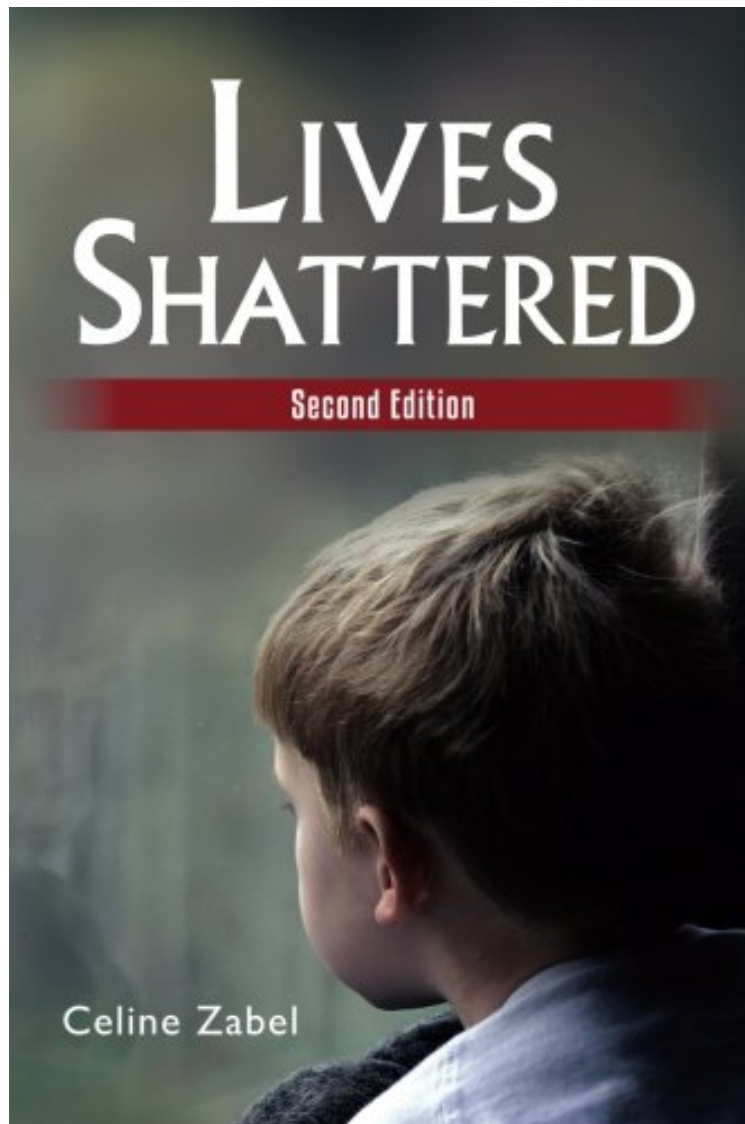


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Celine Zabel : Lives Shattered: Second Edition before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Lives Shattered: Second Edition:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Touching, poignant, and sad but trueBy suzI received this book from yesterday afternoon and read it one day, never wanting to put the book down. Celine has written a candid and heartfelt summary of what she has been through with her ex and the judicial system over the last 20 years or so. The insensitivity and disregard for the children and Celine displayed during this process are shocking.Some of Celine's best attributes, which I think come through loud and clear in the book, are her honesty, her determination, and her tenacity.

