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GETTING SCREWED AFTER 80! It's Not The Same Definition!: A Handbook Of Senior Horror Stories, And, A Few Ways To Prevent Disaster.



Synopsis

A handbook of senior horror stories and a few ways to prevent disaster. This is a self-help book to address the plight of those in their golden years who can easily fall prey to individuals banking on the fact that elders have lost their edge.

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Customer Reviews

If you are aging and are worried about protecting yourself from scams and other forms of financial elder abuse, you need to read this book. Unlike many other such books, this is not even a little bit preachy. In fact, the Ms. Bell even writes that the biggest obstacle to overcome when dealing with elder financial abuse is the feeling of embarrassment and stupidity at being taken. The book is written from a "been there, done that" and "please learn from my mistakes" perspective. The author, who's in her mid-80's, writes for her peer group and she absolutely does not talk down to them. It's more like having a conversation with a dear friend or with a caring relative. It's quite easy to read, which makes this difficult subject easier to tackle. Ms. Bell touches on several instances of financial abuse that she's personally experienced, and invites her readers to avoid similar mistakes. Just as importantly, the book is filled with links to consumer protection resources. If you have any questions--or think you've been screwed by a financial scam artist--then she tells you where you can go to get help. The book is not very long, and it's not slick or polished. It's clearly a work of passion--Ms. Bell's passion to get the word out to others of her generation. But reading this book could very well save aging people many thousands of dollars. I think it's well worth the investment of time and money.

This is a great self-published rant! But the author reveals many deceptive practices unleashed on older Americans. I actually learned a lot about the hidden (predatory) practices of our most trusted institutions and advisors, as well as those we consider closest to us. With a bit of editing, this book would be very valuable for AARP members to read.

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