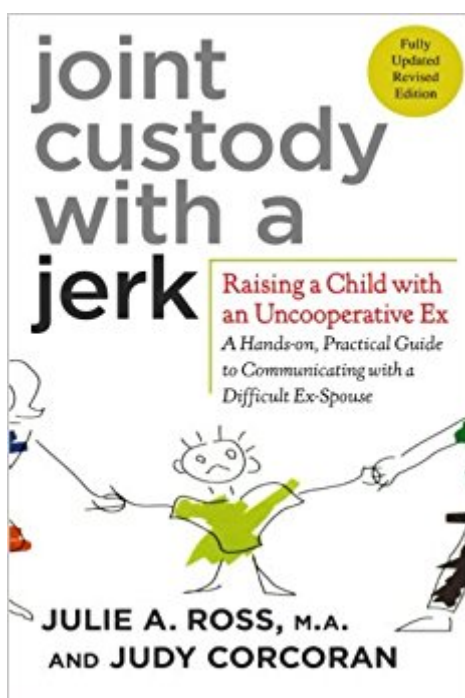


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# Joint Custody With A Jerk: Raising A Child With An Uncooperative Ex- A Hands-on, Practical Guide To Communicating With A Difficult Ex-Spouse



## Synopsis

From parenting expert Julie A. Ross and writer Judy Corcoran comes the fully revised *Joint Custody with a Jerk*, the highly praised guide to co-parenting with an uncooperative ex-spouse, now updated to provide real solutions to tough family issues. It's a fact that parenting is hard enough in a family where two parents love and respect each other. After divorce, when the respect has diminished and the love has often turned to intense dislike, co-parenting can be nearly impossible, driving one or both parents to the brink of insanity. *Joint Custody with a Jerk* offers many proven communication techniques that help you deal with your difficult ex-husband or ex-wife. By outlining common problems and teaching tools to examine your own role in these sticky situations, this book conveys strategies for effective mediation that are easy to apply, sensible, timely and innovative. This revised edition of a bestselling classic sheds light on how today's digital forms of communication can both hurt and help in custody conflicts, and offers updated information throughout that brings age-old issues into the present day.

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"Great counsel for happily-ever-after a divorce." —Kirkus Reviews

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An absolute must read for anyone who is going through any kind of divorce. Even before divorce it would be good to read when one is considering it as it accurately reflects reality as everyone turns into a Jerk once custody is a question.

Pretty good but if you are dealing with a crazy person it's not as helpful. They should write one for dealing with people who intentionally do the wrong thing.

Being in the midst of a contentious divorce with an angry spouse is hard, and dealing with unreasonable people can sometimes result in EVERYone being unreasonable and nothing getting solved. This book offers not only good advice but real-life solutions and strategies you can actually use and apply in/to ALL relationships to resolve conflicts. Fair warning - you may find out you, too, are being the jerk. The Problem Pyramid is FABULOUS. I read this book and "Putting Children First" as soon as I saw trouble on the horizon, and while both were useful, in my opinion this one struck the best balance.

I liked this book mostly for the title -- much more validating than feel-good books about how life will be so great post divorce. No it won't! it's gonna be worse than ever, because all of the same problems will still be there, plus many new ones, and all with less time and money to deal with those problems. It's kind of discouraging, because ultimately it says that you just have to accept the fact that your kids' lives are going to be much worse because of the divorce, and that is obviously going to make your life worse too. However, it was at least realistic about the losses involved.

This is a good read with a whole lot of ideas on how to deal with a difficult "ex."

If you are looking for ways to better communicate with your ex for the benefit of your children you

would be remiss if you did not add this gem to your parenting library. You do have a parenting library don't you? If you are dealing with an uncooperative ex you should have a few good resource books on hand. This book is lighthearted about serious subjects in a practical, useful and well delivered package. Having personally encounter many of the situations and issues both personally and in my professional life as a Family Law attorney of 20 years, a Collaborative Divorce Lawyer and author of Stop Fighting Over the Kids, I have pretty much seen it all. What often happens is that contentious couple spend so much time "one upping" and criticizing the other that they fail to look at themselves as the impetus of change. If you are divorcing you should know that you can not make someone change if they do not want to and especially if they do not think that they need to. Right? But, you always can change you; how you act, react and what you do. This book is by far one of the more proactive ones on the subject matter. It provides proven methods at improving your communication skills. It is only by improving you sometimes, that improvement of the situation will occur. The book also appropriately addresses how the children who are stuck in the middle of parental tug of war often feel. Chapters five and six discuss this in the context of letting go of the past and working at change. The later parts of the book deal with the important topics associated with proper communication with your kids during these difficult transitional times. I have recommended Joint Custody With a Jerk to many clients over the years and I even listed it as a Helpful Resource on pages 265-266 in my book Stop Fighting Over the Kids: Resolving Day-to-Day Custody Custody Conflict in Divorce Situations. ã ã Stop Fighting Over The Kids: Resolving Day-to-Day Custody Conflict in Divorce Situations (Mike Mastracci's Divorce Without Dishonor)

My son's psychologist recommended this read in order to assist in how to process, react, handle the presentation of panic-button statements & actions by the other parent. I highly recommend this book for any parent going through a contentious divorce, where often collateral damage to the children can result. This will help you safeguard them in the future.

recommend very helpful easy reading and gives you insight of how a child views things. Arrived on time and in good condition every parent with joint custody must read this it will help you and has some good tips

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