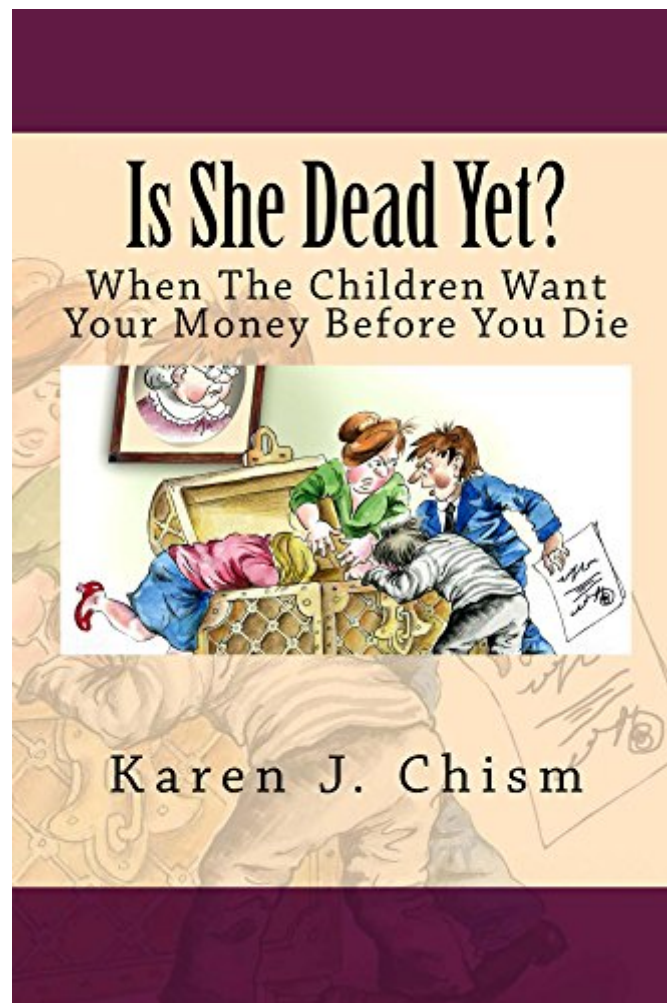




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# Is She Dead Yet?: When The Children Want Your Money Before You Die



## Synopsis

It was a union made in hell; greedy relatives and the Probate Court system unite! The strange thing about Probate Court--are you aware that you could end up there even if there is NO decedent? In this true life crime and courtroom drama Mrs. Chism shares her story and what led to her being suspected of premeditated murder, poisoning, kidnapping, starvation, adultery, extortion, isolation, theft, elder abuse, and a murder-suicide plot. Once these accusations were lodged against her, she found the family embroiled in a brutal and bitter courtroom battle. Not Criminal or even Civil Court, but as you will read--Probate Court--because the accusations raised doubt in the court's mind. Therefore, allowing for greedy relatives to attempt to gain complete control over another individual's life and finances. Crimes were committed, but not by the accused, but rather the accusers and their accomplices. Unfortunately, this is not as uncommon story as you might think. You too could become an unsuspecting victim of the grave and perilous Probate Court system. Mrs. Chism says, I was a loving wife with a husband that adored me. It was effortless to maintain a happy marriage because we used the Bible for our instruction manual. My husband was a dedicated chiropractic physician and I was the "other half" of our business. So how--after 27 years of this marvelous union did I find myself accused of MURDER or attempted murder, as no one was dead; and WHY? This was a nightmare, but I wasn't sleeping. This book is about a terrorist plot, even though, inconceivably our enemy can be kin-folk. It is about a court system that was designed to protect vulnerable persons, and its utter frailties resulting in unalterable devastation.

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## Customer Reviews

I have had the privilege of knowing Karen and Jim Chism personally for almost a year now.

Although I do understand this is not a character review, I am going to share a bit of my personal experiences with the Chism's. Seeing them 3 to 4 days a week I feel I am a qualified person to be writing this. Karen is not only a loving, caring person; she puts Jim first with everything. Being ill herself she manages to make sure their house is in perfect condition, that Jim always has everything and anything he wants to eat, and is always making sure every day to day need is met for Jim. You see the true love and respect they have for each other. For anyone to make accusations against Karen absolutely disgusts and hurts me. I have seen this wonderful person be attacked and hurt by people that were supposed to be a backbone when times get tough. It breaks my heart. I see her with her children and see the love her kids have for her. She wants the best for the people she loves and that is obvious. Overall, I wanted to let future readers know I am blessed to be a part of both Karen and Jim's life. I not only care for them but have grown to truly love them as apart of my family. Now, onto the book review. While reading this book it was such a bitter sweet feeling. I felt so excited to get started on it yet, could feel the pain poured into this memoir the second I started it. This is a story of greed that proves how evil even the closest people to you can be. Karen discusses her shock and sorrow over what her step children put her through. While reading you can feel all of Karen's emotions from the doting, devoted relationship her and Jim have; to the trauma and agony she had to go through from her step-children. I give this book 5 stars and loved every page of it. I hope through reading this book people get an understanding that a lot of innocent people get accused of horrible things. Karen is far from horrible and I cannot emphasize it enough. My ending thought is that every human being goes through horrific situations. To be able to read a book such as this makes me feel not so alone in this world of nut cases.

I read this book about a month ago. Overall it is a good read and a very important read. You can tell that the author is writing out of deep pain. The book almost seems unreal, except that I live in the area where it took place and there are newspaper articles to verify much of the book. I found the content hard to digest, mainly because of my disgust not only for what the children did, but how the

probate court aided them in their pursuit. It is unbelievable (albeit it true) that anything would go to probate court when NO ONE has DIED. My heart goes out to the author and her husband. It just goes to show that you may think you have your end of life details all taken care of, but that may not really be the case. On the down side of the book, I found a couple of things distracting. These would not deter me from recommending it to others, but perhaps the author will take note and maybe make adjustments, if it needs to be reprinted. (I however, did read the Kindle version). The first thing was the editors notes. I found them very emotionally charged and talking about things that you would not understand until you had read the book. These might be better placed at the end of the book. The second thing is the poetry. It is good poetry, but the insertion points took away from the story line and forced me to go back and read the chapter again to regain the plot line. The poetry might be better either in the beginning or end of a chapter. Of course, this is just my humble opinion. Hope all that read it, can sense the tragedy and the triumph from this book, and see how faith can grow during times of duress.

The title of this book, *Is She Dead Yet? When The Children Want Your Money Before You Die*. Says it all this book chronicles the devastation one family goes through when faced with a sudden breakdown due to dementia and the greed of adult children, who caused so much trouble and expense and heartache, involving the courts and media to try to gain control of their father's and step mother's finances, even accusing their step mother of 27 years of trying to murder their dad, he is still alive and lives with their step mother more than 2 years later. This book was a real page turner for me, I give it five stars.

I read this book in 1 day, this man is my Uncle so the Chism children got his ( Uncle Jim ) only sister who was left to believe all there side of the story, so when she passed her brother and sister in law where at odds. I now am saddened that my mother never knew the real truth, it was a very heavy heart my mother had when she passed due to those children. The lies that were told and how the court system handled it was at the least disgusting. If anything I feel this book will open peoples eyes to how the court systems can destroy lives for some people, but have at other times helped many from greedy children. It is hard for me to write this review because it was very personal I am happy that my Aunt and Uncle have there faith to help them. Enjoy this book as I did I can only give four stars and not five because the whole situation of this story has destroyed many lives. For those not personally involved I give it a BIG FIVE

No words .Im really not sure what I was expecting but I do know I,m sorry I spent money on this book.

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