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If there was a new wonder drug on the market that got kids to behave better, improve their grades, feel happier, and avoid risky behaviors, many parents around the world would be willing to empty their bank accounts to acquire it. Amazingly, such a product actually does exist. It's not regulated by the FDA, it has no ill side-effects, and it's absolutely free and available to anyone at any time. This miracle cure is gratitude. Over the past decade, science has shown that gratitude is one of the most valuable and important emotions we possess, and it is a virtue that anyone can cultivate. In fact, researchers have developed many different methods people can use to foster an attitude of gratitude, and the science shows that many of them really work. In *Making Grateful Kids*, two of the leading authorities on gratitude among young people, Jeffrey J. Froh and Giacomo Bono, introduce their latest and most compelling research, announce groundbreaking findings, and share real-life stories from adults and youth to show parents, teachers, mentors, and kids themselves how to achieve greater life satisfaction through gratitude. Most importantly perhaps, they expand on this groundbreaking research to offer practical and effective common-sense plans that can be used in day-to-day interactions

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between kids and adults to enhance success and wellbeing. Their unique, scientifically-based approach for producing grateful youth works whether these kids are very young elementary school students or troubled teenagers. Not only does the purposeful practice of gratitude increase their happiness, but the research indicates that grateful kids also report more self-discipline, fulfilling relationships, and engagement with their schools and communities when compared to their less grateful counterparts. After reading Making Grateful Kids, parents, teachers, and anyone who works with youth will be able to connect more meaningfully with kids so that all parties can focus on the things that matter most and, in turn, create a more cooperative and thriving society.

A riveting and powerful story of an unforgiving time, an unlikely friendship and an indestructible love
Details a program for improving communication between parents and children, providing sample dialogues, role-playing exercises, and humorous yet illuminating cartoons

We need a parenting revolution! Most parenting approaches end up encouraging children to ask the wrong questions about life: What's in it for me? Are you going to pay me for that? What's the minimum I need to do to get by? But God's Word gives us a better way to parent, one that builds strong internal motivation in children. When parents change the way they parent, kids change the way they live. This practical book explores a theology of internal motivation and then gives parents real-life solutions to equip their kids for life. You'll learn .

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• how to parent in ways that build internal motivation so that kids don't have to rely on you to get things done. • the four promptings of the conscience and how to coordinate your parenting to take advantage of them. • ways to energize your spiritual training with fun and creativity. • how to help children respond to mistakes instead of blaming, defending, or justifying. The greatest gift you can give your child is strong moral and spiritual development—this book shows you how. Every chapter includes practical examples of families applying the Bible to their current issues. Join the revolution!

Today show's Michele Borba's cures for difficult childhood behaviors In this down-to-earth guide, parenting expert Michele Borba offers advice for dealing with children's difficult behavior and hot button issues including biting, temper tantrums, cheating, bad friends, inappropriate clothing, sex, drugs, peer pressure, and much more. Written for parents of kids age 3-13, this book offers easy-to-implement advice for the most important challenges parents face with kids from toddlers to tweens. Includes immediate solutions to the most common childhood problems and challenges Written by Today Show's resident parenting expert Michele Borba Offers clear step-by-step guidance for solving difficult childhood behaviors and family conflicts Contains a wealth of advice that is easy-to-follow and gets quick results Author has written outstanding parenting books including Building Moral Intelligence, No More Misbehavin', Don't Give Me that Attitude, and more Each of the 101 issues includes clear questions, specific step-by-step solutions, and advice that is age appropriate.

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John and Susan describe how both parents and children can intentionally grow in character through the normal, daily events in life. They highlight eight essential character traits: integrity, faith, a teachable spirit, a servant's heart, self-discipline, joy, compassion, and courage. Questions at the end of each chapter and a leader's guide in the back of the book make this an excellent book for a group of parents to study together. The heart-warming tale of a sweet little pig with a whole heap of energy.

