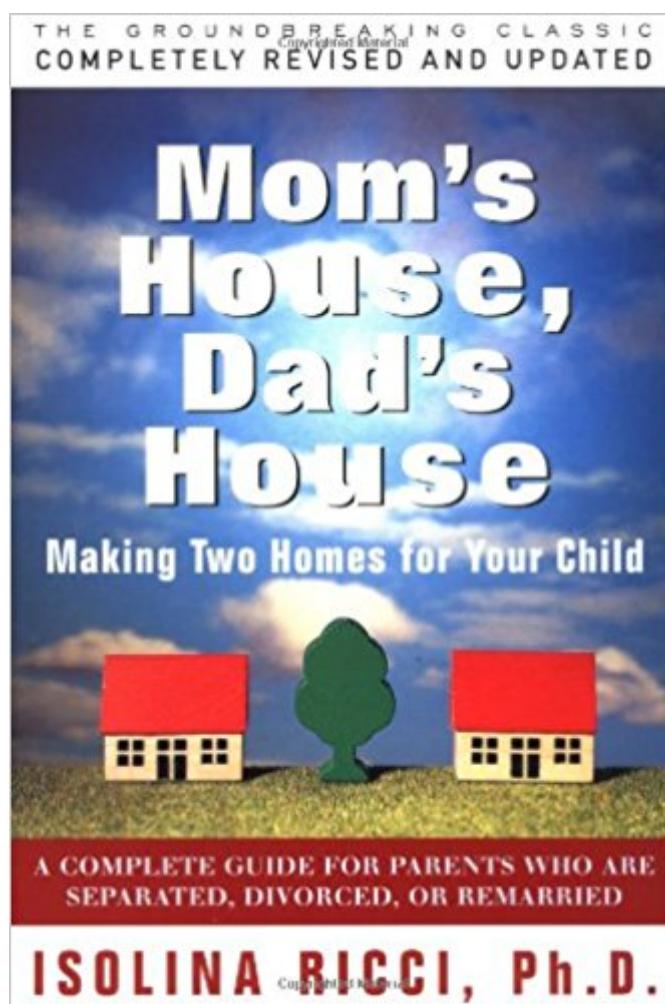


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# Mom's House, Dad's House: Making Two Homes For Your Child



## **Synopsis**

Internationally renowned therapist, family expert and mediator Isolina Ricci, Ph.D. presents this definitive and newly updated guide to divorce and making shared custody work for parents and children. The ground-breaking classic, Momâ™s House, Dadâ™s House, has become the standard for two generations of divorcing parents, and includes examples, self-tests, checklists, tools, and guidelines to help separated moms and dads with the legal, emotional, and financial issues they will encounter as they work to create happy and stable homes. This comprehensive guide looks anew at the needs of all family members with creative options and common-sense advice, including:

- \* The map to a âœdecent divorceâ • and two happy homes
- \* Helping children of divorce with age-specific advice
- \* Negotiating Parental Agreements and custody arrangements
- \* Breaking away from âœnegative intimacyâ • with a difficult ex-husband or ex-wife
- \* Sidestepping destructive myths about divorce (and marriage)
- \* Handling long-distance parenting and parenting alone

With Momâ™s House, Dadâ™s House, parents will learn how to help their children heal and find a sense of continuity, security, and stability throughout the divorce process and in any custody situation.

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## **Customer Reviews**

According to the Stepfamily Association of America, 60 percent of all families are breaking up, and custody and visitation issues loom large in the lives of many parents. Isolina Ricci's Mom's House, Dad's House guides separated, divorced, and remarried parents through the hassles and confusions of setting up a strong, working relationship with the ex-spouse in order to make two

loving homes for the kids. This expanded and revised edition (the book was originally published in 1980) includes emotional and legal tools, as well as many reference materials and resources. As one parent said of the first edition, "This book is my friend."

Isolina Ricci, Ph.D., whose breakthrough work resulted in *Mom's House, Dad's House*, is an internationally renowned family expert, lecturer, award-winning mediator, and licensed family therapist who divides her time between consulting for family courts and working directly with families. She is the Director of the New Family Center in northern California.

It's an older book, but is still very informative. Over the past 10 years, we have used it many times while working through custody issues with my stepdaughter. It offers many suggestions and ways to help your child have two homes, and what you can do to help your child through the changes and make it easiest for the child. It may not answer every question you have, but it is a good start when having to work through these situations with your children.

Although I haven't finished the book, it's given me a new perspective on language to incorporate when talking with my child. I was looking for something to help me communicate more effectively so that transition through divorce could be as easier when dealing with 2 homes. So far, I really like what this book has to offer. We as parents sometimes know what we want to say but don't use the best verbage. This is so helpful to anyone struggling in this kind of situation.

I'm a therapist who works with parents who are separated and/or divorcing/divorced. They have given this book good reviews for helping with the process of learning how to create two households and helping the children through one of life's most painful losses. It also addresses dealing with the grieving process for the parents and how to deal with a less than amicable divorcing process.

Based on the recommendation by a family legal mediator this book provides specific information and examples on writing parental, child and financial agreements. In the end it is all about parents being civil, showing how they can work with one another FOR their child(ren), and executing with actions to back their words.

As a person experiencing the challenges of trying to help create a happy home environment for my child struggling with divorce, this book provided useful tools. One caveat, you need a willing ex to

help achieve some of the goals described. A well intentioned parent cannot fully compensate, if the effort is one-sided effort. Both parents must recognize the needs of the child caught in the middle.

Got a great deal with this book - it came in good condition and fairly quickly. This book is my emotional support through the difficult times I have understanding my relationship with my ex and how it affects our child. I feel like this book is great therapy and is helping me to be a more productive and insightful parent. Would read any book by Dr. Ricci.

This is a must read for parents who have children living partime with another parent. Men, man up and father your children...girls too. And mothers, stop making it hard for your children's dad to be an involved dad.

Much good info. The tables on communication are very good. It does need to be updated.

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