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Elder Abuse: Reduced To NOTHING



Synopsis

Growing old should not make you a target, not only for thieves and scammers, but your friends and family. The author is 71 years old and lives in a Lake community where many of his new friends are older than he. In many of the conversations he has had with the elderly community, it became apparent that over 50% of them have been financially abused and mostly by friends and family. This book addresses the ways in which the elderly are attacked mentally and emotionally mostly by their own kids and siblings. The end game is always to take the funds that the elderly have put aside to live on in their retirement. No elderly person should ever say "It won't happen to me", because more than 50% are being taken advantage of by several different schemes and most of the time, they don't realize what a foolish mistake they have made until they find themselves in abject poverty. This is a quick read, but each story should be considered and you should think each through before you find yourself in a similar situation. Think of this book as forewarning you so that you can be forearmed. You should never deal financially with family or friends, on an emotional basis. Your Grandchild's tears can cause you to do things, which with hindsight seem not very bright. I've told my friends that they should look upon loan requests as possible gifts, if they are not willing to lose contact with the relative asking, because today's world is different than the one we grew up in - work ethic is pretty much dead and many young people have a feeling of entitlement that we never had as young adults. That entitlement to them means they get whatever they want without raising a sweat to get it. You unfortunately must deal with a rise in crime - people trying to cheat you out what you worked hard to obtain and some who will kill you to get what you own. I have heard about more than one situation where the people felt their own children might consider murder as a quick way to inheritance. Planning ahead can save you from the misery that can be visited on you. Finally, if you're middle aged and approaching old age, you might want to plan how you can escape some of the problems discussed in this book.

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This brief essay is meant to alarm the reader with a few stories of rip-offs from older people and melodramatic warnings about keeping your guard up and calling the cops. I suspect that 90 percent of my bright and amusing senior friends could have written such a piece in one quiet afternoon. I know I could have.

I think that anything written from the heart, especially about elder abuse is a good read and a education for those who don't know or care about such things. Elder abuse is real and have been for a long time. I myself have heard about elder abuse all my life, I have witnessed it. It is going on as I write this review. It is ashamed that this society has sunk so low to allow things like this to happen. I commend the author for have the courage to put this down on paper. Highly recommended.George Wilder Jr.Author and Radio Host.

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