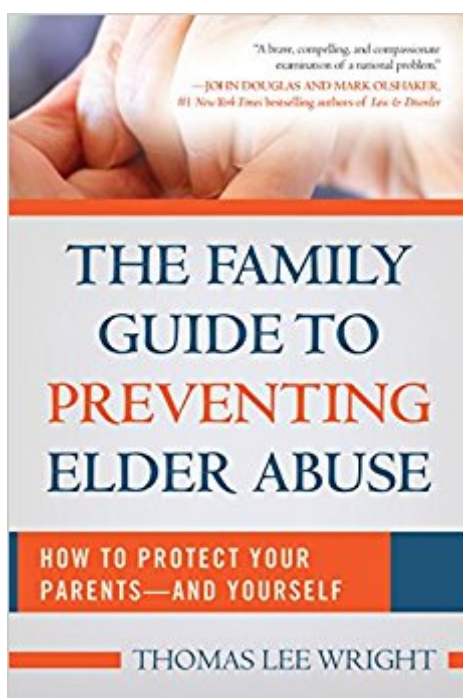


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# The Family Guide To Preventing Elder Abuse: How To Protect Your Parents—and Yourself



## Synopsis

Practical Advice for Taking Care of Loved Ones as They Get Older  
The rapid aging of the American population and its accompanying epidemic of dementia and Alzheimer's disease has brought about an awareness of the increasing vulnerability of our elders. Taking care of our parents and protecting them from exploitation and abuse at the hands of others can evolve into a virtual full-time occupation, especially among today's baby boomers. The Family Guide to Preventing Elder Abuse provides a practical manual to help prepare the reader for the challenges that arise as our parents begin to lose their independence. In each chapter of this guide, a nationally recognized expert provides specific advice regarding effective actions that can be taken in order to protect loved ones in every area of their lives. They offer practical answers to such questions as: What qualities should you look for in a caretaker? What are the pros and cons of trusts and guardianships? Who do you go to if you suspect abuse of any kind? How do you best protect your own rights so that you can preserve the rights of your loved one? What are the most common financial scams that target the elderly? The Family Guide to Preventing Elder Abuse addresses every personal, medical, financial, and legal consideration that may arise for adult children of a senior citizen.

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• A one-stop shop for what people need to know about safeguarding the health and well-being of seniors. Both authoritative and accessible, this book is full of useful information making it a go-to resource for families and human services professionals alike. • Annette B. Primm, MD, MPH, former deputy medical director, American Psychiatric Association • A comprehensive guide to a

hidden epidemic, including powerful (indeed heart-wrenching) stories, and practical solutions.

• Paul Rogat Loeb, author *Soul of a Citizen* – Insightful, helpful and needed. This book is an invaluable tool for the elderly, the encumbered, the “targeted,” and for loved ones that advocate for them, on so many levels.

• Steve Boorstein, stroke survivor and author of *Different Strokes* – “The luckiest among us live long enough to become elders, but then that luck changes for more of us than we imagine due to abuse such as Tom Wright so harrowingly describes in his essential book. But Wright does not just describe the problem. He also offers ways to take on the abusers. *The Family Guide to Preventing Elder Abuse* is a must read for anybody who has even a single grey hair or knows anyone who does.

• Michael Daly, special correspondent, the *Daily Beast* – “Thomas Lee Wright’s *The Family Guide to Preventing Elder Abuse* is a brave, compelling and compassionate examination of a national problem – sometimes negligence, sometimes a crime – that gets all too little attention. In clear, direct prose, Wright and the experts he has enlisted detail the challenges and tell us what we all can and must do to protect one of the most cherished, but also one of the most vulnerable, segments of our society. A welcome addition to the literature of social justice.

• Former FBI Special Agent John Douglas and Mark Olshaker, #1 New York Times bestselling authors of *Mind Hunter* and *Law & Disorder* – “Old age brings with it a maze of medical, legal, financial and care issues that can be overwhelming and lead to disaster and abuse. This brave book should be required reading for anyone facing the challenges of old age, either for yourself or your loved ones.

• Douglas Preston, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story* – “With clarity and compassion, Thomas Lee Wright transforms his own grief and regret into powerful advocacy and practical advice in *The Family Guide for Preventing Elder Abuse*. His work is enlightening and necessary.

• Amanda Knox, exoneree and New York Times bestselling author of *Waiting to be Heard*

Thomas Lee Wright is a prize-winning documentarian and author whose works have dealt with urgent and emerging social justice issues, including PTSD in the military, judicial reform, and urban American gangs. His films have toured with the Human Rights Watch International festival and been broadcast worldwide on the Discovery Channel. He lives in Mercer Island, Washington.

This is an excellent well-written guide to the best ways of protecting a vulnerable loved one from an exploiter or predator. Elder abuse is a complex issue, but this book lays out practical solutions in plain language. Most of us can say “I know someone who has a relative this happened to...” and

there's usually a sad ending. If only I had this book before my own father, who had dementia, was isolated from us and bilked of his life savings, our family might have seen it coming. We truly didn't know what to do while it was happening because we were so traumatized and there were unscrupulous attorneys involved. This helpful book will save lots of people from needless suffering.

Very insightful guide to educate and prepare families with vulnerable loved ones, in particular the elderly. Our wealthy elderly and vulnerable in society have become easy prey for the predators. Mr. Wright's cautionary tales to keep families out of the courts is invaluable. Sadly the system established to protect the innocent is too often used to exploit under the color of law.

A thorough treatment of the myriad ways well meaning families and elders can fall into the abyss of dealing with elder abuse, especially in guardianship. Easy to read and understand and quite concise. Every family with a senior should memorize this book.

A beautifully written account of a silent epidemic sweeping America. That epidemic is elder abuse, and the potential victims are your parents and mine. Tom Wright, whose own father was one of those victims, brings passion to his study of this crime wave targeting our most vulnerable citizens and exceptional knowledge to his suggestions of ways to protect our loved ones against it.

A most important tool for those in charge of their elderly parents! From scams targeting seniors to what can happen if a family turns to the courts for assistance (the dreaded guardianship!) this book explains it all.

Anyone who knows an elderly person should read this book. It's an indispensable guide to caring for and protecting one of the most valuable and vulnerable subsets of our population. I wish I'd had this when my grandpa was alive.

Inspiring and truly helpful. If you are a member of a family, any family, you must read this book.

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