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It's National...

Read A Book Day on September 6th.

National Read a Book Day invites us ALL to grab a book we enjoy and spend the day reading. Don't keep it to yourself. Share the experience! Read aloud either to children or to your pets.

What is your favorite book? Here are our favorites.

- And There Were None by Agatha Christie
- Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
- Lily to the Rescue by W. Bruce Cameron
- The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar and Six More by Roald Dahl



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Estate Planning Buzz

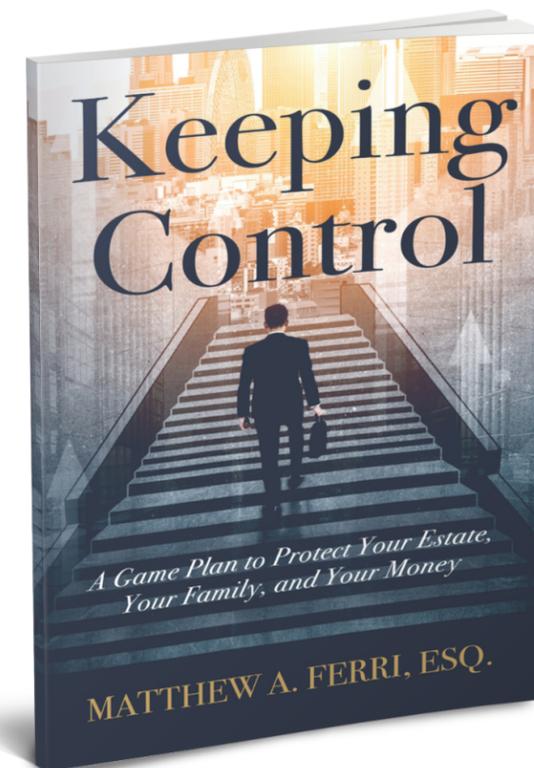
So Many Books, So Little Time

There are many reasons to read a book; to learn something new, for relaxation, or to be entertained by a good story. Reading has become a family activity with nighttime stories and multiple trips to bookstores to purchase every book in the series. Even requiring me to build more bookshelves! It's easy to explain why we read books, but what about writing a book? Earlier this year I decided to write a book to help encourage people to create an estate plan.

The title of this book is *Keeping Control, a Game Plan to Protect Your Estate, Your Family, and Your Money*. Inside I outline some basic principles and provide simple steps to take and a path to get started.

If you would like a copy of our book contact us at (248) 409-0256 or info@ferrilawpllc.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

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Authors and the Law

Truth is Stranger than Fiction

When Charles Dickens was 15, he was hired as an "attorney's clerk." His duties included serving subpoenas, registering wills, copying transcripts, he became a court reporter and even enrolled in law school. However, the most litigious author is J.K. Rowling. She and her books appear in more court cases than any other author. In honor of read a book day, here are some court cases involving literature.

J.K. Rowling is often the plaintiff and the defendant in copyright infringement, but a number of court cases have been filed regarding the delivery of her books. In 2007, the website deepdiscount.com starting shipping copies of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows a week ahead of its official release date in violation of Scholastic's On-Sale Date Policy Contract. The matter settled quickly and Scholastic contacted the deepdiscount.com customers and asked them not to open the book until the official release date.

A U.S. Post Office manager at a sorting facility in Kansas City spotted the package containing her copy of Harry Pottery and the Half-Blood Prince that she ordered from Amazon. The manager took the package a couple days before the release date. The package was discovered on her desk so she substituted a "dummy package" for the original.

She took the book home early and then bragged about it to her subordinates. She was demoted from her position which she appealed and was rejected in court.

The character of Sherlock Holmes is more than a century old, however a few stories are still protected by copyright including those showing a more sympathetic detective which has prompted lawsuits.

In the books in the public domain, he is portrayed as calculating and lacks consideration of other people's feelings.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's later stories show a gentler and more considerate detective. The later stories are not in the public domain and are the basis of copyright lawsuits pertaining to Sherlock's softer side. The estate sued Netflix, Nancy Springer and Random House regarding the Enola Holmes series and sued Miramax over the movie, Mr. Holmes over the portrayal of the detective. Both cases were settled outside of court. Movie studios and publishing houses only have to wait a few more years since remaining stories' copyrights expire January 1, 2023.

