

Review from Publisher's Weekly: Sember, an attorney, offers a simple and useful primer for those struggling with fertility issues. She begins with adoption, explaining roles, responsibilities and legalities for birth mothers and adoptive parents; she then breaks down the various types of adoption (e.g., foreign vs. domestic; open vs. closed; agency vs. lawyer) and helpfully composes a pros and cons list for each one ("the type of adoption you choose will have an impact on your child"). Sember doesn't leave anyone out, and includes guidelines for single-parent, adult, and gay and lesbian adoptions. In the second part of the book, she takes a close look at infertility treatment, beginning with the chapter "Understanding & Evaluating Reproductive Technologies." She explains, "It is important that you come into the process with a good understanding of why natural conception is not working for you and what conditions or problems have brought you here." She then prepares a list of questions to ask reproductive specialists and explains such treatments as insemination, egg donation and surrogacy. She concludes with a glossary of terms and a solid list of references, including books, magazines and agencies. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.