Thank your interest in participating in our upcoming book –

*Gray Divorce: The New Challenge for the Over Fifty*.

Although divorcing after many years of marriage can be traumatic and frightening, we believe the strength that comes out of it can become a healing tool for many going through it.

We currently are collecting inspiring and informative stories about personal experiences, and we would like to include yours if you are willing to share. Please take a moment to look over the questions on the next two pages and answer if comfortable. Once information is collected, we will contact you for an interview.

After your “story” has been compiled, we would expect you to review and approve prior to publishing, and of course you will be anonymous.

If you’re ready to help others divorced after 50, let’s tell your story. I will follow up and touch base soon. When you are finished with the form, please send it back to: thesilvercompassAZ@gmail.com

DIVORCE QUESTIONNAIRE – Please send back to thesilvercompassAZ@gmail.com

Your contact Information:

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| Name:  | Email:  |
| City / State:  | Best # to be reached:  |
| Number of years divorced:  |

**Questionnaire for those 3-8 years post divorce**

Please answer the questions to the best of your ability and write as much as you feel comfortable.
If the questions are non-applicable to your situation, please fill in N/A.

1. **Were you surprised to find yourself in this position?**
2. **What was the cause of your divorce?**
3. **Were you the one that asked for the divorce?**
4. **Was there anything about the process that surprised you? If so, what?**
5. **Did you make any mistakes during this process, and if so what were they?**
6. **What advice would you give someone just starting the divorce process?**
7. **What, if any advice has helped you through the process?**
8. **Did your attorney offer advice that you decided against? If so, please share.**
9. **In regards to question 8, how do you view your decision to go against the advice?**
10. **What was your greatest fear going through the process?**
11. **Did any of your fears actually come true? If so, what were they?**
12. **Which of your fears DID NOT come true?**
13. **Do you have any fears now? If so, what are they?**
14. **As you went through this process, what was your hope?**
15. **Has that ‘hope’ happened?**
16. **Today, what is your hope for the future?**
17. **What would you like to say to someone going through the process?**
18. **How long were you married before the divorce process started?**
19. **How have you coped with the financial changes in your life?**
20. **How have you coped with the social changes in your life?**
21. **How have you coped with the emotional changes in your life?**
22. **What has been the best advice you’ve received from friends and family?**

**Please provide any additional and or helpful information regarding your experience:**

Thank you for your time and willingness to share your story with the hopes of helping others. I look forward to meeting you soon!

Betsy Kurasch, The Silver Compass