Her sacrifices so that she can be a mother to her children, despite her ex's outright war on her, are above and beyond what most of us could have or would have done. Not only do I think writing this book was part of the healing process for Celine, but also I think she wants to share what she experienced and give all of us readers fair warning of possible and unexpected and unreasonable obstacles in both relationships and the judicial system. Celine and I met in 1977 when we were both CPAs at the Big Eight firm in Denver. We were both idealistic, ambitious, energetic, and hard workers. We've kept in touch all these years, even though my husband and I moved to California in 1987 and now live in Tucson. Even though I knew about much of what went on over the years, despite our long-distance friendship, reading this book made me even more respectful and admiring of who Celine is. I highly recommend this book for its honesty, for its very readable and engaging format, for its "heads-up" to all of us, and most of all, for showing how much she loves her two children, despite all the obstacles thrown in her way.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Unrelenting Love By Cheri Kloberg There is no love more unconditional, intense and perfect than that of a mother for her children. "Lives Shattered" is truly a love story. Celine spent her growing years searching to find her familial role in that bond, then is gifted with the long awaited parenthood of her own two children. Chills run down my spine and I felt the shock horror of what this mother was forced to do to protect her babies and herself. God bless you, Celine, for having the courage to speak aloud about your personal experiences and inmost thoughts. You are in inspiration to others who have been wronged by ignorant, inhumane corrupt individuals who threaten one's right to LOVE one's own children. Love will triumph.....

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Lives Shattered By Josie Heinz This book was very good, but challenging to read. I had to take breaks, as it was so painful and frustrating to read what this mom has gone through for her kids. I have no idea how Celine found the courage and strength to endure this journey. She did a great job of writing and communicating ALL of the many varied emotions. I laughed and cried and experienced her pain. If you have kids and are thinking of divorce, please read and be aware of what might await you.

In a country where hundreds of women lose their children through divorce each year, one woman's heartbreaking story of loss, struggle, and eventual survival will provide the world with a glimpse into the heartache and pain felt by these mothers. Celine Zabel's story follows her life growing up in Iowa during the 50's and 60's, her move to Colorado in the 70's, and through the loss of her two children in a gut-wrenching divorce and her unyielding attempts to win them back. This is an eye-opening story of loss and survival. Lives Shattered: Second Edition incorporates additional life events while Lives Shattered: One Mother's Loss at the Hands of the Legal System looks extensively at the harsh realities and pitfalls of the United States legal system. This touching tale of survival shows how one woman overcame unbearable pain and loss while maintaining a modicum of hope. Told through a mixture of narration, first person letters, and third party accounts of Zabel's life before and during this extraordinarily trying time, this poignant story shows readers everywhere the catastrophic and emotional toll a mother's loss takes and the breathtaking strength it takes to make it through to the other side. Inspired by the legal train wreck that changed her life forever, Zabel wrote Lives Shattered in order to show people that this disturbing scenario isn't all that uncommon. With a need to help others who could potentially face the same situation, or are dealing with their own losses, Zabel documented her story in an effort to make a difference. A shocking tale of survival in the face of extreme adversity, this incredible story is a must-read for anyone going through a personal tragedy at the hands of a legal system were supposed to trust. Lives Shattered is a truly dramatic account of a woman's life being ripped apart by the failings of the legal system. Filled with unyielding tension, heartbreaking emotion, and the quiet strength that allows people to stay on their feet and soldier on, this amazing story will touch readers from all walks of life. Whether you're going through a divorce, are in the legal profession, or simply enjoy a good, dramatic read, this story will keep you riveted from the beginning.

From the Author I have written this book so that others will know what can happen when divorcing with children and what to expect related to custody issues with divorce. The legal system does not always act with justice. And mothers can lose custody of children. My experience should not be looked at as an isolated case. Divorce lawyers, custody evaluators, parenting coordinators, guardian ad litem, and children's representatives are all part of the legal system. They must be chosen carefully if your divorce gets to this stage. I must encourage all divorcing couples to stay out of the legal system, if at all possible. Look for alternative forms of dispute resolution such as mediation. Take the power back. Don't give it away to the lawyers and the judges. You can make the better decisions for yourselves and your children.

About the Author Zabel has been writing professionally, in connection with her work as a CPA, for over thirty years. She enjoys public speaking and teaching classes on subjects that she is passionate about. As a result of her experiences over nineteen years within a dismissive and broken legal system, Zabel has become a professional mediator. With a love of reading, cooking, traveling, and skiing, she is truly happiest seeing her experiences helping others.