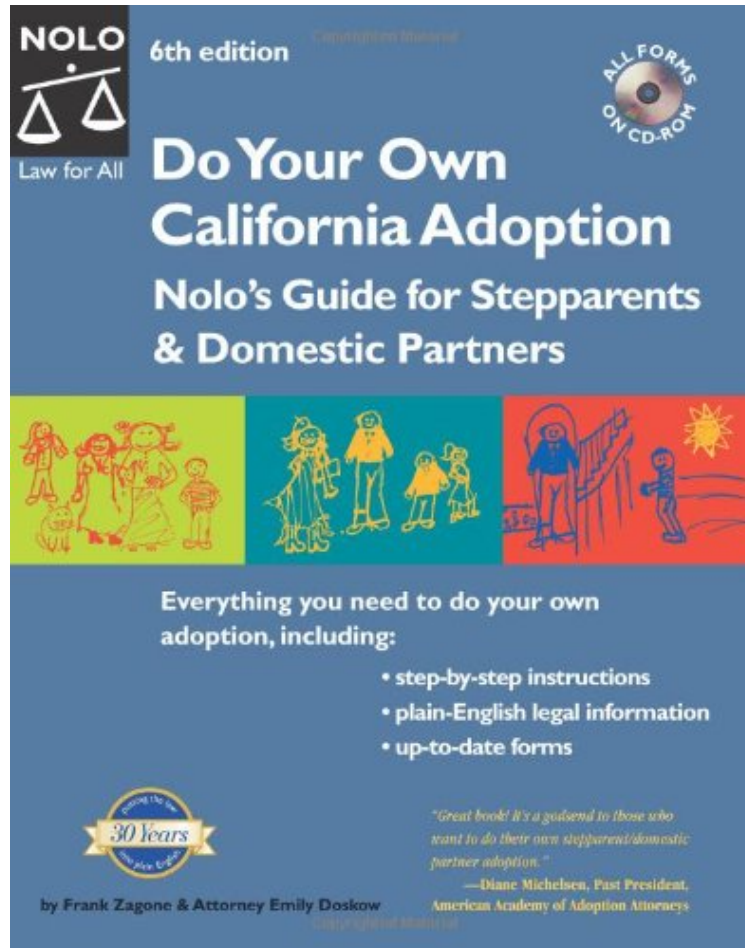


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Overall informative By Janie I initially discovered this book while doing some online research regarding adopting a stepchild. I read the first sample chapters online but then it suggested for my situation (which is adopting a child whose whose parent has been out of the picture since birth but recently tried to pop back up) jump to chapter 5 or 6 out of wedlock abandonment. These chapters were not available online so I decided on purchasing this used copy with CDROM. When I received the book it was in excellent condition and arrived in a timely manner. However once I opened the book and jumped to chapter 5 it said consult an attorney. Lol Not much help considering I could have came up with that on my own. Nonetheless it's a good book with great

information which could help ease the adoption process. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. WE DID IT! By T. SIMON This book and all of its knowledge were better than the "Helpers" at the Pro Per in our family court. They didn't even have one of the forms I needed and they referred me to this book. I thankfully already had it. After reading it I was well prepared for all of the paper work that I needed for my case worker. The CD was perfect too. I have a Mac and it worked great! Good luck to everyone else. I would buy it again and recommend it to everyone. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Useful, a bit confusing, and was very well used. By Stephanie L This guide has been very helpful in determining what steps we need to take before proceeding with a step-parent adoption. It was recommended to us by our local social services agent, as we plan on doing the adoption without legal help. The book is very specific, and can be confusing, but there are a lot of examples of the documents required, and the step-by-step process. The particular book that I purchased was VERY well used (written in, pages ripped, etc.), which was not noted by the seller, and it was also missing the CD.

Step-parents and domestic partners can adopt a child in California without a lawyer, and *Do Your Own Adoption in California* shows you how. Packed with plain-English information and instructions, it's the only book available that takes adopting parents through the entire process, one step at a time. Find out how to: *decide if adoption is right for your family *determine if it's legally possible *choose the correct procedure *prepare and file all necessary papers with the court *terminate the rights of an absent parent *have your adoption petition approved by a judge The 6th edition includes the latest forms and is updated to reflect legal changes that now allow same-sex couples to use these streamlined procedures. All the forms you need are included as tear-outs and on CD-ROM.

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