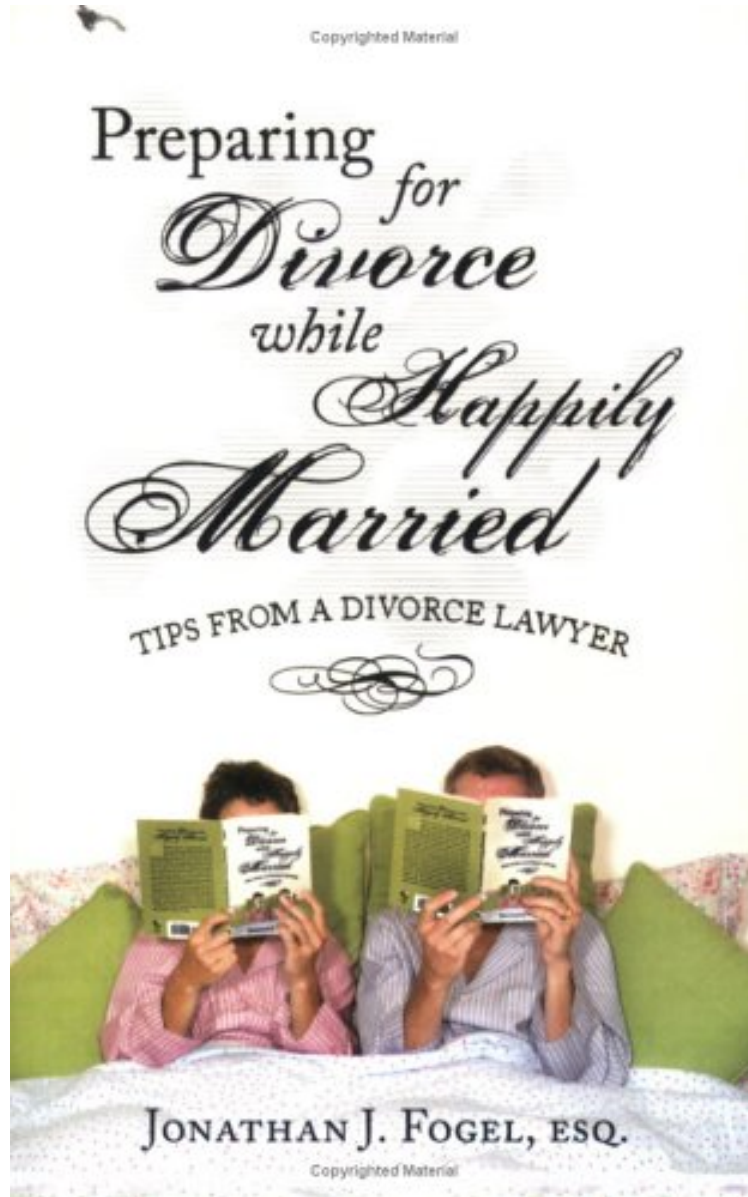


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Practical advice!By Armchair InterviewsThe thought of preparing for a divorce while happily married is abhorrent. But if you find yourself contemplating divorce or even filing for one, you might wish you had read Jonathan J. Fogel's book, *Preparing for Divorce While Happily Married: Tips From a Divorce Lawyer*. Fogel warns that divorce can be costly both emotionally and financially, but suggests that by following his advice, the costs can be minimized and you can control the process. Fogel discusses the advantage of being the one who leaves versus the one who is left. He details a plan to get the best lawyer possible and prevent your spouse from getting the best, or even second, third, fourth or fifth best. His practical advice is extremely valuable and will help you protect yourself financially through good record keeping and by not co-mingling funds. And he lays out the child custody process and provides practical information to better your chances of receiving physical and legal custody of your children. Some of Fogel's advice is logical but not what people who are happily married usually think about. If you're in the throws of a highly charged divorce, his book is a handy reference. Fogel readily admits some of his advice is sneaky, but if you're fighting for your financial and emotional life, having an edge could keep you solvent and sane. Having worked in Family Court as a Custody and Access Evaluator, I found Fogel's advice about children and custody to be sound and practical. It is based on Minnesota law, but much of the information can be transferred to other states. If I was considering a divorce, Fogel's book would be my first choice to read. But even if you're happily married, his advice makes sense, just in case. Armchair Interviews says: No one wants to think their marriage will fail but Fogel's book is a good one to have handy. It might save you a lot of time, money and emotional heartache.

Divorce can be a phenomenally costly process-both financially and emotionally. But there are ways to reduce the costs of this high stakes game. There are ways to take control of the process. The type of preparation I discuss in this book can save you thousands of dollars in attorneys' fees-as well as many years of therapy. As you will see from reading this book, if you wait until the divorce process has started to begin preparing for your divorce, it is too late; you will have already lost. The process of planning for a divorce-or at least recognizing some of the important elements, and potential risks, procedures, and rules-must begin several years before the divorce has been initiated. Preparing for a divorce involves lengthy and painstaking financial and professional commitments, and the sooner you begin to understand what could be at stake, the better.