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Based on a true story
A story of suffering
A story of hope

"I don't care about our daughter." Words that echoed in my head; words I could not accept as possible; that nearly drove me to the grave.

Trevor Cooper shares his deeply personal and gripping story of parental alienation. The story of the uncontrolled chaos when a family is propelled into the "pinball machine" that is the family separation industry. Where ideology and profits spin the score to dizzy levels and the family, one by one, falls down the ball-return shoot unsure on if they will reappear.

Be drawn into the absurd and aggressive tactics used by lawyers that flip their clients to keep the game going to reach the highest score. Witness the Police bumping people aimlessly into and around the game, joined by a cast of crazies recruited to intimidate and create chaos in what seems incredulous. Behold the judges, seemingly disgusted with the appalling behaviour, unable or unwilling to curb it and simply let the game continue.

A story you would expect as an international crime thriller, this is also a story of hope as the father proceeds to extend his hand to help others as they pass through their own hellish pinball machines to see the future and live for their children.

With additional real-life accounts, The Pinball Wizard exposes the incentives built into the system that allow it to rack up huge scores at the children's expense. It sheds light on important policy considerations for governments if they truly care about their constituents and the future generation.

Intro



Bio



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Trevor Cooper is a pseudonym which is a requirement under the Australian Family Law Act and therefore full details cannot be disclosed.

Trevor's background includes a variety of postgraduate qualifications, job titles that include civil engineer, construction manager, project manager, National Marketing Manager, telecoms expert, president of a service organisation, chairman of a not for profit, author of various internationally published technical articles and training video and even swimming instructor.

Ten years ago Trevor's career changed forever as he became involved facilitating men's suicide prevention groups and eventually used his diverse background to shape the organisation and drive it forward taking on one minister that would later become an Australian Prime Minister.

Having been asked to present in Senate meeting rooms and a parliamentary inquiry his knowledge of and experience in the family separation industry including the loss of life, particularly that of children that are so traumatised, has transformed him into an author and some may say activist for change.

In the translated words of Plato:

"Your silence is consent"

or

"Your silence is complicity"

and Trevor decided that he will not be silenced when peoples lives are at stake and became an author.

<https://www.trevorcooperauthor.com/post/whats-in-a-name-and-why-the-avatar>

Testimonials



In domestic disputes, on custody, property, support and accusations of domestic violence, all are losers - even those who eventually win a protracted litigation. The PinBall Machine makes this - in harrowing detail - all too clear. A truly depressing tale with valuable suggestions for reform.

Krister Thelin

Chief Justice of Appeal (ret)
Former Member UN Human Rights Committee



"Written by Trevor Cooper, The Pinball Machine is an excellent book that everyone should read. Based on a true story, this book provides a sober account of how the legal system of two different jurisdictions, the Netherlands and Australia, can harm children and innocent parents. The book exposes the corruption of a legal system where a perfectly innocent parent was cruelly and permanently alienated from the life of his daughter. Unfortunately, one seldom hears about the plight of these parents who have been denied all contact with their children. All of this can be done as the result of false accusations. And yet, even when the family court clears the parent of any wrongdoing, more often than not, the courts still keep custody with the parent who made such false accusations. Trying to maliciously separate a father from his daughter is a serious form of child abuse. The perpetrator should be severely punished, and not rewarded as it apparently happened. Once it is possible to testify, beyond all reasonable doubt, that an unfair alienation is taking place, the alienating parent should face the full force of the law and custody should be automatically given to the alienated parent. I strongly recommend this book. I ask you to consider to support a much-needed reform that can only come through the kind of sober analysis this book soberly provides".

Dr Augusto Zimmermann LLB, LLM, PhD

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President of the Western Australian Legal Theory Association (WALTA)
Former Commissioner with the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia (2012-2017).

Interview Questions

- 1 What drove you to write this book?
- 2 Why have you used a pseudonym?
- 3 How would you describe the accountability in the family law industry?
- 4 You mentioned that you facilitated men's groups in your book but believe at times you had significant proportion of women. Why was that?
- 5 What are the strategies for dealing with high conflict individuals?
- 6 How long did it take to write the book?
- 7 What is the background behind the interesting cover design?
- 8 Does the Family court really lead to mental health issues and suicide?
- 9 Do you have an update of S- the parent that was displaced for several years and the child?
- 10 How frequent are false allegations?
- 11 Where can people purchase the book?
- 12 How long have you been separated?
- 13 Are you available for interviews?
- 14 How can people get in touch with you?

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