and Blakeslee again combine their substantial talents... deftly and entertainingly exploring the foundations of good marriages.” — Tara

Aronson, San Francisco Examiner & Chronicle  
“ Groundbreaking. ” — Boston Globe “ This is a wonderfully readable and immensely valuable book, full of wise and original insights about the many, many roads to marital happiness. ” — Judith Viorst  
“ With wisdom, humor, and sympathetic understanding, Judith Wallerstein helps us recognize and rediscover the good marriage... lucid, psychologically sophisticated, and generously wise. ” — David Blankenhorn, Newsday “ Historically informative as well as profoundly wise psychologically. ” — Joan M. Erikson “ For a long time as a Rabbi, I ’ ve been using The Good Marriage, by the late Judith Wallerstein... in my pre-marital counseling. She provides... amazingly helpful insights [which] open up conversations and lead couples to think much more deeply about what they are getting themselves into — and what they might need to do to keep their marriages strong. ” — Rabbi Carl M. Perkins “ A welcome addition to the field of literature on contemporary marriage... The style [is] clear, concise, sensitive and, occasionally, personal. Her personal additions... add warmth, emotional consciousness, and greater insight into what makes individuals and couples happy in their relationships. This book has value for the many audiences interested in relational theory that want to approach relationships from a realistic and positive perspective. ” — Nancy Williford, Clinical Social Work Journal “ In The Good Marriage, Wallerstein ’ s new study of 50 married couples offers affirmation that the process of marriage itself presents a vehicle for transformation... A best-selling author, Wallerstein employs a thoughtful, nonaggressive style that appeals to the general public. Wallerstein has performed an invaluable service in The Good Marriage. ” — Elizabeth M. Tully, M.D., Journal of Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry  
“ Solid... impressive... Those interested in social policy should be pleased that so well-respected a liberal academic as Ms. Wallerstein has written a book that celebrates marriage and points the way

toward restructuring it. ” — Wall Street Journal “ With extraordinary skill and compassion Wallerstein and Blakeslee take us inside the lives of fifty American couples and find that a good marriage still provides the best framework for enduring love and intimacy. ” — Sylvia Ann Hewlett “ A very appealing book... clearly written and clearly thought out. ” — Library Journal “ Wallerstein ’ s major contribution is not about how and why love lasts, but about how and why love develops. It is in such a context, less idyllic, but more realistic, that the book will prove to be a lasting contribution. ” — Readings: A Journal of Reviews and Commentary in Mental Health  
Home Will Never Be the Same Again Hyperion Books  
Michele Lowrance is a practicing domestic relations Judge who over the last four years has seen one hundred percent of divorcing couples who followed her principles avoid trial. Utilizing her expertise as a former divorce attorney and family court judge, Judge Michele offers concrete advice from the bench, real-life stories, no-nonsense tools, so that you will be able to prevent collateral damage and protect what we all value most. Life goes on and the decisions we make during this process must endure as well. Michele F. Lowrance has been a domestic-relations Judge in the Circuit Court of Illinois since 1995. A child of divorce who was raised by her grandparents, Judge Lowrance is twice divorced. She has devoted her professional life to helping those similarly situated.  
On Intelligence Random House  
This provocative and timely book goes beyond conservative and liberal battles over the state of the American family and addresses the difficult question of marriage itself.  
The Love They Lost St. Martin's Griffin  
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more than 100,000 copies in print, The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce spent three weeks on the New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, and Denver Post bestseller lists. The book was also featured on two episodes of Oprah as well as on the front cover of Time and the New York Times Book Review.

The Smart Stepfamily Baker Academic

This unique and highly practical workbook will guide the estimated 20 million Adult Children of Divorce (ACDs) through the pain and confusion specific to their own past. Topics included are how divorce affects children at various ages, difficulty of stepping into adult roles as children, problems with siblings, long-term effects of divorce, and more.

