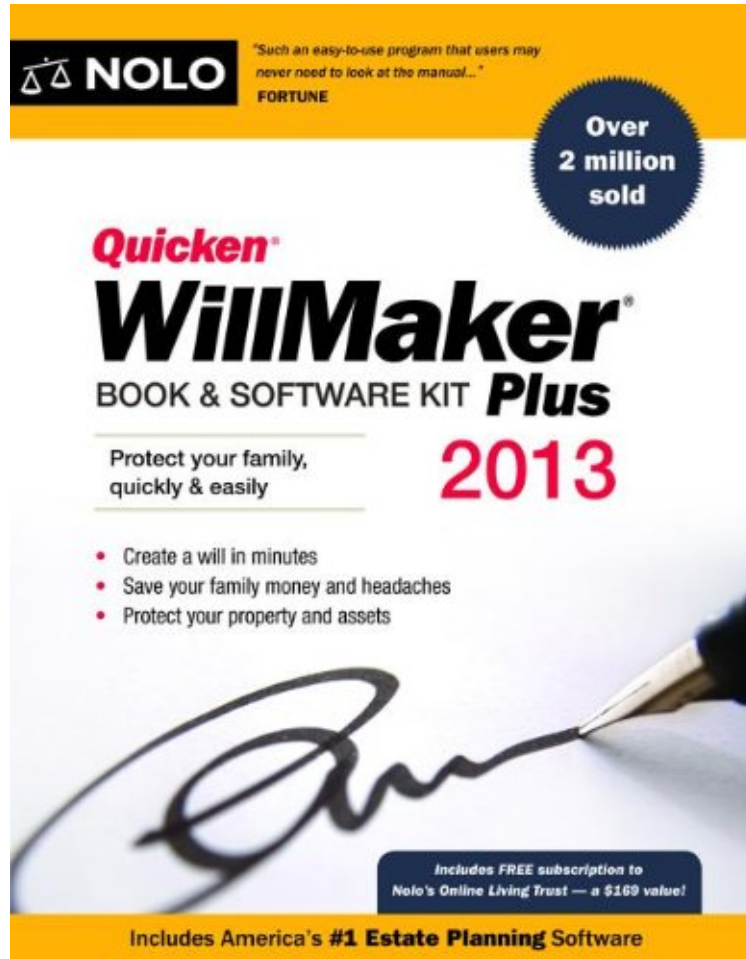


## Quicken WillMaker Plus 2013 Edition: Book Software Kit

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**Nolo Editors : Quicken WillMaker Plus 2013 Edition: Book Software Kit** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Quicken WillMaker Plus 2013 Edition: Book Software Kit:

11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Does what it is supposed to....mostly. By Hodgepodgerama I have been keeping my lawyer-written will in Microsoft Word for over two decades and printing it out as changes are needed, but this year my wife and I decided to make some changes and I wanted something more in-depth. This program is very easy and it walks you through the process much like a tax program walks you through the tax question process. I do not have a particularly complicated estate, so the walk-through was pretty easy. I went through it several times, changing things slightly each time to try to get it closer to what I wanted. There were a few areas in the printed document that I would have liked to change, though. For example, if you have children, any common trust you set up expires for all children at the same time. (Yes, you can set up individual trusts and name the same trustee, but that seems overly complicated for the trustee.) And trusts dissolve at a certain age no matter what, so if you have

