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Whether you're considering assisted reproductive technology or adoption, you'll need to carefully consider your legal options with each step you take. *The Complete Adoption and Fertility Legal Guide* written by attorney Brette McWhorter Sember, helps you map out a plan from all the options available. A no-nonsense primer for couples struggling with fertility issues, the book outlines roles, responsibilities, and legalities for everyone involved.

"If you're using donated sperm, eggs, or embryos, it's essential that you understand the different terms and procedures and have details about what kind of genetic material is being used," Sember says. "With fertility procedures that involve your own genetic material, things are a bit clearer cut, but it's still important to understand your rights and contract terms."

Sember doesn't leave anyone out, and includes guidelines for every adoption option available, including open vs. closed, single parent and gay and lesbian adoption. You'll also find a list of questions to ask reproductive specialists, and you'll learn about insemination, egg donation, and surrogacy. We love the extensive glossary of terms and list of references, including books, magazines, and agencies. "Many people are intimidated by the home study and criminal background check process," Sember says. "The most important thing is to have patience as you work your way through the paperwork and waiting periods. If you are waiting to have a child placed with you, remember that your child is out there, and you will become a family."