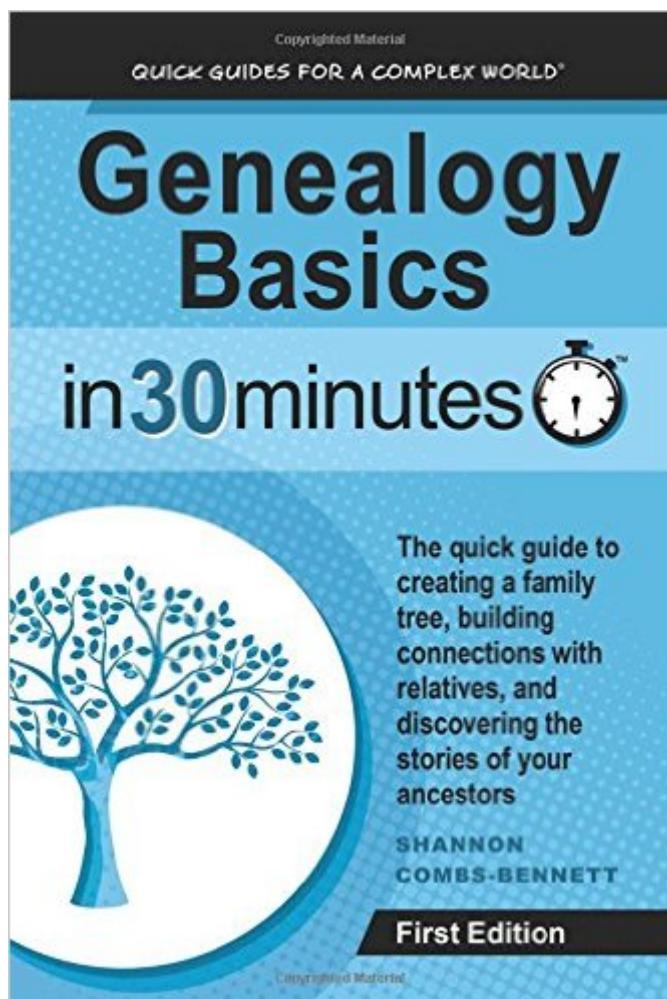


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# Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes



## Synopsis

Genealogists are like detectives. Working out puzzles is the name of their game! If you have ever wanted to research and document your family history the right way, then Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes is for you! Authored by professional genealogist Shannon Combs-Bennett, this genealogy book explains the joys, challenges, and triumphs of researching your family's origins. While many people assume genealogy research starts online, Combs-Bennett shows the importance of starting a family tree using documents that can be found in your own home! Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes is written in a friendly, easy-to-understand style that avoids complex jargon. There are lots of examples, case studies, and advice that can help would-be family historians quickly get up to speed. In addition to listing best practices for conducting genealogical research, Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes also warns readers about the many pitfalls of family research, from a brick wall to mysteries to time-wasting online searches. Topics include: Why are people so interested in family history? Evaluating clues, facts, and myths in family stories The importance of linking generations Vital records, from birth certificates to death records Non-vital records, from census forms to wills Religious records Five things that can trip up newbies researching family history Best practices for genealogy road trips Interviewing relatives, and dealing with skeptics Pros and cons of online genealogy research Genealogy communities and continuing education Genetic genealogy basics Understanding the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) Genetic genealogy and adoptees Non-paternal events and other skeletons in the genetic closet Visualizing family history with charts Research logs and genealogy journals How to create good source citations Preserving records and research Genealogy software and GEDCOM files Planning for disasters Genealogy Basics In 30 Minutes is not a comprehensive guide. Nevertheless, in a single reading you will be able to understand some important research basics that will serve you well as you embark on a journey to figure out the origins of your family. Creating a strong family tree will not only satisfy your own curiosity, but will also serve as a record to share with relatives and future generations!

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## **Customer Reviews**

Genealogy Basics in 30 Minutes, written by professional genealogist Shannon Combs-Bennett, offers an excellent introduction into the world of family history research. Divided into sections ranging from organizing records and collaborating with family members to online research and genetic genealogy, this is an accessible resource written in a conversational tone. While an overview of this kind is not intended to be comprehensive, Combs-Bennett successfully delves into a number of the topics and questions most likely to come up among those who are beginning their family history research journey. As a professional genealogist myself, I'll admit I am not a member of the target audience for this book; however, I was pleasantly surprised to find it to be a very helpful perspective nevertheless. Although avid genealogists are often approached by those who are interested in getting started with their own research, it can be difficult to remember what it felt like to be at square one! Thankfully, Genealogy Basics in 30 Minutes allows even the experienced genealogist to mentally return to that point when record sets were unfamiliar and source citations were a new concept, in order to be able to be helpful and encouraging to the beginning genealogist - without being overwhelming. And, if you are a budding genealogist yourself, Genealogy Basics in 30 Minutes will be sure to set you up for success with its down-to-earth approach. Disclosure: I am acquainted with the author and received an advance copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Genealogy basics is a very insightful read! Not only did it give great tips on where to look, who to ask as well as what to ask, it broke it down into small increments , making it easy to pause and absorb everything. The biggest thing was it was written in a way it felt like the author was speaking directly to me, rather than other books I have read on this subject that felt like I was in an auditorium and I was one of a hundred. The personal one on one feel and the obvious hard work and dedication it took to boil down a lot of research into such a small book and still make it readable are the two reasons I give this book such a high rating. Recommended.

It is small enough to put in a pocket or purse, but the print is big enough to read easily. I like all the case studies because I can apply many of them to myself and find clues where to look for elusive records. Iâ™ve been working on my family history for over 50 years and the book suggests new sites and new ideas to help me through that brick wall. It would be a good book to use to teach beginning genealogists , and/or use as a reference book. The information about organizing and preserving is something I need to work on. Itâ™s helping me to catch up on all the new technology.

Well written, sensibly laid out and easy to follow. I downloaded my copy and dived in. Next thing I knew I was past page 500. I'll be putting these ideas into practice as I keep researching my family.

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