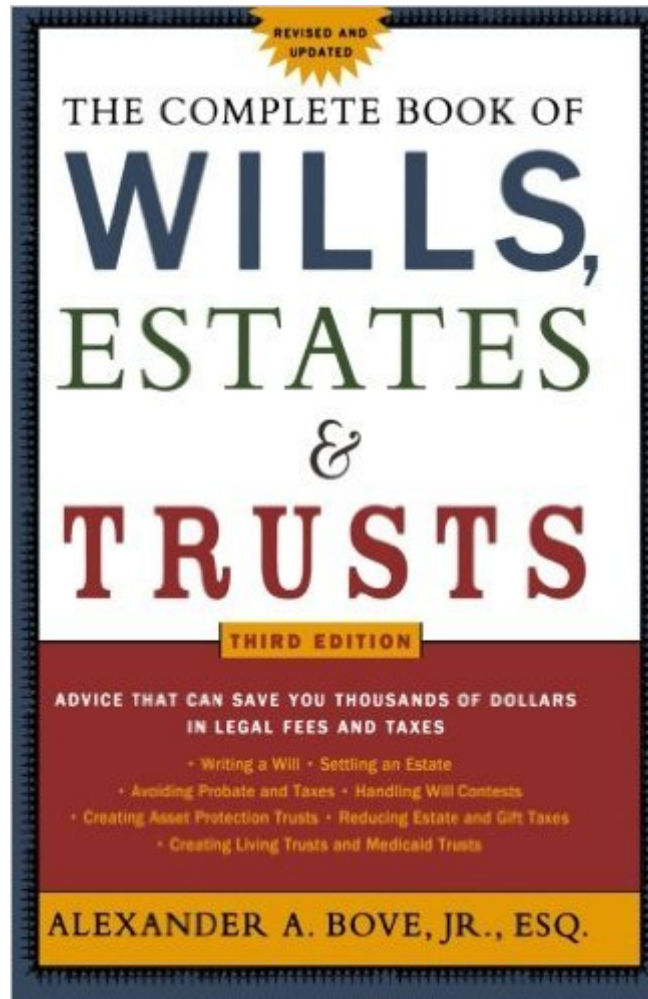


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The problem seems to be that the author originally thought he was writing "The complete book of Wills and Estates" and would save Trusts for a followup book. The chapters on wills and estates are entertaining, informative, useful, and even easy to read (something I thought would never be possible in a legal book -- even a pop-level legal book). The author is able to make the legal concepts seem alive and useful through clever writing, amusing or relevant real-life scenarios, and thoughtful what-ifs.Unfortunately, the chapter on trusts is lacking. It feels unorganized and rushed.

Sections duplicate each other or sections from the previous chapters. There are no amusing anecdotes; the sample scenarios are contrived and make it harder rather than easier to pay attention -- it is at the level I expected from a pop legal book. The pacing is very poor. All of the similarly-named trusts blur into each other. There are quite a few spelling, wording, and other typographical errors in this chapter (I found none in the prior chapters). Nonetheless, I would recommend the book for giving the details of an overview. A consultation with an actual attorney knowledgeable about the laws of your state is still advisable, as the book is already out-of-date. But this will help you understand things better and have a more intelligent conversation. It will also help disabuse you of any notions that inheritance law comes close to making intuitive sense.

The book is full of practical and in depth legal concepts. Well written and organized, and even humorous with his many examples. The full course.

This is my favorite book on estate planning (and I have read several). It is complete, easy to read and even entertaining.

Sets out a framework to think about the issues. But out of date as a practical tool given changes in laws and/or regulations.

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