A code for a free interactive Child Profile Assessment is included in the paperback edition only of this book (a \$10 value). Complete the online assessment to receive an individualized report with parenting tips that align with your child's temperament type. In *Growing Kids with Character*, Hettie Brittz helps you identify your child's natural bent and how that affects your parenting journey. Hettie's famous tree metaphors show ways to let kids excel at being who they naturally are. Learn how to:

- Cultivate your child's unique way of encountering, following, and worshipping God
- Discipline and discipline based on your child's very own blueprint
- Recognize your child's strongest characteristics and apply that knowledge to everyday life
- Speak your child's unique dialect (or "tree language") to foster effective communication
- Help your child recognize and celebrate God's individualized design for others
- Discover how to use kids' God-given personalities to guide them on their spiritual journeys and firmly establish their identity and purpose in Christ.

Find the joy of parenting by a child's natural bent and God's supernatural wisdom!

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The bestselling author of *UnSelfie* explains why the old markers of accomplishment (grades, test scores) are no longer reliable predictors of success in the 21st century -- and offers 7 teachable traits that will safeguard our kids for the future. Michele Borba has been a teacher, educational consultant, and parent for 40 years -- and she's never been more worried than she is about this current generation of kids. The high-achieving students she talks with every day are more accomplished, better educated, and more privileged than ever before. They're also more stressed, unhappier, and struggling with anxiety, depression, and burnout at younger and younger ages -- "we're like pretty packages with nothing inside," said one young teen. Thrivers are different: they flourish in our fast-paced, digital-driven, often uncertain world. Why? Dr. Borba combed scientific studies on resilience, spoke to dozens of researchers/experts in the field and interviewed more than 100 young people from all walks of life, and she found something surprising: the difference between those who struggle and those who succeed comes down not to grades or test scores, but to seven character traits that set Thrivers apart (and set them up for happiness and greater accomplishment later in life). These traits--confidence, empathy, self-control, integrity, curiosity, perseverance, and optimism--will allow kids to roll with the punches and succeed in life. And the even better news: these traits can be taught to children at any age...in fact, parents and educators must do so. In *Thrivers*, Dr. Borba offers practical, actionable ways to develop these traits in children from preschool through high school, showing how to teach kids how to cope today so they can thrive tomorrow.

A guide for parents, clinicians, and policy makers connects everyday moments and relationships in a child's life with their developing sense of values and meaning, demonstrating how children can be best positioned to become morally strong

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adults through an identification with loving caregivers.
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With the seemingly insurmountable pressures placed on families today, many parents lack the spiritual foundation and practical knowledge to chart a clear-cut course in child-rearing. Parents question whether nurturing their children's souls is even possible in the fast-paced materialistic culture in which we live. Utilizing the insight that springs from her knowledge of Torah wisdom, her personal experiences and the experiences of those she has counseled, Slovie Jungreis-Wolff, a longtime parenting coach and advisor to young couples and families teaches in detail how to approach the entire gamut of issues, with a special emphasis on strengthening the child's morality and character. Parents will learn how to:

- Instill simchas hachayim, "true joy," in their children
- Value chessed, kindness, in a self-absorbed world
- Create a mikdash me'at, a home filled with calm and reflection
- Teach children gratitude and appreciation
- And much more...

From discipline to sibling rivalry to effective communication skills, Raising a Child with Soul offers unique concepts and pragmatic ideas that can be understood and applied to both Jewish and non-Jewish households.

A gifted education Legacy Award winner, Parenting Gifted Kids: Tips for Raising Happy and Successful Children provides a humorous, engaging, and encouraging look at raising gifted children today. James R. Delisle, Ph.D., offers practical, down-to-earth advice that will cause parents to reexamine the ways they perceive and relate to their children. Dr. Delisle puts forward 10 tips to parents of gifted children—ideas that reflect attitude and approach and allow for introspection and change, rather than quick, do-it-tonight solutions. Some topics of interest include understanding a child's giftedness, working with the school system, dealing with perfectionism in gifted kids, and being adult role models

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for children. Along the way, stories from gifted children and their parents provide insight into the lives of these individuals. What sets this book apart from other books for parents of gifted kids is its expansion beyond mere platitudes. Dr. Delisle's tips go beyond the basics, focusing on attitude, reflection, and subtle changes, rather than specific, cookie-cutter recipes for action. The 10 tips suggested and expanded upon in this book include: understanding what giftedness is . . . and what it is not; understanding the differences between gifted kids and their agemates; understanding the personality traits of gifted kids, including overexcitabilities; taking charge of your child's education; understanding the issue of perfectionism in gifted kids; examining social nuances and myths related to giftedness; examining the similarities parents share with their gifted children; setting reasonable goals; helping gifted children make a difference in the lives of others; and remembering that gifted children are kids first and gifted second.

