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A new guide to making a will aims to help both the will maker and executor through the legal maze

When Patricia C Byron was asked to be the executor of her friend's Will, she had no choice but to think quickly. Her friend was terminally ill and lived alone, so Patricia needed vital answers to difficult questions. In 2006, just a few months before her friend sadly passed away, Patricia wrote a book entitled *Last Orders* to assist them both. Thanks to Patricia's foresight, and her friend's willingness to contribute the required answers, the administering of the estate was simple and straightforward. The book has now been published so that others can use the same guide.

Last Orders is a simple but practical, comprehensive book intended to assist anyone and everyone. It is not a will, nor should it be considered as such. It is however, the essential guide to producing a document called a 'letter of wishes' which, once completed correctly by the reader, should save incalculable amounts of stress and take most, if not all, of the guesswork out of the administration of their estate. It will offer a vast amount of helpful information about whom executors should contact, the funeral the deceased wanted, their finances, their possessions, and even their pets.

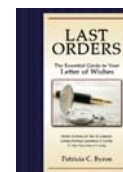
Through the experiences Patricia has faced, she offers background

information and insight guiding the reader through twelve sections and over 100 simple but relevant questions. Each section relates to a topic which will need to be addressed which will, in turn, make every reader question their priorities and wishes on this difficult, but crucial subject. It is the answers which the reader provides which will offer guidelines for their executors and family once the reader has passed.

"The book comes from both personal experience and research," says Patricia; "Having dealt with some challenging situations, I realised that, with some very simple forward planning, the administration of an estate is so much simpler and less stressful for all.

Grieving for the loss of a loved one is difficult enough, so anything that any of us can do to make our passing less stressful for those we leave behind is not just sensible but highly commendable."

The suggestions, questions and observations included in the book are relevant to everyone. *Last Orders* is certainly a valid and useful book which could assist us all in leaving clear and unambiguous instructions about our final wishes.



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