

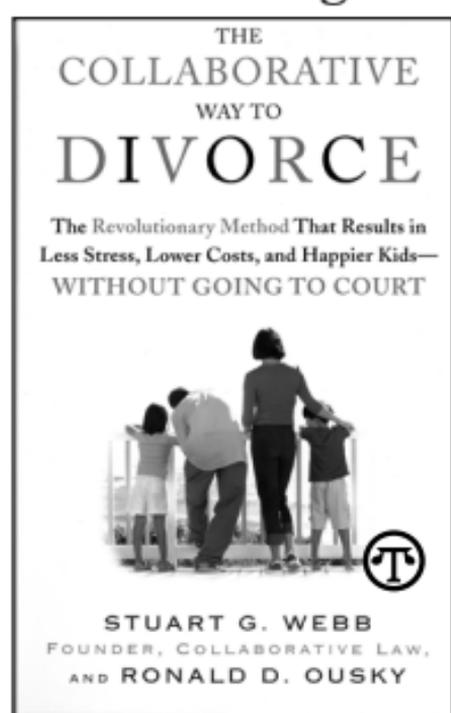


BOOK NEWS & NOTES

De-Stressing Divorce

(NAPSA)—Cooperation may not be a word many people associate with divorce, but if the authors of a new book have their way, it soon will be. Called “The Collaborative Way To Divorce: The Revolutionary Method That Results in Less Stress, Lower Cost, and Happier Kids—Without Going to Court” (Hudson

Street Press, \$23.95), the book provides what authors Stuart G. Webb and Ronald D. Ousky say is a way for couples to avoid litigation, without giving up what they want.



Their Collaborative process, which is a nationally acclaimed approach, is helping transform the way couples dissolve their marriages, divide assets, reinvent their post-divorce relationships and deal with custody issues.

For instance, the divorce process is traditionally started when one spouse prepares (with the help of an attorney) a summons and petition. That paperwork is then filed with the court and a judge is assigned the case. In Collaborative divorces, both clients and their attorneys meet for a four-way conference to discuss how everyone wants to proceed with the case. All parties sign an agreement which commits them to resolving all issues out of court.

The book guides readers step by step through the Collaborative process and emphasizes what the authors say is a key point: Collaborative divorces aren't about going easy on your spouse, they're about ending up with more money, less stress and happier kids.

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