Educational Resource

Offers advice for teaching children the essential skills they need to be confident and successful, including communication, problem solving, perseverance, and empathy. From the New York Times best-selling author of *How Children Succeed*, an essential handbook of “informative and effective methods to help children overcome issues and thrive at home and in school”^{*}—now including sixteen new infographics! In *How Children Succeed*, Paul Tough introduced us to research showing that personal qualities like perseverance, self-control, and conscientiousness play a critical role in children's success. Now, in *Helping Children Succeed*, Tough takes on a new set of pressing questions: What does growing up in poverty do to children's mental and physical development? How does adversity at home affect their success in the classroom, from preschool to high

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school? And what practical steps can the adults who are responsible for them take to improve their chances for a positive future? Tough once again encourages us to think in a new way about the challenges of childhood. Mining the latest research in psychology and neuroscience, he provides us with insights and strategies for a new approach to childhood adversity, one designed to help many more children succeed.

* (Kirkus Reviews)

Want children who are patient, kind, humble, thankful, and respectful? Who have a good work ethic, strong character, and a healthy self-image? Who succeed in all areas of life--personally, professionally, and relationally--to the best of their ability? You can't force your kids to be grateful for everything you do, but you can raise successful, responsible kids who grow into adults you can be proud of. With his signature wit and wisdom, international parenting expert Dr. Kevin Lemmon reveals eight no-nonsense strategies that build on the foundations of character, good behavior, respect, discipline, and a winning attitude. He shows you how to - expect the best to get the best - minimize friction and optimize solutions - put your relationship first - and much more It is possible to raise a successful child in a "whatever" generation. Dr. Lemmon shows you just how simple it can be. Argues that children's development is influenced primarily by their peers--other children--rather than by their parents How to Raise Kids Who Aren't Assholes is a clear, actionable, sometimes humorous (but always science-based) guide for parents on how to shape their kids into honest, kind, generous, confident, independent, and resilient people...who just might save the world one day. As an award-winning science journalist, Melinda Wenner Moyer was regularly asked to investigate and address all kinds of parenting questions: how to potty train, when and whether to get vaccines, and how to help kids sleep through the night. But

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as Melinda's children grew, she found that one huge area was ignored in the realm of parenting advice: how do we make sure our kids don't grow up to be assholes? On social media, in the news, and from the highest levels of government, kids are increasingly getting the message that being selfish, obnoxious and cruel is okay. Hate crimes among children and teens are rising, while compassion among teens has been dropping. We know, of course, that young people have the capacity for great empathy, resilience, and action, and we all want to bring up kids who will help build a better tomorrow. But how do we actually do this? How do we raise children who are kind, considerate, and ethical inside and outside the home, who will grow into adults committed to making the world a better place? *How to Raise Kids Who Aren't Assholes* is a deeply researched, evidence-based primer that provides a fresh, often surprising perspective on parenting issues, from toddlerhood through the teenage years. First, Melinda outlines the traits we want our children to possess—including honesty, generosity, and antiracism—and then she provides scientifically-based strategies that will help parents instill those characteristics in their kids. Learn how to raise the kind of kids you actually want to hang out with—and who just might save the world. We all want our children to reach their fullest potential—to be smart and well adjusted, and to make a difference in the world. We wonder why, for some people, success seems to come so naturally. Could the secret be how they were parented? This book unveils how parenting helped shape some of the most fascinating people you will ever encounter, by doing things that almost any parent can do. You don't have to be wealthy or influential to ensure your child reaches their greatest potential. What you do need is commitment—and the strategies outlined in this book. In *The Formula: Unlocking the Secrets to Raising Highly Successful Children*, Harvard

