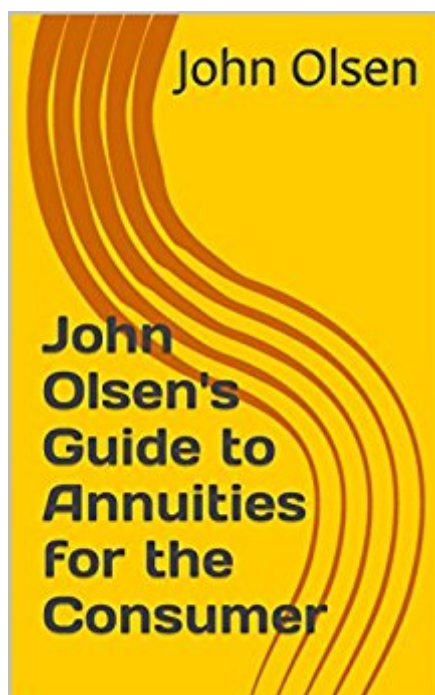


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John Olsen is one of the few folks outside the annuity companies who really understand annuity products and how they actually work, and this book gives readers keen insight into the various provisions of annuity contracts and tax issues involving annuities that even most agents don't understand. Which is to say that this book is an excellent training guide for agents, in addition to being the "must have" guide for those who place their money into an annuity product.

No one else can explain this subject with such clarity

For around 18 years, I've been impressed seeing John Olsen's responses to questions raised by professional financial planners regarding retirement plans and

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Sam Van Why, CLU, ChFC, Professor at College for Financial Planning

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