

THE BOOK

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Ricaardoe Di Done has written a book that relates in poignant and compelling detail his 16-year struggle through an almost unbelievable maze of legal chicanery to maintain a vital relationship with his natural son.

Most parents tend to underestimate the effects of divorce/separation on their children and to initiate court proceedings without being aware neither of the legal process' adversarial and costly nature nor of the consequences for their children and future family interactions. Furthermore, parents too often ignore the problems resulting from the breakdown of the family. Youths, when cut off from their usual bearings, may cope by turning to behaviours that are harmful to themselves and others. How many distressed and unhappy youth run away from their homes, use drugs, join street gangs and fall prey to the sex trade? Rarely do criminal behaviours develop from a household filled with love, harmony and understanding. Admittedly, for some youths, these behaviours are indisputably linked to psychological problems. But, for many, they result from the breakdown of their family and the lack of knowledge about the damaging effects it can have, especially on youth.

Please don't let me go Papa! will prove invaluable to all couples with children who are thinking about or caught in separation/divorce proceedings, by allowing them to make an informed decision for the love of their children.

Please don't let me go Papa! is a book that leaves no one indifferent. In addition to describing the living nightmare that is shared by countless couples with children caught in separation or divorce proceedings, the author provides concrete and achievable recommendations to our legal and social structures to ensure the best interests of children and parents in the midst of separation, divorce, custody and access disputes.

Please don't let me go Papa! is a highly accessible yet captivating and powerful novel that makes the case for more humane methods of resolving family conflicts involving children.