Between Two Worlds Simon and Schuster

Growing up in a divorced family leads to a variety of difficulties for adult offspring in their own partnerships. One of the best known and most powerful is the divorce cycle, the transmission of divorce from one generation to the next. This book examines how the divorce cycle has transformed family life in contemporary America by drawing on two national data sets. Compared to people from intact families, the children of divorce are more likely to marry as teenagers, but less likely to wed overall, more likely to marry people from divorced families, more likely to dissolve second and third marriages, and less likely to marry their live-in partners. Yet some of the adverse consequences of parental divorce have abated even as divorce itself proliferated and became more socially accepted. Taken together, these findings show how parental divorce is a strong force in people's lives and society as a whole.

Integrity Restored: Helping Catholic Families Win the Battle Against Pornography (Revised and Expanded Edition) ReadHowYouWant.com  
Reveals how children who experienced their parents' divorce in the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s developed fears of abandonment and betrayal, which continues to influence their ability to develop and commit to adult relationships.

The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce Simon and Schuster

Restore your faith in love and build healthy, successful relationships with this essential guide for every woman haunted by her parents' divorce. Silver Medal Independent Publisher's Award Winner of the Best Book Award in "Self-Help: Relationships" Over 40 percent of Americans ages eighteen to forty are children of divorce. Yet women with divorced parents are more than twice as likely than men to get divorced themselves and struggle in romantic relationships. In this powerful, uplifting guide, mother-daughter team Terry and Tracy draws on thirty years of clinical practice and interviews with over 320 daughters of divorce to help you recognize and overcome the unique emotional issues that parental separation creates so you can build the happy, long-lasting relationships

you deserve. Learn how to: Examine your parents' breakup from an adult perspective Heal the wounds of the past Recognize destructive dynamics in intimate relationships and take steps to change them Trust yourself and others by embracing vulnerability Create strong partnerships with their proven Seven Steps to a Successful Relationship Break the divorce legacy once and for all!

#### Divorce Sucks New Harbinger Publications

From the inventor of the PalmPilot comes a new and compelling theory of intelligence, brain function, and the future of intelligent machines Jeff Hawkins, the man who created the PalmPilot, Treo smart phone, and other handheld devices, has reshaped our relationship to computers. Now he stands ready to revolutionize both neuroscience and computing in one stroke, with a new understanding of intelligence itself. Hawkins develops a powerful theory of how the human brain works, explaining why computers are not intelligent and how, based on this new theory, we can finally build intelligent machines. The brain is not a computer, but a memory system that stores experiences in a way that reflects the true structure of the world, remembering sequences of events and their nested relationships and making predictions based on those memories. It is this memory-prediction system that forms the basis of intelligence, perception, creativity, and even consciousness. In an engaging style that will captivate audiences from the merely curious to the professional scientist, Hawkins shows how a clear understanding of how the brain works will make it possible for us to build intelligent machines, in silicon, that will exceed our human ability in surprising ways. Written with acclaimed science writer Sandra Blakeslee, *On Intelligence* promises to completely transfigure the possibilities of the technology age. It is a landmark book in its scope and clarity.

#### The Marriage Makeover Tarcher

The groundbreaking handbook that helps parents guide their children through divorce and co-parenting -- including the introduction of step-parents -- from a New York Times bestselling author and child psychologist. This is the definitive work from the renowned child psychologist Judith Wallerstein on a subject that concerns millions of American moms and dads: How can you protect your children during and after divorce? Divorce is not a single event but a lifelong trajectory of changed circumstances that demand a different kind of parenting than we have ever known. In *What About the Kids?* Wallerstein draws on thirty years of in-depth interviews with children of divorce and their parents to show how to create a new family with compassion and wisdom. It covers issues that arise at the time of divorce as well as suggestions for talking to your children months and years after the event. Eminent psychologist Judith S. Wallerstein shares her unique insight and advice in *What About*

