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If you want to know a good deal about estate planning and trusts but don't want a four-hundred-page boring book to read, I highly, highly recommend getting this one. It's short, to-the-point, and very informative. Free Money, Finance.com Ronald Sharp explains trusts in clear and easy-to-understand language, including one truth most lawyers don't want to admit: a trust is often better than a will and less costly! Lonnie McLane, Estate Tax Consultants, LLC Sharp makes a reasoned and strong case for the use of trusts as a complete alternative for wills. For roughly the cost of a lunch, *Living Trusts for Everyone* can . . . equip the average American with enough thoughtful questions to ensure that his or her lawyer is doing all that s/he can to protect that person's assets. For that alone, it belongs on your reading list. Logan Lo, New York Journal of Books About the Author Ronald Farrington Sharp is an attorney with offices in Michigan, now concentrating in and handling cases only in the areas of Trusts, Estate Planning, and Probate. Sharp established his firm in 1975. His company works closely on a referral basis with financial planners, insurance professionals, accountants and estate planners in developing a comprehensive estate plan package. For the first half of his career Mr. Sharp specialized in family law and divorce, in the past ten years gradually shifting the focus of the practice to estate planning. Since then, Mr. Sharp has personally prepared over three thousand trusts and estate plans. His first book with Allworth Press, *Winning the Divorce War*, was published in 1998, with a second edition in 2005. Ronald Sharp is married with three adult children and one grandchild and he divides his time between Michigan and Florida.