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## The Opposite of Spoiled

## Oy Vey! Isn't a Strategy

How do we build resilient children who can handle life's challenges? As parents today, we often feel that our role is to protect our children from the world: to cushion them when they fall, to lift them over obstacles, and to remove sharp rocks from their path. But controling a child's entire environment and keeping all pain at bay isn't feasible—we can't prepare the world for our children, so instead we should focus on preparing our children for the world. "The solution is not removing impediments from our children's lives," writes Krissy Pozatek, "it is compassionately encouraging them to be brave." We need to show our kids how to navigate their own terrain. If our kids face small hurdles, small pains, at a young age and learn to overcome these obstacles, they will be much better equipped to face larger trouble later in life. Early lessons in problem solving teach selfconfidence and self-reliance—and show us that our kids are tougher than we think. Krissy draws her lessons from her experience guiding children in wilderness therapy and from her Buddhist practice—showing us that all life is as unpredictable as mountain weather, that impermanence is the only constant, and that the most loving act a parent can do is fearlessly ready their child to face the wilderness. For parents of children of all ages.

#### The iConnected Parent

Traditional Chinese edition of The Blessing Of A Skinned Knee: Using Jewish Teachings to Raise Self-Reliant Children, one of the best child rearing books that helps build the foundations for all children. In Traditional Chinese. Distributed by Tsai Fong Books, Inc.

WINNER! Mom's Choice Gold Award for parenting books -- Mom's Choice Awards: The best in family-friendly media "My kid is smart, but" It takes more than school smarts to create a fulfilling life. In fact, many bright children face special challenges: Some are driven by perfectionism; Some are afraid of effort, because they're used to instant success; Some routinely butt heads with authority figures; Some struggle to get along with their peers; Some are outwardly successful but just don't feel good about themselves. This practical and compassionate book explains the reasons behind these struggles and offers parents do-able strategies to help children cope with feelings, embrace learning, and build satisfying relationships. Drawing from research as well as the authors' clinical experience, it focuses on the essential skills children need to make the most of their abilities and become capable, confident, and caring people.

## The Myth of the Spoiled Child

The beloved bestseller that offers a practical, inspiring new roadmap for raising self-reliant, ethical, and compassionate children. In the trenches of a typical day, every parent encounters a child afflicted with ingratitude and entitlement. In a world where material abundance abounds, parents want so badly to raise selfdisciplined, appreciative, and resourceful children who are not spoiled by the plentitude around them. But how to accomplish this feat? The answer has eluded the best-intentioned mothers and fathers who overprotect, overindulge, and overschedule their children's lives. Dr. Mogel helps parents learn how to turn their children's worst traits into their greatest attributes. Starting with stories of everyday parenting problems and examining them through the lens of the Torah, the Talmud, and important lewish teachings, The Blessing of a Skinned Knee shows parents how to teach children to honor their parents and to respect others, escape the danger of overvaluing children's need for self-expression so that their kids don't become "little attorneys," accept that their children are both ordinary and unique, and treasure the power and holiness of the present moment. It is Mogel's singular achievement that she makes these teachings relevant for any era and any household of any faith. A unique parenting book, designed for use both in the home and in parenting classes, with an on-line teaching guide to help facilitate its use, The Blessing of a Skinned Knee is both inspiring and effective in the day-today challenge of raising self-reliant children.

# The Blessing of Africa

The author shares the story of the loss of her twelve-year-old son to a flash flood, and how she and her family made their way through profound grief toward peace with the help of the presence of God.

# **Nine Questions People Ask About Judaism**

How the daily practices of life with children can shape our faith In the Midst of Chaos explores parenting as spiritual practice, building on Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore's fresh conceptions of children from her book Let the Children Come. She questions conventional perceptions that spiritual practices require silence, solitude, and uninterrupted prayer and that assume a life unburdened by care of

others. She is both honest about the difficulties and attentive to the blessings present in everyday life and demonstrates that the life of faith encompasses children and the adults who care for them. Miller-McLemore explores how parents might use seven daily practices, such as play, reading, chores, and saying goodbye or goodnight as rich opportunities to shape both parent and child morally and spiritually. Through these experiences, she shows how the very care of children forms and reforms the faith of adults themselves, contrary to the belief that adults must form children. In the Midst of Chaos also goes beyond the typical focus on individual self-fulfillment by tackling difficult questions of social justice and mutuality in the ways families live together. Readers will find in this book an invitation to love those around them in the midst of life's craziness and to live more deeply in grace.

## **Mixed Blessings**

We all know the stereotype of the Jewish mother: Hectoring, guilt-inducing, clingy as a limpet. In Mamaleh Knows Best, Tablet Magazine columnist Marjorie Ingall smashes this tired trope with a hammer. Blending personal anecdotes, humor, historical texts, and scientific research, Ingall shares Jewish secrets for raising self-sufficient, ethical, and accomplished children. She offers abundant examples showing how Jewish mothers have nurtured their children's independence, fostered discipline, urged a healthy distrust of authority, consciously cultivated geekiness and kindness, stressed education, and maintained a sense of humor. These time-tested strategies have proven successful in a wide variety of settings and fields over the vast span of history. But you don't have to be Jewish to cultivate the same qualities in your own children. Ingall will make you think, she will make you laugh, and she will make you a better parent. You might not produce a Nobel Prize winner (or hey, you might), but you'll definitely get a great human being.

