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Creating A Personal Legacy

Ethical Wills: Putting Your Values on Paper (2nd ed.) by Barry K. Baines. (DaCapo Press, 2006)


Generativity and Adult Development: How and Why We Care for the Next Generation by D. P. McAdams and E. De St. Aubin (Eds.). (American Psychological Association, 1998)

Make It Count: How to Generate a Legacy That Gives Meaning to Your Life by John Kotre. (Simon & Schuster, 1999)

Also Recommended


Legacy: A Step-By-Step Guide to Writing Personal History by Linda Spence. (Swallow Press, 1997)


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