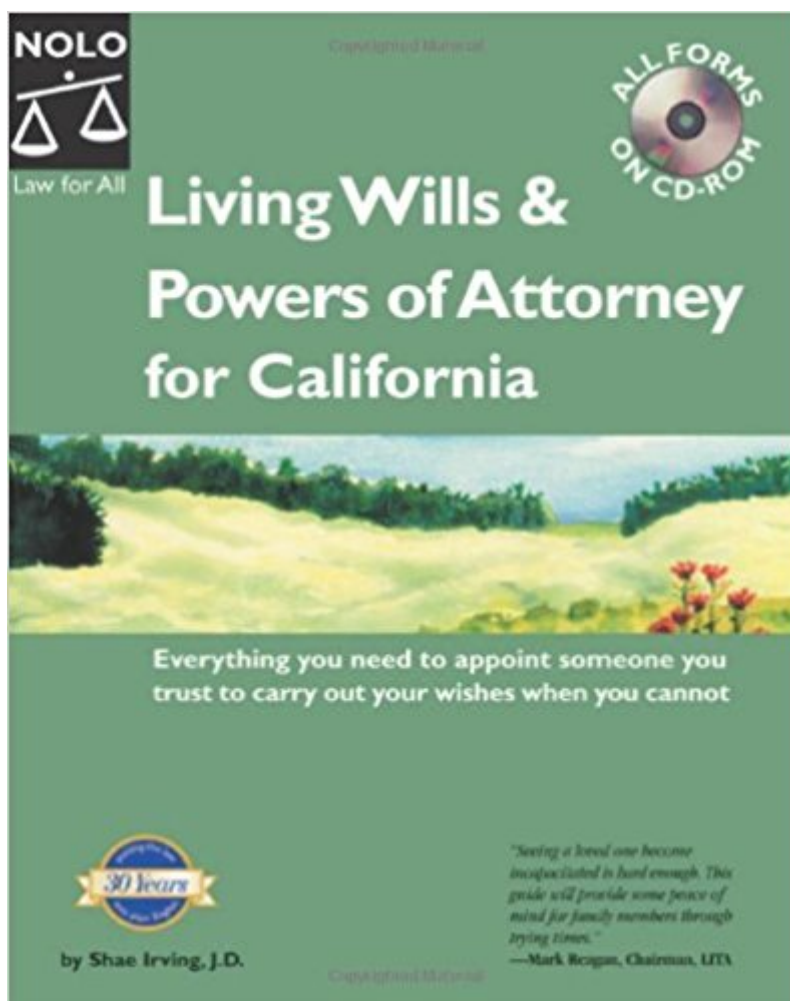


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## Synopsis

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This book is good for creating a Living Will and Power of Attorney. People are fearful of thinking about themselves not being in control of their life, but it's actually worse if you haven't made a plan (except in cases where you clearly want a court to be in jurisdiction of your choices). After visiting a young friend of mine in her 20's who is in a coma and remains in a convalescent home months after her accident, I decided that would not be what I would want if I were in a similar situation. So I used the book's CD form, downloaded to my PC, typed in my entries, had it notarized, and sent to my primary care physician and the people in my life who have agreed to make decisions in my behalf. It really was simple. Not easy, as I had kind of a lump in my throat thinking about it all, but much better to get it done. The form's font made my portion of the form difficult to read once I printed it out with my input typed in the necessary spots. I would recommend if you are using these forms, that you use fonts that allow easier reading than the default. Otherwise it was good, easy, done. The Power of Attorney was also easy. Again, I used the form on the included CD, typed in my entries, took it to my notary, and again, done. The book gave good information, that this form, unlike the Living Will form, should not be distributed in case you need to take the power of attorney from your selected person, etc. It does need to be in a location for the selected person to find the power of attorney form when needed. With both of these, you need agreement with the selected people in your life. I've used Nolo for advice in the past and have always found them and their books to be easy to use and correct.

Lots of great samples of wills and trusts.

This is a very good guide for anyone preparing an advanced health care directive and/or power of attorney for finances. It's geared towards California residents - the forms are based on statutory forms in the California Code. They can be modified according to your preferences, upon the advice in this book. The language is easy for us laypeople to follow, and I appreciate the general advice on planning for health care emergencies. I also found the discussion on incorporating both types of forms in your overall estate planning particularly useful. I'd recommend this book for anyone, whether you suffer from a serious illness or disability, or not.

As described. Good seller.

While the information in the book was helpful, I was not able to use the included CD on my Macintosh computer.

Excellent -all the form(s) I needed, and a great easy to understand overview.

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