

Letter of Introduction

Let's face it. Given the recent economic collapse in the USA, its citizens have changed many of the habits that caused the calamity in the first place.

For the first time in decades, Americans begin to save for the proverbial "rainy day." Savings are up to about 4%. Of course, the ideal rate of savings should be around 10 percent. At least we are making strides in the right direction.

Purchases of mega homes and giant vehicles that get eight miles to the gallon are almost a thing of the past. Shopping malls are empty and all the congestive traffic that once surrounded the mall has evaporated. Restaurants, at their peak, were being constructed on a mass production level and filled at stadium speeds. Today, chains have closed doors and a home cooked meal takes us back to the good old days when Mommy filled our tummies with love and affection.

Even morality has shifted. As we clenched our Wall Street purses, the divorce rate declined with our portfolios. I guess the old saying, "it's cheaper to keep her," has more meaning to it than just being slick lyrics. The expense of carrying two homes has forced many couples to reconsider the "I hate your guts," emotion. That feeling has changed to, "Maybe we can work it out?"

As Americans get back to the old school way of living, reading, home DVD's, board and card games will become more popular. After all, it's hard to spend your life savings from the comfort of your own home, unless you're an Internet junkie.

A new market unlocks for all that have ingenious eyes to catch the trend. Americans will look for many economic and wholesome items to enrich their lives, and I intend to be there with my ear to the ground.

Please take a gander at my works. I am sure to assist the American family in its effort to get back on track. Enjoy!

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Biography

Irv Childress is a proud husband, father, author, mentor, and teacher. Irv has always wanted to be a writer. It has been a life long dream to reach out to families and help them in their efforts to achieve balance and structure in the home.

Although his life didn't follow the exact path he had planned, writing has become a passion that has resulted in three books over the past four years (***Memoirs Of A Broken Family, Distracted, and I Wish My Dad Told Me That; A Progressive Dating Guide For Young Women***). Each book is unique, but always celebrating the family unit, and providing useful information to help guide you through life.

Irv has used his personal experiences to bring to life the challenges and triumphs of becoming or remaining a solid family. Irv's books are based upon family planning whether a person finds themselves in the dating stage or living the married life.

The second child of five children, this New Jersey native has been advising people on family matters for decades.

Irv is a true family man. If you were to question his peers on the kind of man he is, they would tell you that he is fun-loving, wise beyond his years and supportive.

When you read the works of Irv Childress, be prepared to laugh, cry, and gain insight to what a family should strive to be.

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**GREAT BOOK, COMEDY / DRAMA
LIFE'S VITAL ADOLESCENT DECISIONS**

(NEW YORK, NY, (July 2004) AuthorHouse publishing announced today the publication of a seasoned book, entitled **MEMOIRS OF A BROKEN FAMILY** by Irv Childress.

Over the journey of life we are faced with decisions—good—bad and hideous. Children, especially in their late teens, need to learn what first-class decisions are early in life. When children learn to make quality decisions for their lives, life takes on a whole new meaning.

Kevin Carr begins his life's voyage in 1969. Before Kevin becomes aware of how the three types of decisions of life function, he is knee deep in the midst of the consequences. What are the three types of decisions? The three decisions are; the ones we make for ourselves, the decisions others make on our behalf, and indecision.

Somehow, Kevin is able to navigate through many of life's pitfalls and uncover a degree of victory. The readers of this book will walk away with the ability to dream, the will to find the purpose of their life and guts to go and pursue purpose.

MEMOIRS OF A BROKEN FAMILY is an excellent learning tool for the youth. The book provides excellent examples of first-rate and terrible decisions made by Kevin Carr. The workbook, taken from the book, is an excellent tool to provide material for a six to eight week reading group. Youth group leaders; this is the tool that you've been waiting for.

MEMOIRS OF A BROKEN FAMILY is currently available for sale at www.irvchildress.com, AuthorHouse.com, Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com. The workbook is available by request only.

