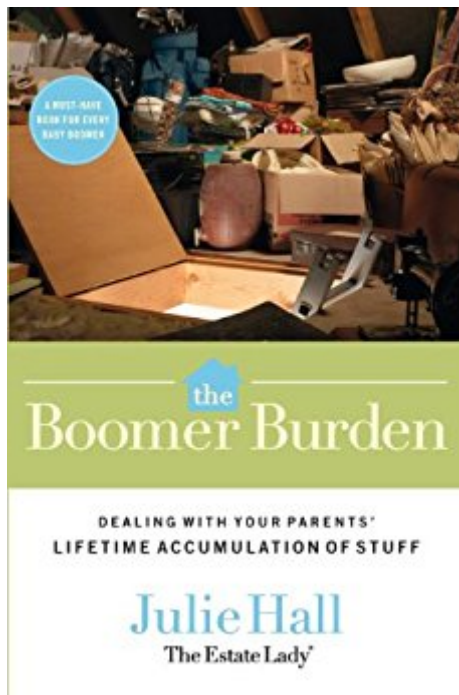


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# The Boomer Burden: Dealing With Your Parents' Lifetime Accumulation Of Stuff



## Synopsis

A practical guide to advise Baby Boomers how to deal with the daunting task of facing a parents' eventual passing as it relates to residential contents, heirlooms, and the often difficult family interactions and feuds that accompany them. With fascinating stories and comprehensive checklists, professional estate liquidator Julie Hall walks Baby Boomers through the often painful challenge of dividing the wealth and property of their parents' lifetime accumulation of stuff. From preparation while the parent is still living through compassionately helping them empty the family home, *The Estate Lady*® gives invaluable tips on negotiating the inevitable disputes, avoiding exploitation from scam artists, and eventually closing the chapter of their lives in a way that preserves relationships and maximizes value of assets.

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Author Julie Hall (a.k.a. The Estate Lady) promises, "This book will provide you with the trustworthy counsel you need when facing the monumental task of walking your parents through their final days and then settling their estate." She keeps that promise in fifteen chapters that deal with things like:-

how to tell your parents are failing,- the importance of a will,- what an executor is and does,- how to protect the estate from grasping neighbors, friends and relatives,- how to ascertain the value of estate items,- how to clean out your parents' house, and more. Important points covered in each section are repeated within the chapter as lists, definitions, and words of advice in sidebar-type boxes. Each chapter concludes with "What Can I Do Now?" - a checklist of three pertinent actions for the reader to perform at that particular juncture of the process. The book ends with three appendices:- a checklist for parent care,- a list of helpful resources, and a list of estate documents,- information that children should locate and keep accessible. Though the subject matter makes this a hard book to read, Hall's sympathetic tone and reasoned approach helps the reader quell naturally arising angst in favor of paying attention to what needs to be done. Her wealth of stories and anecdotes keeps the book interesting. If the story of neighbors who cleaned out the valuables of a senile lady's house, paying her mere dollars when the pieces were worth hundreds, doesn't outrage you, some of the stories of family treachery will. Hall's real goal is to move the reader beyond outrage to action. If you are a boomer with aging parents, this book will motivate and guide you.

Some things we just can't put on the back shelf, but before we all die we somehow manage to fill shelves . . . tons of them. Have you noticed, as a Baby Boomer, the sheer amount of clutter and junk in your parent's home? Your own? Chances are you don't have anything that would make an appraiser shout for joy on Antique Roadshow, but the local junk dealer might be happy as a clam to get some of it. In the event your parents become unable to live in their home due to disability or pass away you might just be taking a much closer look than you planned on. According to Julie Hall, author of the fabulous book, *The Boomer Burden: DEALING WITH YOUR PARENTS' LIFETIME ACCUMULATION OF STUFF*, you're going to be hit by a "flying brick." It isn't going to be a pretty sight. When we Boomers were in our twenties, we all felt we were invincible. Nah, we're all going to live forever and nothing will happen to mom and dad. Think again. As Hall bluntly states, "even Lipitor won't keep your parents alive forever." The resulting estate, however palatial or humble . . . well, you gotta deal with it, like it or not. Known as "The Estate Lady," Julie has a great deal of experience and claims she can help the reader "clear out your parents' estate in seven to ten days." Sage advice includes dealing with the appointment of a legal representative, division of the estate, identity and appraisal of potential valuable items, how to minimize sibling rivalry, how to deal with those little skeletons in the closet, vultures and much more. The Boomers, now finding themselves sandwiched between caring for aging parents and their own children and grandchildren can use all the help they can get in times of crisis! I was amazed by the originality, depth and usefulness of this

book.

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