

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Resident publishes more than 20 books, still writing

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Editor

Brette Sember of Clarence had always has a passion for the pen, but somehow ended up with a legal degree rather than a writing certificate.

"My first love has always been writing," Sember said. "I was the editor of my high school newspaper and took writing courses and all that stuff. But, I ended up in law school."

Sember focused her legal studies on family and matrimonial law, but after giving birth to her second child she needed a change of pace.

"I left my practice and began writing," she said.

Eight steady writing years later, Sember has published approximately 20 books and is not looking to put the pen down anytime soon.

"It's insane right now," she said. "I have so many books coming out all at the same time, it's been great though."

And Sember didn't let all those years in law school go to waste. Some of her published works include, "The Divorce Organizer and Planner," "Seniors' Rights: Your Legal Guide to Living Life to the Fullest" and "No-Fight Divorce: Spend Less Money, Save Time, and Avoid Conflict Using Mediation."

"I'm interested in writing about families and letting people know their rights," she said.

Sember is also interested in writing about pregnancy and raising children. She's released books that deal with topics such as, "Your Practical Pregnancy Planner: Everything You Need to Know About the Financial and Legal Aspects of Planning for Your New Baby" and "The Complete Adoption and Fertility Legal Guide."

Sember is currently working on a new book about gay and lesbian parenting choices. However, it's her latest release that she said is her pride and joy.

"I'm proud of all of my work, but I'm excited about my plus size pregnancy publication," Sember said. "Fashion Bug is carrying them on their web-site and it's free with purchase."

Sember said her books can reach people on all levels. "My books are about practical things, how to solve problems in your life," she said. "It's really about improvement for people who are going through situations like a divorce or having infertility problems and how to get them through it."



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Sember said in the future she would like to branch out into other topics as well. "I like cooking so I would like to do a book about food and maybe even fiction one day," she said. "I love learning about new things and helping people understand it, so there are many things I would like to write about."

For now, Sember is comfortable at home where she plans to continue her writing and enjoy life with her husband Terrence, their two children Quinn, 13, and Zayne, 7, and their pets — two dogs, a turtle and a guinea pig.

"It's a full house," she said with a laugh.

Sember's books are published in local and online bookstores and at her web-site, brettesember.com