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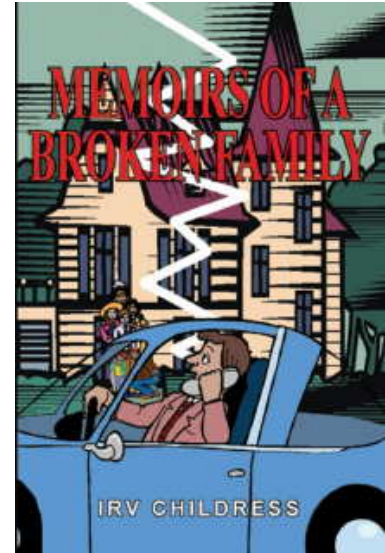
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EXCERPT:

Most of the time, I try not to think about my childhood. But there are times when I think back on my childhood and I wonder. We didn't live in Africa or some other poor country. We lived right here in the United States of America. It seemed strange to me that so much difficulty could exist in a family in one of the richest nations in the world.

I don't agree with stealing either, but sometimes you have to do what you have to do. We borrowed all the money that we could have from Mrs. Juliet. Our backs were against the wall. We did what we had to do.

I needed ways to deal with the devastating happenings in my environment. "Someday I'll have my own family," I thought. "I'll have the opportunity to be a husband and father. When I get the chance, I will do it right. I'm going to own my own business someday. My children will never live the life that I lived. Someday I'll marry, and my wife will love me just for being me."

SUGGESTED MEDIA ARTICLE

Memoirs Of A Broken Family

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What Makes For A Good Decision?

I remember an incident in my younger years. I worked security for AT&T in NJ. AT&T was building a new location next to the location I worked at. The security company gave us a white Ford Bronco to monitor the construction site. Carlos was the driver and one night he got bored so he decided to go 4X4-ing next door. Well, he misjudged how high the cement stumps were for the lampposts. The mounting bolts were already set in place. Carlos drove over the curb and the vehicle fell on the lamppost studs. "Mayday, mayday," he called on the radio. We came out to help him move the Bronco. It wouldn't budge. Plus, I could smell the gasoline leaking on the ground. Carlos looked at me and asked, "Do you think I'll get fired for this?" I looked at Carlos and replied, "Fired? You'll be lucky if they don't press charges."

Carlos made a poor decision on that day and he paid for it with his job.

Poor decisions seem to come a dime a dozen these days. However the inverse of a bad decision is just as possible as the bad decision. Sometimes it requires some diligence.

The best decisions a person can make is:

1. Discover one's destiny.
2. Do what it takes to make it a reality.

It's easier to rob a bank than to build on purpose and destiny. However, if one decides to discover purpose and pursue it, all other decisions will become simplistic. All other decisions will coincide with the first two decisions; discover one's destiny and pursue it.

Don't procrastinate. Make a decision to discover your destiny and pursue the reality of that destiny.

ENDORSEMENTS & REVIEWS

Memoirs of a Broken Family

“So many lives can relate to Irv Childress’ book, ‘Memoirs of a Broken Family,’ based on their own personal stories. But the insight, honesty, fear, anger, hurt and descriptions of growing up too fast will give each of us hope and encouragement that even though we may come from a broken place, you don’t have to stay there. Believe me when I tell you this book will change your perspective and see life from a higher plane.”

I Wish My Dad Told Me That! A Progressive Dating Guide For Young Women

“Irv Childress’ book ‘I Wish My Dad Told Me That’ will allow women to have the secret handbook on how men think and allow them to use this knowledge when looking for Mr. Right! If you want to get married two things: seek God and read this book!”



Patti S. Webster, CEO of W&W Public Relations

Author, “It Happened in Church: Stories of Humor from the Pulpit to the Pews.”

I Wish My Dad Told Me That! A Progressive Dating Guide For Young Women

Being a woman over 30, I thought I knew it all when it came to dating and relationships..... Until I read “I Wish My Dad Told Me That”. In this road map to dating, relationships and life I learned so much about the process but more importantly about me. This book makes you take a close look at yourself and where you missed it and applauds the few times you may have gotten it right. Being written by a great man like Irv makes the book more insightful because it gives the insight of a man's heart into the mind of a woman. Many times it's hard to “read” a man and understand the unsaid. But with this great book I was able to actually see life from a man's point of view. To understand the insight and thoughts of what a man thinks or wants from a woman makes me a better woman. Not to comply but to justify. After reading this book I felt like “Daddy’s Little Girl” again.



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"Memoirs of a Broken Family" relates an important story that is all too familiar to many people. Spanning the late 60's through the 90's, the book examines how one person's life and mind can be irreversibly affected by the consequences of divorce.

Vivian Martin, The LINK News (March 17 thru March 23, 2005)

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