# The Blessing

New York Times bestselling author Dr. Wendy Mogel "teaches parents the dialect needed to converse with their daughters and sons at every stage of life. It's kind and loving, but it's also strategic" (Chicago Tribune). Most parents are perfectly fine communicators—unless they're talking to their children. Then, too often, their pitch rises and they come across as pleading, indignant, wounded, outraged. In tone and body language they signal, I can't handle it when you act like a child. Dr. Wendy Mogel, "one of the most astute psychologists on the planet (Angela Duckworth, New York Times bestselling author of Grit) saw this pattern time and again in her clinical practice. In response, she developed a remarkably effective series of "voice lessons," which she shared with parents who were struggling with their kids. The results were immediate: a shift in vocal style led to children who were calmer, listened more attentively, and communicated with more warmth, respect, and sincerity. In Voice Lessons for Parents, Mogel elaborates on her novel clinical approach, revealing how each age and stage of a child's life brings new opportunities to connect through language. Drawing from sources as diverse as neuroscience, fairy tales, and anthropology, Mogel offers specific guidance for talking to children across the expanse of childhood and adolescence. She also explains the best ways to talk about your child to partners, exes, and grandparents, as well as to teachers, coaches, and caretakers. Throughout the

book, Mogel addresses the distraction of digital devices—how they impact our connection with our families, and what we can do about it. "In this intelligent and useful book, Wendy Mogel explains how the tenor of your remarks may make as much difference as their content...and shows how minor adjustments may help lower the inherent tension of parent-child relationships" (Andrew Solomon, bestselling author of Far From the Tree).

## **Smart Parenting for Smart Kids**

Asks readers to imagine ordinary, everyday events as wondrous and magical occurrences.

# **Love and Other Ways of Dying**

New York Times columnist Alina Tugend delivers an eye-opening big idea: Embracing mistakes can make us smarter, healthier, and happier in every facet of our lives. In this persuasive book, journalist Alina Tugend examines the delicate tension between what we're told—we must make mistakes in order to learn—and the reality—we often get punished for them. She shows us that mistakes are everywhere, and when we acknowledge and identify them correctly, we can improve not only ourselves, but our families, our work, and the world around us as well. Bold and dynamic, insightful and provocative, Better by Mistake turns our cultural wisdom on its head to illustrate the downside of striving for perfection and the rewards of acknowledging and accepting mistakes and embracing the imperfection in all of us.

# The Blessing Of A Skinned Knee

LONGLISTED FOR THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD • NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY KIRKUS REVIEWS • In this moving, lyrical, and ultimately uplifting collection of essays, Michael Paterniti turns a keen eye on the full range of human experience, introducing us to an unforgettable cast of everyday people. Michael Paterniti is one of the most original and empathic storytellers working today. His writing has been described as "humane, devastating, and beautiful" by Elizabeth Gilbert, "spellbinding" by Anthony Doerr, and "expansive and joyful" by George Saunders. In the seventeen wide-ranging essays collected for the first time in Love and Other Ways of Dying, he brings his full literary powers to bear, pondering happiness and grief, memory and the redemptive power of human connection. In the remote Ukranian countryside, Paterniti picks apples (and faces mortality) with a real-life giant; in Nanjing, China, he confronts a distraught jumper on a suicide bridge; in Dodge City, Kansas, he takes up residence at a roadside hotel and sees, firsthand, the ways in which the racial divide turns neighbor against neighbor. In each instance, Paterniti illuminates the full spectrum of human experience, introducing us to unforgettable everyday people and bygone legends, exploring the big ideas and emotions that move us. Paterniti reenacts François Mitterrand's last meal in a rustic dining room in France and drives across America with Albert Einstein's brain in the trunk of his rental car, floating in a Tupperware container. He delves with heartbreaking detail into the aftermath of a plane crash off the coast of Nova Scotia, an earthquake in Haiti, and a tsunami in Japan—and, in searing swirls