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economist Ronald Ferguson, named in a New York Times profile as the foremost expert on the US educational "achievement gap," along with award-winning journalist Tatsha Robertson, reveal an intriguing blueprint for helping children from all types of backgrounds become successful adults. Informed by hundreds of interviews, the book includes never-before-published insights from the "How I was Parented Project" at Harvard University, which draws on the varying life experiences of 120 Harvard students. Ferguson and Robertson have isolated a pattern with eight roles of the "Master Parent" that make up the Formula: the Early Learning Partner, the Flight Engineer, the Fixer, the Revealer, the Philosopher, the Model, the Negotiator, and the GPS Navigational Voice. The Formula combines the latest scientific research on child development, learning, and brain growth and illustrates with life stories of extraordinary individuals—from the Harvard-educated Ghanian entrepreneur who, as the young child of a rural doctor, was welcomed in his father's secretive late-night political meetings; to the nation's youngest state-wide elected official, whose hardworking father taught him math and science during grueling days on the family farm in Kentucky; to the DREAMer immigration lawyer whose low-wage mother pawned her wedding ring to buy her academically outstanding child a special flute. The Formula reveals strategies on how you—regardless of race, class, or background—can help your children become the best they can be and shows ways to maximize their chances for happy and purposeful lives.

Provides a guide for parents that recommends an alternative approach that encourages respect for the self and others, in a reference that explains how to foster such values in children as thankfulness and unselfishness.

In *Raising Human Beings*, the renowned child psychologist

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and New York Times bestselling author of *Lost at School* and *The Explosive Child* explains how to cultivate a better parent-child relationship while also nurturing empathy, honesty, resilience, and independence. Parents have an important task: figure out who their child is—his or her skills, preferences, beliefs, values, personality traits, goals, and direction—get comfortable with it, and then help him or her pursue and live a life that is congruent with it. But parents also want to have influence. They want their kid to be independent, but not if he or she is going to make bad choices. They don't want to be harsh and rigid, but nor do they want a noncompliant, disrespectful kid. They want to avoid being too pushy and overbearing, but not if an unmotivated, apathetic kid is what they have to show for it. They want to have a good relationship with their kids, but not if that means being a pushover. They don't want to scream, but they do want to be heard. Good parenting is about striking the balance between a child's characteristics and a parent's desire to have influence. Now Dr. Ross Greene offers a detailed and practical guide for raising kids in a way that enhances relationships, improves communication, and helps kids learn how to resolve disagreements without conflict. Through his well-known model of solving problems collaboratively, parents can forgo time-out and sticker charts, stop badgering, berating, threatening, and punishing, allow their kids to feel heard and validated, and have influence. From homework to hygiene, curfews, to screen time, *Raising Human Beings* arms parents with the tools they need to raise kids in ways that are non-punitive and non-adversarial and that brings out the best in both parent and child. While many adolescents today have all the useful accessories of a prosperous society—cell phones, credit cards, computers, cars—they have few of the responsibilities that build character. Under intense pressure to be perfect and

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achieve, they devote little time to an inner life, and a culture that worships instant success makes it hard for them to engage in the slow, careful building of the skills that enhance self-esteem and self-sufficiency. In this powerful and provocative book, Dr. Kindlon delineates how indulged toddlers become indulged teenagers who are at risk for becoming prone to, among other things, excessive self-absorption, depression and anxiety, and lack of self-control. *Too Much of a Good Thing* maps out the ways in which parents can reach out to their children, teach them engagement in meaningful activity, and promote emotional maturity and a sense of self-worth. Dan Kindlon, Ph.D. is a professor of child psychology at Harvard University. He is a frequent contributor to *Child* magazine and is the co-author of *Raising Cain*, a *New York Times* best-seller. He lives in Boston with his wife and two children.

When parents trade spiritual convictions for those of secular culture -- with its misguided principles and mistaken priorities -- our families, faith, and foundations are in trouble.

