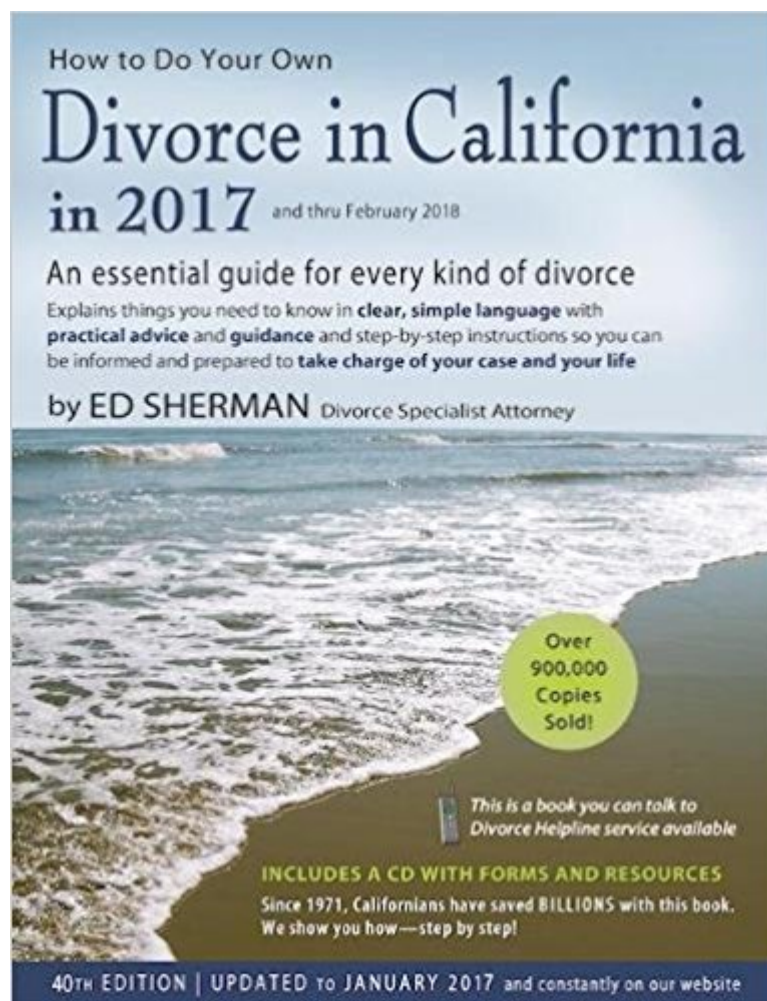




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# How To Do Your Own Divorce In California In 2017: An Essential Guide For Every Kind Of Divorce



## Synopsis

With *How to Do Your Own Divorce in California in 2017*, Californians can obtain an uncontested divorce without hiring an attorney. Even for couples using an attorney, this book is an essential guide to making things go smoother and includes new and revised court forms for readers. The first part of the book explains in detail how to divide property and settle custody, visitation, and child support issues. The second part is a step-by-step guide through the court process, including how to complete important forms, when to file them, and how to get through a court appearance or even avoid it altogether. The included CDROM features demo versions of Nolo's CalSupport child and spousal support calculation software, Nolo's DealMaker Settlement Agreement software, and several other bonus items.

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## Customer Reviews

Ed Sherman was born in Hannibal, Missouri in 1938, graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law in 1964 and was admitted to the California Bar in 1965. He founded Nolo Press and the entire legal self-help movement. His books include *How to Do Your Own Divorce in California*, *Practical Divorce Solutions*, *How To Do Your Own Contested Divorce in California* (the title was later to changed to *How to Solve Divorce Problems in California*), *Legal Essentials for California Couples* (formerly *California Marriage Law*, *Make any Divorce Better*, and *The Couples Contract for a Lasting Relationship*). In 1989 he founded the Divorce Helpline and through these guidebooks is able to share his secrets and lessons learned from over 40 years of experience with more than 45,000 successful cases. He lives in San Luis Obispo, CA.

I used it in 2011, so there may be an even better version available now. A little background to explain why I had to use a DIY divorce kit. I was 66 yrs old at the time. My husband had been sober & clean of drugs for 12 years when I married him, but after 29 years of marriage and 41 years of sobriety, he decided to abuse drugs again. He started abusing only when I'd go out of town to visit my children. But when I found out about it - because he ran a red light and got a ticket - he no longer hid it and got totally out of control. He had run up our credit card bills so I had no money for a lawyer and there was no legal aid society around to help me. He had worked very little during our marriage (he preferred to be a "house husband") so I was the major breadwinner & I felt like my remaining married to him would be enabling him. I did not want to be responsible in any way for him injuring or killing someone while DUI. This Kit had all the information I needed to do the divorce myself. It was still time consuming, because you have to list all your assets, liabilities, creditors, and how you're going to divide them, but if you use lawyers you still have to gather all that info for them. Because of our financial straits, without this kit I would STILL be legally tied to him, and financially and morally responsible for his bad actions. I definitely recommend this Kit if you need to get divorced and cannot afford or just don't want to pay an attorney. Maybe even if you can afford one. I was divorced once before, in Colorado, and when we went to court it turned out the lawyer's office forgot to type up the division of property, so that divorce was postponed a month! You are the person most committed to things being done correctly. If you do it yourself you can double check and triple check your work. In my case there were not custody issues, but the Kit covers all possible circumstances. It was WELL worth the price and the effort, My Texas divorce went off without a hitch!

All went well, by using this helpful book. It had all of the forms I needed to fill out myself, and file with the court house. It helped me every step of the way. It will help you also. I got this book again in 2012 to help a family member to get a divorce with this book. But I found it to be a bit more complicated and more detailed than in the years past. But it is a really useful tool to assist you. It is the most helpful for those of you who have more agreeable desires in the final divorce. For those of you with children, and are fighting over the custody, it is best to get a lawyer for that. Or if there is a battle to be won when fighting over community property is going on, leave those to an attorney as well, is best. But for those whose both parties are wanting the divorce and one of them is willing to sign a waiver to not contest it, that is the best and simplest way to go.. This book will really be a help in doing that.

Tried to use the forms at the Court house to file. They changed the forms, so used theirs, had to rewrite everything. Books informative, but out of date seemingly.

While the book has great information, the CD did not work in my Mac. I wish they had warned me. The whole point of buying the book was to get the forms!

Truly a well set out book of instructions with all necessary forms set out on CD. I used it to assist on two actual cases with no problems. My only regret was misplacing the CD, but it's worth the money even if I have to buy another CD!!!! I highly recommend this program to anyone needing divorce assistance.

Good

This book/cd has all the forms and direction necessary for an uncomplicated divorce. I used it and everything was perfectly in order when I went before the judge to finalize my divorce.

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