Raymond C. O'Brien, Michael T. Flannery. The fourth edition of this casebook continues the use of fact-driven judicial decisions to illustrate the expanding list of transfer of wealth devices via non-probate trusts and payable-on-death options, valid Last Will and Testaments, and statutory intestate succession. But the fourth edition also includes material pertinent to the increasing usage of assisted reproduction, including surrogacy and the newly revised Uniform Parentage Act treatment of establishing paternity and maternity. The casebook also addresses the impact of nonmarital cohabitation Decedents' Estates book. Read reviews from worldâ€™s largest community for readers. All cases flagged and labeled! I used different colored highlighters through most of this text to indicate facts, procedure, issues, rule, analysis, and conclusion. You are still able to read the text, but if you want to avoid highlighting this book is probably not up your alley. There is some but not much writing in the margins. It took considerable gumption for Professors Raymond C. O'Brien and Michael T. Flannery to enter into this mature marketS with the 2006 publication by Carolina Academic Press of their law school course book entitled Decedents' Estates: Cases and Materials (hereinafter the Casebook). Unexpectedly, the Casebook provides a viable option to these well-established works by providing a fresh approach while maintaining the necessary coverage of traditional topics.