Happiness has become the hallmark of successful parenthood in today's high-tech, low-touch world where faithfulness is for the foolish and parenthood is provisional. Learn how to make the child-rearing years rewarding for both parents and children! Clear, stylish typeset, with user-friendly links to referenced Scripture. Parenting is both exhilarating and exhausting...offering no reprieve and no recess! Moms are so emotionally drained they're giving themselves a timeout! Dads are so frustrated even golf seems like fun! But don't panic—there is hope! Chuck and Jenni invite you to pull up a chair with them in a quiet café, where the coffee's hot and the music's soft. They've been here a thousand times with parents just like you. Parents with their kids on their minds and their hearts on their sleeves...eager to discover the practice and the payoff of... Principle-Centered Parenting !

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With wit and wisdom, Chuck and Jenni share 10 essential principles that will help you when your patience is failing and your blood pressure is rising! Whether you're a mom or dad in a traditional family, a stepfamily, or a single-parent family...you're just 10 steps away from discovering how good parents become great parents, average kids become awesome kids, and kids of comfort become kids of character. Join them and see!

“Drop the flashcards—grit, character, and curiosity matter even more than cognitive skills. A persuasive wake-up call.”—People Why do some children succeed while others fail? The story we usually tell about childhood and success is the one about intelligence: success comes to those who score highest on tests, from preschool admissions to SATs. But in *How Children Succeed*, Paul Tough argues that the qualities that matter more have to do with character: skills like perseverance, curiosity, optimism, and self-control. *How Children Succeed* introduces us to a new generation of researchers and educators, who, for the first time, are using the tools of science to peel back the mysteries of character. Through their stories—and the stories of the children they are trying to help—Tough reveals how this new knowledge can transform young people’s lives. He uncovers the surprising ways in which parents do—and do not—prepare their children for adulthood. And he provides us with new insights into how to improve the lives of children growing up in poverty. This provocative and profoundly hopeful book will not only inspire and engage readers, it will also change our understanding of childhood itself. “Illuminates the extremes of American childhood: for rich kids, a safety net drawn so tight it’s a harness; for poor kids, almost nothing to break their fall.”—New York Times “I learned so much reading this book and I came away full of hope about how we can make life better for all kinds of kids.”—Slate

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Discover how Dutch parents raise The Happiest Kids in the World! Calling all stressed-out parents: Relax! Imagine a place where young children play unsupervised, don't do homework, have few scheduled "activities" . . . and rank #1 worldwide in happiness and education. It's not a fantasy—it's the Netherlands! Rina Mae Acosta and Michele Hutchison—an American and a Brit, both married to Dutchmen and raising their kids in the Netherlands—report back on what makes Dutch kids so happy and well adjusted. Is it that dads take workdays off to help out? Chocolate sprinkles for breakfast? Bicycling everywhere? Whatever the secret, entire Dutch families reap the benefits, from babies (who sleep 15 hours a day) to parents (who enjoy a work-life balance most Americans only dream of). As Acosta and Hutchison borrow ever-more wisdom from their Dutch neighbors, this much becomes clear: Sometimes the best thing we can do as parents is . . . less!

Decades of research have demonstrated that the parent-child dyad and the environment of the family—which includes all primary caregivers—are at the foundation of children's well-being and healthy development. From birth, children are learning and rely on parents and the other caregivers in their lives to protect and care for them. The impact of parents may never be greater than during the earliest years of life, when a child's brain is rapidly developing and when nearly all of her or his experiences are created and shaped by parents and the family environment. Parents help children build and refine their knowledge and skills, charting a trajectory for their health and well-being during childhood and beyond. The experience of parenting also impacts parents themselves. For instance, parenting can enrich and give