handicapped children that will need lifetime care, you will need to look elsewhere. The program is DESIGNED for you to have to update it annually, or at least regularly, which is par for the course for Quicken, a company that seems to do everything they can to turn their applications into ways to sell you something else. You cannot, for example, define a process differently depending on whether any of your children are no longer minors or have reached a certain age. In the case of naming a child as executor, for example, you would have to list the oldest child as a second or third choice executor and depend on the first executor choices to decline to do it. There is also no separate provision or document for instructions or preferences. For example, you can define executors for the estate and trustees for any trust you create for your children, but there is no mention of guardianship (so you can't say who you would prefer your kids to go to) and no provision that says your kids can keep the cars you bought for them. I get the impression Quicken believes those types of things have the potential to void the will. I think there should at least be a separate document that allows you to state your preferences. Oh, the book is insanely long for the material that it covers. So...if you don't want to hire a lawyer, don't have a complicated estate and want a training wheels approach to creating a will, this program is pretty good. For the money, it provides a pretty good way to get a better understanding of wills and what they do, but don't expect the end result to be exactly what you want. 26 of 28 people found the following review helpful. Great Combination, But May Not Work For You By Frederick S. Goethe I bought this to help a friend who has a terminal illness and who had put off doing a will (as well as other legal paperwork) for way too long. I found the software, once I got it to work, to be wonderful. It is intuitive, easy to use and it explains every step with a fair amount of detail. It also prints out everything you need to make each document legal in the state in which you are going to use it. The book acts as an adjunct to the software. It covers information about things that are not in the software....special signing instructions by state, what the purpose of each document is, etc. My problem with this is that I use Windows 7, and apparently there is a problem with some users of that software. There is a glitch in the software, and although it does not affect everyone, it does affect some. I was one of the affected. I couldn't get it to load on my desktop for anything. Finally, I discovered some comments about this issue on another version of the software and decided to try it on my laptop. When I loaded it there, it worked perfectly. Overall a great product combination, but it may not load depending on your operating system. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. I finally have my estate planning in order! By Purinton After years of not having anything other than a will and beneficiaries selected for financial accounts I finally got around to putting together a comprehensive plan. Quicken WillMaker took me step by step through the process and seemed to be very thorough. Maybe a bit too thorough. Don't plan on sitting down for a half hour and getting this thing banged out. It helped me identify a part of my estate that would have had to go needlessly through probate. Also, I didn't really know how to put together a Health Care Directive or Durable Power of Attorney before using this program. I now have complete peace of mind with my estate planning. (I just hope it doesn't have to be utilized for a long time).

Quicken WillMaker Plus is the easiest way to create your estate plan, whether its your first time or you want to update a previous plan. You'll be guided through the process from beginning to end with practical and relevant legal information so you can make the best decisions for you and your family. -Create a customized estate plan with a Will, Health Care Directive, and other essential documents -Documents reflect the laws of your state\* -Easy interview format lets you complete documents at your own pace -User-friendly legal manual answers common questions Quicken WillMaker Plus is the original will-writing software, written and updated regularly by Nolo's expert attorneys. Free legal updates will keep your program current through 2013. Technical support is also available. New for 2013: -Updated with new estate and gift law tax information -Guidance on handling your digital assets -Brand new interface makes it easy to manage and update documents, contacts, and more -PDF export function with automatic legal formatting Plus, get a free living trust! Spare your family from the hassle and expense of probate court as they carry out your wishes. Quicken WillMaker Plus 2013 gives you free access to Nolo's Online Living Trust, a \$169 value. Here's a deeper look at what you can do with Quicken WillMaker Plus: Your Will The heart of every estate plan is a will, also known as a last will and testament. This legal document puts you in control of who inherits your property and who would assume guardianship of your children if it were ever necessary. Without a will, state law will determine these issues. Your will allows you to name an executor (personal representative) whose job it is to see that your wishes are carried out. And you can appoint a trusted person to manage property left to young people. With Quicken WillMaker Plus, you can revise and update your will whenever you like. Your Health Care Directive. Spares your loved ones difficult decisions by laying out your wishes for medical care and naming someone to carry those wishes: Health Care Power of Attorney Permit a loved one to make important medical decisions for you if necessary. Living Will Specify whether you want your life prolonged through artificial means in certain circumstances and set out your wishes about specific medical treatments and procedures. Your Final Arrangements Plan a funeral or other ceremony and ease the burden on your loved ones. Describe your preferences for burial, cremation, memorials, obituaries, and more, and select someone to oversee your final arrangements. Documents for Your Executor Make sure your executor has all the forms and instructions necessary to do the job: checklists, letters, notices, claim forms and more. Information for Caregivers and Survivors Organize your estate so that your survivors don't have to. Use these documents to give them

information about everything from bank accounts to the names of people you'd like contacted in the event of your illness or death. Personal Finance Documents Over a dozen forms let you handle common financial situations, such as lending or borrowing money between friends or family, creating a bill of sales, and ending a credit card account. Home Family Documents Practical forms you can use every day to help run your home and keep your family safe, including authorizations and agreements, promissory notes, limited powers of attorney, and child and elder care forms. \*Estate planning documents not valid in Louisiana or U.S. Territories.

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