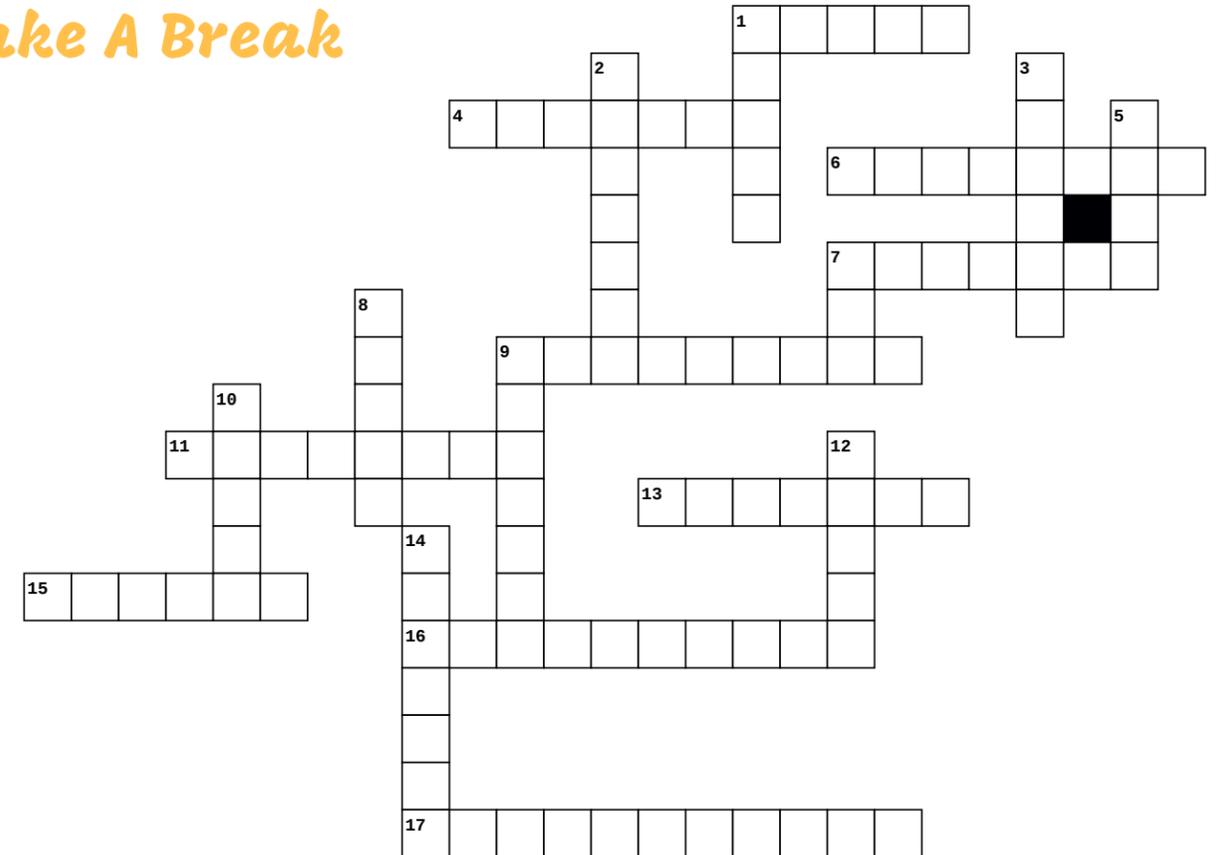
Harper Lee sued her literary agent, Samuel Pinkus, claiming she was duped into signing over her only novel's copyright to him after suffering from a stroke in 2007. She regained rights and then sued Pinkus for the royalties he was collecting. Eventually Lee dropped the lawsuit and both parties reached a settlement.

Tips for Your Estate Plan

Some simple steps to take

Now you be the author. Take some time to put your own thoughts into writing. Write stories or memories that you would want to share with your family.

Take A Break



Across

1. His main character plays the trumpet for visitors on the Swan Boats in the Boston Public Gardens
4. Envisioned a world when a girl follows a rabbit
6. She wrote the world's longest running play
7. His character could speak with the animals
9. The character in her book is called Mrs. deWinter
11. Won the Pulitzer prize for *Beloved* and the Nobel prize for literature
13. Books have been turned into movies and rides at theme parks and now even a wizard store in NYC
15. Books personified animals
16. His character lived at 221b Baker Street
17. Works have inspired many movies like *West Side Story*, *The Lion King* and *Clueless*

Down

1. Wrote a story about a man who stays young and handsome while his portrait grows old and ugly
2. An attorney whose profession inspired his novels
3. Novels involve woman and marriage in the 1800s in England
5. Wrote *The Shawshank Redemption*
7. Was childhood friends with Truman Capote
8. His pen name comes from the leadsmen's cry for a measured river depth of two fathoms
9. Real name was Karen Blixen
10. His novel is significantly influenced by *The Odyssey*
12. The stuffed animals that inspired his stories are on display at the New York public library main branch
14. Wrote a Christmas classic