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focus to parents' lives; generate stress or calm; and create any number of emotions, including feelings of happiness, sadness, fulfillment, and anger. Parenting of young children today takes place in the context of significant ongoing developments. These include: a rapidly growing body of science on early childhood, increases in funding for programs and services for families, changing demographics of the U.S. population, and greater diversity of family structure. Additionally, parenting is increasingly being shaped by technology and increased access to information about parenting. Parenting Matters identifies parenting knowledge, attitudes, and practices associated with positive developmental outcomes in children ages 0-8; universal/preventive and targeted strategies used in a variety of settings that have been effective with parents of young children and that support the identified knowledge, attitudes, and practices; and barriers to and facilitators for parents' use of practices that lead to healthy child outcomes as well as their participation in effective programs and services. This report makes recommendations directed at an array of stakeholders, for promoting the wide-scale adoption of effective programs and services for parents and on areas that warrant further research to inform policy and practice. It is meant to serve as a roadmap for the future of parenting policy, research, and practice in the United States.

Includes a Touchstone reading group guide in unnumbered pages at end of work.

This guidebook, packed with wisdom, practical advice,

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resources, and encouragement, explores how moms can equip their sons with what they most need to succeed in life. Monica Swanson knew she'd tapped a heartfelt concern when nearly two million readers shared her blog post "What a Teenage Boy Needs Most from His Mom." In this helpful book, she takes mothers deeper into the insights they need for the boy-raising journey, covering topics from dealing with the daily influences of friends and technology to helping a boy grow to be physically, spiritually, and emotionally healthy. She also addresses learning and finding passions, perspectives on relationships and dating, and work ethics and money management. Each chapter features relatable stories, handy checklists, and practical advice based on a combination of research, experience, and biblical truth to guide and equip a mom in helping her son achieve his God-given potential.

In today's complex world, parenting is a tough job. Beyond the difficulties of the changing world we live in, there are also the daily frictions of imperfect people sharing a home together. However, Daniel P. Huerta, Focus on the Family's Vice President of Parenting, offers hope and help for you to become an effective parent. Based on exhaustive research, Huerta presents a collection of seven powerful character traits designed to help parents grow and thrive as they take on the task of raising children. Parents will be encouraged to navigate family life with grace and love so their children ultimately see God's transformative power, love, and influence. It's never been more important to teach your children well. What America needs today are parents who don't

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just say they value these virtues but who live them and passionately and boldly teach them to their children. It's up to me and you and every parent in America to make the necessary changes to give our children the opportunity to change the world. We do that by instilling good character traits in them so that they will be capable of being the adults our world needs. --Korie Robertson

Many parents want to see positive character traits in their children but wonder how to instill them. As stars of the hit reality-TV show Duck Dynasty, Korie and Willie Robertson receive loads of letters and messages from fans asking how they've raised such good kids. As they will tell you, "it isn't always easy, but raising kids with good character is possible." A straightforward, practical approach to parenting, *Strong and Kind* helps you identify the character traits you want to see in your children and gives you the tools for putting them in place. Besides strength and kindness other character traits include: Self-Control Honesty Compassion Patience Joyfulness Loyalty Humility By modeling positive traits, with confidence, consistency, creativity, unity, and in truth and love, you can increase the chances of your kids catching on. At the end of the day, the Duck Dynasty stars say the most important thing you can do for your children is what they do at the end of every episode: hand them over to God in prayer. What Legacy Will You Pass Down To The Next Generation? "After being a parent for twenty years, I have come to believe that the most important thing for parents to decide--more important than bottle or breastfeeding, more important than co-sleeping or sleep training, and even more

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important than whether to put your child in day care or become a stay-at-home parent--is what values are important to your family and how you will go about instilling those values in your children." In *Strong and Kind* Korie Robertson--with the help of her mom, Chrys Howard, and with insights and stories from her husband, Willie--introduces nine character traits that children need in order to lead a successful life. And though there are no perfect parents or perfect children, Korie shares principles--based on biblical wisdom and time-tested practices--that will help you parent your own one-of-a-kind child.