*the Kids?* -- the first comprehensive guide to easing the impact of divorce on your children -- including: The best and worst ages for children to experience their parents' divorce Right and wrong ways to explain divorce to your children Choosing a custody arrangement that's best for your child How to involve the grandparents -- a major resource? Getting the children on your side when you form new relationships The positive effects of divorce on children (believe it or not) How divorce can actually make you a better parent Raising children who grow up able to form lasting relationships

#### Leading the Presence-Driven Church Rowman & Littlefield

This reference work breaks new ground as an electronic resource. Utterly comprehensive, it serves as a repository of knowledge in the field as well as a frequently updated conduit of new material long before it finds its way into standard textbooks.

#### Daughters of Divorce W. W. Norton & Company

Debunking popular wisdom on the devastating psychological and social effects of divorce, eminent psychologist Mavis Hetherington presents a more nuanced picture. This unprecedented look at our divorce-prone society concludes that the aftermath of divorce need not be a prescribed pathway of dissolution but can be one of healing and ultimate fulfillment. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved.

#### Encyclopedia of Child Behavior and Development Hachette UK

Ready to leave your divorce behind and live a life you love? After a long marriage, Jude Walsh found herself in a position she never thought possible: divorced. The life she knew was gone. To heal the pain of the divorce and create a different future for herself, Jude developed eight practices, which she shares with the goal of helping other women create the life of their dreams and thrive after divorce. In *Post-Divorce Bliss*, women learn to shift their perspective, go beyond grief, and transform their trauma, along with other practical skills for moving forward. With Jude's guidance and passion, women find themselves ready to leave their divorce behind and live a life they love.

#### The Honeymoon's Over Mills & Boon

Based on the Children of Divorce Project, a landmark study of sixty families during the first five years after divorce, this enlightening and humane modern classic altered the conventional wisdom on the short- and long-term effects of family dissolution.

#### Mother Daughter Me Emmaus Road Publishing

Finally in paperback, the New York Times bestseller that has fundamentally changed the way children of divorce see themselves as adults--updated with a new preface by the author.

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**CHILDREN OF DIVORCE CARRY WOUNDS INTO ADULTHOOD**; Divorce affects our relationships to other people, our fears and longings, our faith and spirituality. We may have difficulties with anger, guilt, commitment or forgiveness. But our identity need not be marked only by our parents' divorce. God can enter into our woundedness and bring transformation and hope. Kristine Steakley chronicles the emotional and spiritual challenges facing adult children of divorce. She tells her own story of abandonment and estrangement, and wrestles through questions of trust, self-worth and identity. But she has found that God can repair and reparent us in ways that heal and restore our relationships with ourselves, our parents and God.

#### What About the Kids? Basic Books

To secure his heir... The night that Rose Palmer met enigmatic Italian tycoon Dante Fortinari she threw caution to the wind, allowing him to sweep her off her feet and into his bed! But by the next morning Dante was gone, leaving Rose heartbroken, alone...and pregnant. Two years later, Rose comes face-to-face with the father of her daughter and can no longer hide the truth of that night. She knew he'd be angry, but never expected him to demand marriage! She longs to accept, but can her heart withstand life with a man who might never love her back?

#### Adult Children of Divorce Harper Collins

Seventy now-adult children of divorce give their candid and

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often heart-wrenching answers to eight questions (arranged in eight chapters, by question), including: What were the main effects of your parents' divorce on your life? What do you say to those who claim that "children are resilient" and "children are happy when their parents are happy"? What would you like to tell your parents then and now? What do you want adults in our culture to know about divorce? What role has your faith played in your healing? Their simple and poignant responses are difficult to read and yet not without hope. Most of the contributors--women and men, young and old, single and married--have never spoken of the pain and consequences of their parents' divorce until now. They have often never been asked, and they believe that no one really wants to know. Despite vastly different circumstances and details, the similarities in their testimonies are striking; as the reader will discover, the death of a child's family impacts the human heart in universal ways.