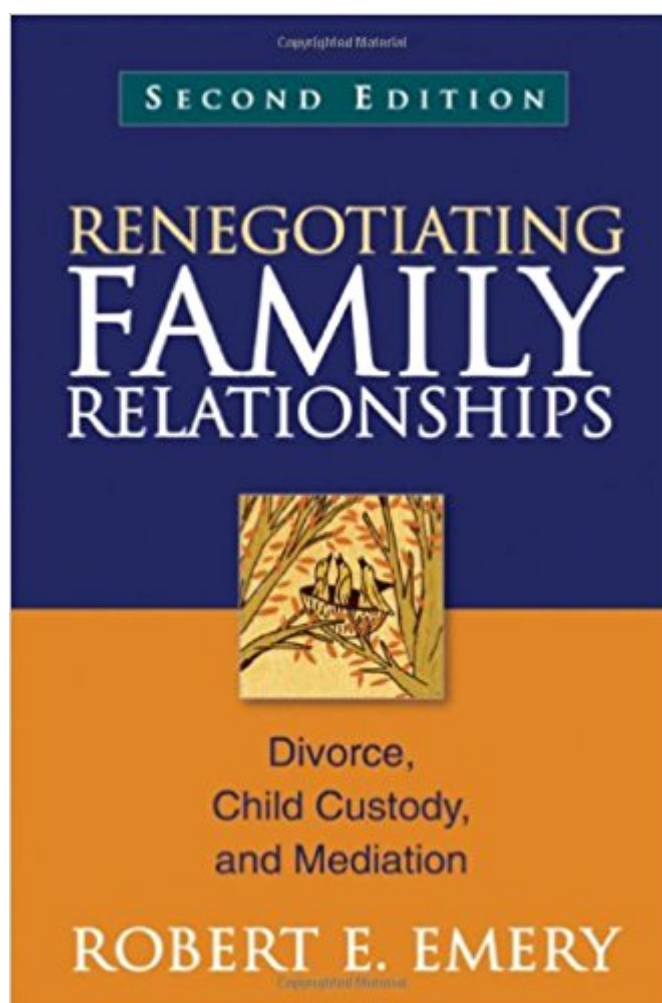


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# Renegotiating Family Relationships, Second Edition: Divorce, Child Custody, And Mediation



## Synopsis

Long recognized as the authoritative guide for clinicians working with divorcing families, this book presents crucial concepts, strategies, and intervention techniques. Robert E. Emery describes how to help parents navigate the emotional and legal hurdles of this painful family transition while protecting their children's well-being. The book is grounded in cutting-edge research on family relationships, parenting, and children's adjustment, including Emery's groundbreaking longitudinal study of the impact of divorce mediation versus litigation. It provides a detailed treatment manual for mediating custody and other disputes, developing collaborative parenting plans, and fostering positive postdivorce family relationships. • New to This Edition • Reflects the latest psychological research, as well as divorce and custody law. • Chapters on understanding and addressing divorcing partners' anger and grief. • Treatment manual chapters have been extensively revised. • Incorporates the author's 12-year follow-up study. •

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I will refer to time and again whilst planning for a mediation.

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