Can you teach a child to be kind? This vital question is taking on a new urgency as our culture grows ever more abrasive and divided. We all want our kids to be kind. But that is not the same as knowing what to do when you catch your son being unkind. A world-renowned developmental psychologist, Dr. Thomas Lickona has led the character education movement in schools for forty years. Now he shares with parents the vital tools they need to bring peace and foster cooperation at home. Kindness doesn't stand on its own. It needs a supporting cast of other essential virtues—like courage, self-control, respect, and gratitude. With concrete examples drawn from the many families Dr. Lickona has worked with over the years and clear tips you can act on tonight, *How to Raise Kind Kids* will help you give and get respect, hold family meetings to tackle persistent problems, discipline in a way that builds character, and improve the dynamic of your relationship with your children while putting them on the path to a happier and

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more fulfilling life.

Raising Children At Promise is a practical resource and inspiring companion workbook to the revolutionary book Children At Promise, which replaced at-risk thinking with an at-promise strategy to help all kids succeed and overcome challenges in their lives through a trusting relationship with a caring adult. Step by step, this workbook explains the AT PROMISE paradigm and offers stories, activities, self-assessments, prayer reflections, and answers to frequently asked questions, encouraging readers to understand and apply At Promise principles in their daily relationships with kids. Most notably, an observation guide facilitates focused thinking and journaling about kids, giving parents and educators a tool for recognizing progress and knowing how to encourage children to live up to their potential. Solidly grounded in tested educational and psychological theory as well as timeless biblical wisdom, Raising Children At Promise offers a groundbreaking approach to character growth in kids.

Strong, firm character does not develop automatically. This book assists families in setting and achieving the goals necessary for developing eight essential character traits: integrity, faith, a teachable spirit, a servant's heart, self-discipline, joy, compassion, and courage. With refreshing honesty, John and Susan Yates share how parents and children can grow together in these qualities.

Families with boys often find the world reacts to them in mock horror. Even though parents love their sons, privately they admit that boys can be a handful to raise--they are

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boisterous, competitive, reckless, distractable. The challenge of wills between parent and son starts early, and the quest to civilize young bulls may seem hopeless some days. Yet believers know that God has given them children as a gift of heaven, specially chosen for their particular families and marked as a blessing. If that's so, why does it seem so hard? How can we prepare these boys to serve God when it's all we can do to make it through another day? Isn't there a better way? *Raising Real Men: Surviving, Teaching and Appreciating Boys* shows the answer is emphatically yes. Written by the parents of six boys, *Raising Real Men* provides hope and encouragement to families with sons. Starting from the premise that God made boys to become men, Hal and Melanie Young offer Biblical principles and tested, practical ideas for training the manly virtues that can drive parents and teachers up the wall. This is a practical guide to equipping the hearts and minds of boys without breaking or losing your own. "...earthy, realistic, humorous, and scriptural ..." -- Douglas Wilson, author, *Future Men* "This is just what the doctor ordered for parents who want to raise capable Christian men of character." -- John Rosemond, author, *Parenting By The Book*

Today's parents are constantly pressured to be perfect. But in striving to do everything right, we risk missing what children really need for lifelong emotional security. Now the simple, powerful "Circle of Security" parenting strategies that Kent Hoffman, Glen Cooper, and Bert Powell have taught thousands of families are available in self-help form for the first time. You will learn: How to balance nurturing and protectiveness with promoting your child's independence. What emotional needs a toddler or older child may be expressing through difficult behavior. How your own upbringing affects your parenting style--and what you can do about it. Filled with vivid stories and unique practical tools,

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this book puts the keys to healthy attachment within everyone's reach--self-understanding, flexibility, and the willingness to make and learn from mistakes. Self-assessment checklists can be downloaded and printed for ease of use.

