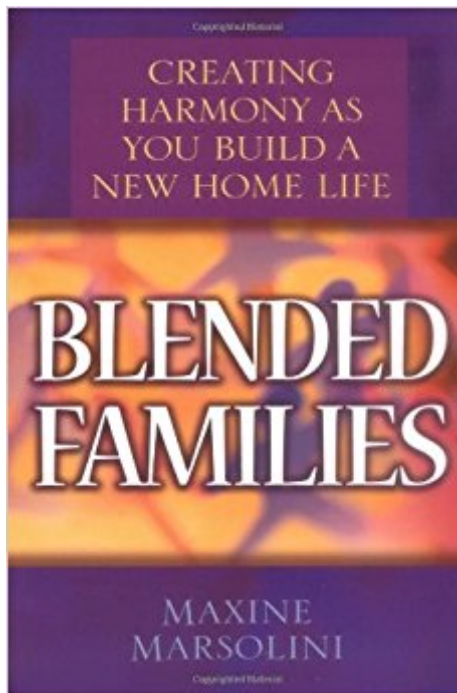




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Blended Families: Creating Harmony As You Build A New Home Life



Synopsis

When re-married couples bring their families together, they face unique challenges. Somehow, they must bring unity out of diversity. Maxine Marsolini points to biblical solutions to the conflict commonly found in divorce and remarriage situations. 'Growth and Application' questions make this an excellent resource for small groups or Christian counseling.

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Customer Reviews

This book is desperately needed and long overdue. Anyone in a "ready-made" family will find biblical guidance in its pages for overcoming some of the most difficult and complicated relationships of our age. Maxine Marsolini not only knows first hand about the gritty problems blended families face, she knows how to solve them.-Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott, Seattle Pacific University, Authors of *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts*As never before in our nation's history, formerly marrieds are remarrying to form blended families. Most of these well-intentioned couples have no idea of the potential conflicts and hurt they may be opening to themselves, their children, and other loved ones. As a counselor, I have longed for effective ways to help couples better anticipate the impact of their remarriage, as well as assist those who are currently struggling with blended families. Maxine Marsolini's new book *Blended Families* should be required reading for couples considering remarriage. In her book, Maxine reveals the journey she and her husband Charlie have taken since joining their families over twenty years ago. In a transparent way, she reveals how God turned shock and confusion into faith and family blessing. Do not get remarried without reading this book!-Don MeredithMany factors complicate

life for remarried people.Â Â Any really helpful book on the subject has to recognize and address a range of subjects.Â Â Maxine Marsolini's book does not disappoint.Â Â It offers much of value from her own personal experience as well as from research and the experiences of other remarrieds.Â Â "Who's in Charge?" the chapter on sticky issues involving discipline of each other's children, gives great insights.Â Â This chapter alone is worth the price of the book.Â Â I found myself wishing all couples--remarried or not--could read it.Â Â I could say the same with regard to other chapters, such as "The Influence of Guilt and Shame."Â Â Blended Families can help those who are remarried to become truly blended and not just mixed up.-Stanley C. Baldwin

Blended Families is a comprehensive book that covers every topic that blended families will face.Â Â Though I am not in a blended family, I found Maxine Marsolini's book practical, inspiring, and Biblically based.Â Â Her book will be helpful for every family and marriage.Â Â I particularly appreciated her chapter on coping with anger.Â Â I'm sure you'll find this book refreshing and stimulating.Â Â After reading it, you'll think, "Yes, we can love each other--even as a blended family."-Kathy Collard Miller

MAXINE MARSOLINI is a free-lance writer, author, poet, pastor's wife and homemaker. Maxine, author of *Raising Children in Blended Families: Helpful Insights, Expert Opinions, True Stories* and *Blended Families: Creating Harmony as You Build a New Home Life*, writes from what she calls "wisdom born of pain" through the difficult soil of a blended home. She and her husband Charlie, reside in the state of Oregon where they serve in ministry together working with couples who are struggling with relationship and financial issues. Maxine and Charlie have seven children in their blended family.

I've read some other books on blended families but this has a biblical approach. If you are looking for a book that will give you quick answers, this isn't the book for you. This book looks at the responsibilities of both spouses and what it will take to keep your marriage together. Case in point, keeping God in the center of it. Core areas, such as discipline, dealing with an ex-spouse and bring two families together are discussed. Practical information is given and no sugar coating is done in this book.

It was a gift and they really like it and it has helped them through some tough times.

Good for this generation of mixed and blended families.

I found this book to be absolutely amazing. I would recommend this book to any blended family, as it has given my (used to be) blended family quality. I found it to be more than just a book; it has given my family the tools and understanding beyond what I expected. I also love that it is bible based; it was the icing on the cake. After concluding we are a solid unit now (after 5 years of just being together - we have married), rather than a couple with separate households. If I could give this book 10 stars I would! If you currently have a blended family; It would be a great blessing to your family to purchase this book along with the workbook. Perfect for beginning a blended families ministry.

This book is simply written and an easy read. We are raising our children according to scripture and I love how she pulls out words from God in order to make this work. We have had a very hard blending five children and the minute I feel things get a little hectic, I refer to the book. I started with other books and put them down and immediately put out a note on FB asking for a book that could really help and more than one response directed me to this book. It's a great start.

I would recommend this game to any family who is currently blending or considering blending. I have referenced this book many times. I keep it handy especially when we have issues with the children arise. I really love how the book is couple driven and helps put priorities in order. The aspect that is continually expressed is couples can make it work and compromise is key. GREAT REFERENCE and READ! A++++

I had purchased this book not only for my family but also for work. I have not been able to find it since being loaned out, and not remembering who to. Even though it is absolutely worth paying full price for, I needed to be a little thriftier and I was able to find it, used and at a decent price. The book is in excellent condition and the shipping time was appropriate and I am very satisfied.

Everyone should read this book if they are divorced. Also if they have remarried or are dating someone with kids from another person

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