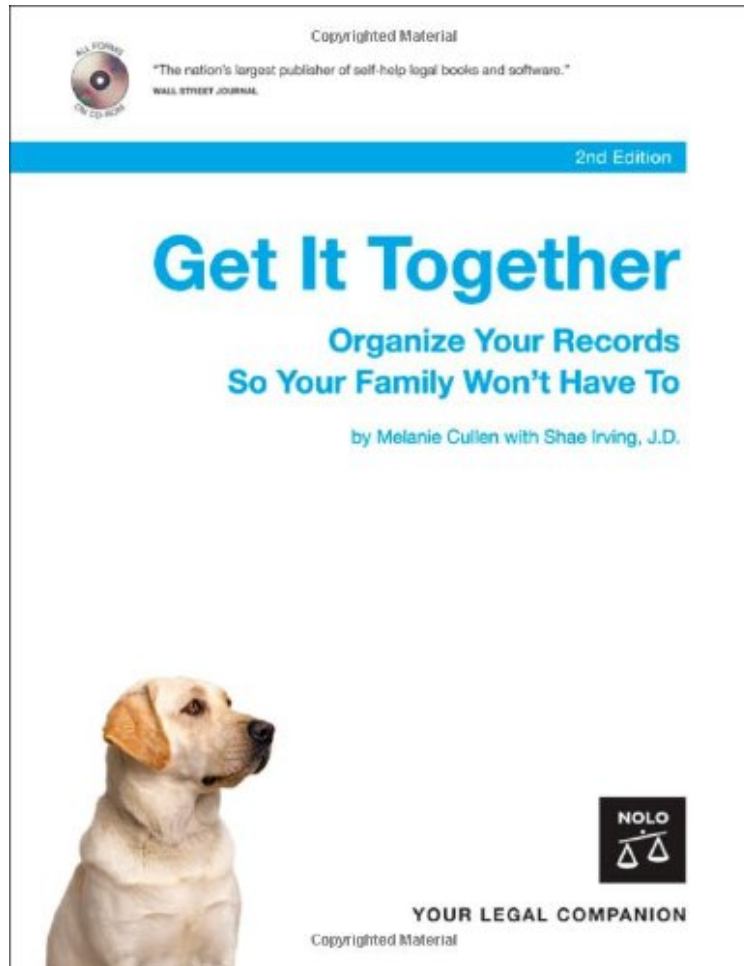


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me how selfish that approach was and I started looking for a method to pull together information. This book came highly recommended, and I liked the idea of the accompanying CD-Rom. My husband and I tackled the worksheets as time and emotion permitted. I printed one file for each of us, with a master file for joint things like checking/savings accounts and our home. When we were almost done, we sat down with a professional and used this material to develop a living trust. Although we left several topics untouched until those meetings, the attorney we retained told us we were the most prepared couple he'd ever met with. Our homework made the legal side of things go smoothly and quickly, and much of the credit for this goes to this book. The author's manner throughout is professional and yet compassionate. Instructions are easy to understand, yet there's not a feel that you're being talked down to. You also can hop from one place to another in the book and worksheets as your information and mood take you. I'd add these suggestions to the process: * If you don't already have a grid of account numbers, simply gather your monthly statements now, while you're waiting for the book to arrive, and add new statements as they come in. * "Tax time" is a perfect time to work on the financial sections, since you've probably got a lot of materials more at your fingertips than you do at other times of year. * Practice security wisely. Keep the material at home, preferably locked up. Although you can work on the files on your computer, I would advise very strongly against leaving them on your drive. Either secure the printouts or archive your documents on a removable drive, which you then secure. * There's a note that no tech support is available for non-Windows users. I have found that the CD operates easily and flawlessly on the Mac OS X platform. * If you're reluctant for time or emotional reasons, you'll find that you can get a lot done in 20-minute chunks. For the same reason, turn to the portions where you indicate your wishes (remembrance service? full-blown viewing and service?) since your voice will provide comfort and solace to those you leave behind. Note: This review is of the second edition of the book, which was purchased directly from . A newer version, also with a companion CD-Rom, is available. This link [Get It Together: Organize Your Records So Your Family Won't Have To \(book with CD-Rom\)](#) is to that version; this second link [Get It Together: Organize Your Records So Your Family Won't Have To \(book with CD-Rom\)](#) will take you to the Kindle version. While the Kindle is a great way to build an archive of reference materials, because the worksheets can take some time, my preference for this volume is to stick with a physical book and CD-Rom. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Disappointed, was hoping for something simple and easy. By Gerrie It has more than I need in some areas and not enough in other areas. I gave it a try, just glad I didn't pay full price. It is so important to leave the information in an easy to understand format for the family. I may be able to use part of it.

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