How do we encourage kids to talk with us about even the trickiest issues? Talking about the stuff that matters with your kids is not easy, but communication is the best tool we have for life and love. This book will guide you through 40 practical conversations using the structure of a family trip. It'll be meaningful fun. When you start having the conversations in this book, your kids will start changing their world! Inside, you'll discover: ?Stories, tips and research to inform the conversations?Relationship skills to build (like listening and conflict resolution)?How to combat the influences of our culture (like consumerism and tech devices)?How to build resilience, values, character and purpose?How our kids can play a part in solving problems, rather than being brought down by them?Advice from caring young adults about what worked for them!As parents, we want our kids to have happy, loving lives. As a society, we need kids who are capable of thinking and acting beyond themselves to help others have happy, loving lives too."There is a huge secret to life which most families - and most parenting books - completely miss. That we humans are happiest when we are living for each other, and discovering the fun that brings. In a society that is all about 'me' we have never been more stressed or miserable. Caring is a word that holds the key to life going well, and is the real heart of being human. This book shows you how to foster it. "Susy Lee's book is one of those rare ones you want to have at hand long term, as even dipping in seems to spark you with ideas and clues for really engaging with your children. What to ask, what to challenge them with, what to provoke them with. "Brightly and clearly written, with

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real personality, this book turns on its head our focus on making kids happy, and instead shows how to make them generators of happiness." - Steve Biddulph AM

Strong, firm character does not develop automatically. This book helps families set and achieve the goals necessary for developing eight essential character traits: integrity, faith, a teachable spirit, a servant's heart, self-discipline, joy, compassion, and courage. The Yateses use stories and practical examples from their lives and the lives of their five children to show how character can be purposefully cultivated through the normal, daily events in life. With refreshing honesty, they share how parents and children can grow together in these qualities. Character Matters! includes focus questions and three appendices, including a leader's guide for group study.

This easy-to-read, comprehensive guide contains what you need to know on how to parent with confidence. Packed with advice and powerful tips, using the latest research on child development and parenting techniques, it offers a mine of information on how to let children flourish, take the frustration out of parenting and develop happy family relations. Authors provide guidance on developing character, knowledge, values, and skills, as well as a faith-based outlook in children, benefitting parents with kids of all ages. The many strategies and techniques offered include: teaching children how to problem-solve, make decisions, and develop self-esteem. Raising God conscious, moral, successful children, with a sense of civic responsibility in today's world is not easy. It is also not impossible. Effective parenting is the key.

A syndicated columnist and family psychologist outlines scripture-based principles for parents that recommend respect for others over self-esteem tactics, recommending a leadership approach to disciplinary methods that draws on traditional belief systems. 50,000 first printing.

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Raising decent, caring, and responsible children is the most complex and challenging job in every parent's life—and an increasingly difficult one in today's society. Here is the most authoritative book available on this crucial subject, a valuable and sensitive guide for parents who want their children to grow up with lifelong positive values. Based on fascinating research, this groundbreaking work by psychologist and educator Dr. Thomas Lickona describes the predictable stages of moral development from birth to adulthood. And it offers you down-to-earth advice and guidance for each stage:

- Seven caring ways to discipline “terrible twos”
- Why your preschooler “lies” and how to handle it
- What to do about a four-year-old's back talk
- How to handle your seven-year-old's endless negotiations about what's “fair”
- Why teens have trouble with peer pressure—and how to help them
- How to talk to your child about drugs, drinking, and sex
- How to help children of any age reason more clearly about what's right and wrong

PLUS . . . A list of more than one hundred children's books that teach moral values, and much more.

“An excellent book on a vastly neglected aspect of raising children.”—Dr. Fitzhugh Dodson, author *How to Parent, How to Father* “We have been waiting for a book like this for a long time—a readable work that translates a moral development into parents' language and experience.”—Dolores Curran, author of *Traits of a Healthy Family* “Truly integrates a moral development theory into a consistent approach to childrearing. . . Word-of-mouth recommendations from parent to parent may lift it to the level of popularity once held by Dr. Spock's book on child care.”—Moral Education Forum

What does it take to raise great kids? If you've read any books on parenting, conflicting opinions have probably left you feeling confused. Get tough! Show acceptance. Lay down the rules. Lighten up, already! There's got to be a

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balance between control and permissiveness. And there is. Drawing on the expert insights of counselors and award-winning authors Henry Cloud and John Townsend and on the parenting wisdom of MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) International, Raising Great Kids shows you that truth and grace aren't polar opposites. They are allies in your most challenging and rewarding task: raising children with character that can withstand life's rigors and make the most of its potential.

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