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well (although this is not designed to be a do-it-yourself handbook). While the book is an excellent overview on estate planning, it can't, of course, cover everything in detail. For example, Florida's peculiar, hindering Power Of Attorney statutes were enacted by bureaucrats intent on making your estate planning as pleasant as catching a bad case of the flu. For POA and other incapacity considerations, see my review on *The Florida Power of Attorney Incapacity Planning Guide*, by Alan S. Gassman. For additional information on trusts, see *Eight Easy Steps to Proper Florida Trust and Estate Planning*, also by Gassman. Whatever your intent or interest, if you are a Florida resident (or planning to become one) I recommend Silverman's book highly (and it has useful information for the non-Florida estate planner as well). 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Demystifies what would normally be a complicated subject area. By TH This book demystifies a difficult subject that confounds us mortals. Written in an easy to read and follow style, I found it helpful, practical and thorough. Rather than claiming to replace professionals (some of whom you'll still need), it clearly provides you with the information to know what questions to ask and guides you through a complicated maze of procedure and decision making. It includes checklists, suggestions, maps, and much, much more. Totally worth reading! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great resource that helps you avoid potential mistakes. By Shelby Cupolo A great resource that walks you through various aspects of estate and trust administration, and the keys to establishing a non-contestable Florida domicile. It's not a D-I-Y manual (although it does give you enough information so you could do-it-yourself if your situation were simple enough), but rather explains what's happening as you go through the process, and, most importantly, the pitfalls to avoid.

In this spirit and in recognition that the tax laws of this country are vast and complex and that our government makes little effort to advise its population, directly, on the existence and changes of such laws, the Author has endeavored to explain the fundamentals of our present transfer tax system; and, in combination with their Florida counterparts, their effects on Floridians who seek to transfer their property to the natural objects of their bounty during their life as gifts or at death as part of their Estates. This book has been revised, since its original form in 1985, to reflect changes in Federal, State and Local tax laws as well as Internal Revenue Service Statutes, Regulations and Rulings. Every attempt has been made to provide you, the reader, with the most up-to-date information available on this subject. Thomas N. Silverman, a graduate of the University of Miami and Duquesne Law School, is a member of both the Pennsylvania and Florida Bars and is admitted to practice before the United States Tax Court. He holds a Master of Laws Degree in Taxation from New York University as well as an advanced law degree from Harvard Law School. Mr. Silverman formerly served as Corporate Counsel to Westinghouse Electric Corporation, and is a past Chairman of the Probate and Guardianship Committee of the 3,000+ member Palm Beach County Bar Association. He is a Florida Bar Board Certified Tax Lawyer and a frequent lecturer on various tax-related subjects, and has written extensively on legal/tax planning concepts and strategies. Mr. Silverman has practiced law in Palm Beach County, Florida, since 1975, and specializes in Taxation, Estate Planning, Trust and Estate Administration, and related litigation. He is an AV Preeminent Rated Lawyer by Lexis Nexis Martindale-Hubbell.