of language, unearths the complicated, hidden truths these moments of extremity teach us about our ability to endure, and to love. Michael Paterniti has spent the past two decades grappling with some of our most powerful subjects and incomprehensible events, taking an unflinching point of view that seeks to edify as it resists easy answers. At every turn, his work attempts to make sense of both love and loss, and leaves us with a profound sense of what it means to be human. As he writes in the Introduction to this book, "The more we examine the grooves and scars of this life, the more free and complete we become." Praise for Michael Paterniti and Love and Other Ways of Dying "One of the best books I've read all year . . . These pieces are exceptional artifacts of literary journalism."—Mark O'Connell, Slate "These pieces are extraordinary. . . . Journalism elevated beyond its ordinary capacities, well into the realm of literature."—Columbia Journalism Review "A fearless, spellbinding collection of inquiries by a brilliant, globally minded essayist whose writing is magic and whose worldview brims with compassion . . . The size of Michael Paterniti's curiosity is matched only by the size of his heart."—Anthony Doerr, author of All the Light We Cannot See "Michael Paterniti is a genius."—Elizabeth Gilbert, author of The Signature of All Things "One of the best living practitioners of the art of literary journalism, able to fully elucidate and humanize the everyday and the epic."—Dave Eggers, author of The Circle "In each of these essays, Michael Paterniti unveils life for us, the beauty and heartbreak of it, as we would never see it ourselves but now can never forget it. Paterniti is brilliant—a rare master—and one of my favorite authors on earth."—Lily King, author of Euphoria

#### The Blessing of a Skinned Knee

Provides an informative guide to some fundamental questions about the role of Judaism, discussing practical aspects of the faith, and argues for the restoration of Judaism to the center of one's life

#### The World Is Awake

Dying Inside, Loving Your True Skin reveals is a powerful, inspirational wellness empowerment book that calls an urgent attention to the unpopular, hidden, detrimental, toxic chemicals found in some skin bleaching products. The inordinate desire to enhance even skin tone or to attain a lighter skin color with the intention of being perceived as more beautiful has blinded many to the deleterious heath consequences of skin lightening. The prolong and regular misuse of these deleterious products to attain tone enhancement has been an epidemic of many people of various cultures worldwide, including third world nations such as Africans, Caribbean, and other certain communities, where fair skin tone is sought after. Queen Blessing passionately inspires you about self-love and how to achieve a balanced positive attitude and winning true beauty from within.

# **Small Blessings**

Identifies the six challenges that make parents feel overwhelmed by their responsibilities in light of societal pressures and expectations--the Fears of Letting Go, Not Doing Enough, Taking Charge, Slowing Down, Unstructured Time, and

Falling Behind--and offers parents tools, strategies, and advice on how to deal with children's social lives, academics, relationships, and other daily activities. Original. 20,000 first printing.

# The Blessing of a Skinned Knee

In the spirit of Wendy Mogel's The Blessing of a Skinned Knee and Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman's Nurture Shock, New York Times "Your Money" columnist Ron Lieber delivers a taboo-shattering manifesto that explains how talking openly to children about money can help parents raise modest, patient, grounded young adults who are financially wise beyond their years. For Ron Lieber, a personal finance columnist and father, good parenting means talking about money with our kids. Children are hyper-aware of money, and they have scores of guestions about its nuances. But when parents shy away from the topic, they lose a tremendous opportunity—not just to model the basic financial behaviors that are increasingly important for young adults but also to imprint lessons about what the family truly values. Written in a warm, accessible voice, grounded in real-world experience and stories from families with a range of incomes, The Opposite of Spoiled is both a practical guidebook and a values-based philosophy. The foundation of the book is a detailed blueprint for the best ways to handle the basics: the tooth fairy, allowance, chores, charity, saving, birthdays, holidays, cell phones, checking accounts, clothing, cars, part-time jobs, and college tuition. It identifies a set of traits and virtues that embody the opposite of spoiled, and shares how to embrace the topic of money to help parents raise kids who are more generous and less materialistic. But The Opposite of Spoiled is also a promise to our kids that we will make them better with money than we are. It is for all of the parents who know that honest conversations about money with their curious children can help them become more patient and prudent, but who don't know how and when to start.

# **Brave Parenting**

"Just let go!" That's what parents have been told to do when their kids go to college. But in our speed-dial culture, with BlackBerries and even Skype, parents and kids are now more than ever in constant contact. Today's iConnected parents say they are closer to their kids than their parents were to them—and this generation of families prefers it that way. Parents are their children's mentors, confidants, and friends—but is this good for the kids? Are parents really letting go—and does that matter? Dr. Barbara Hofer, a Middlebury College professor of psychology, and Abigail Sullivan Moore, a journalist who has reported on college and high school trends for the New York Times, answer these questions and more in their groundbreaking, compelling account of both the good and the bad of close communication in the college years and beyond. An essential assessment of the state of parent-child relationships in an age of instant communication, The iConnected Parent goes beyond sounding the alarm about the ways many young adults are failing to develop independence to describe the healthy, mutually fulfilling relationships that can emerge when families grow closer in our wired world. Communicating an average of thirteen times a week, parents and their college-age kids are having a hard time letting go. Hofer's research and Moore's extensive reporting reveal how this trend is shaping families, schools, and workplaces, and the challenge it poses for students with mental health and

learning issues. Until recently, students handled college on their own, learning life's lessons and growing up in the process. Now, many students turn to their parents for instant answers to everyday questions. "My roommate's boyfriend is here all the time and I have no privacy! What should I do?" "Can you edit my paper tonight? It's due tomorrow." "What setting should I use to wash my jeans?" And Mom and Dad are not just the Google and Wikipedia for overcoming daily pitfalls; Hofer and Moore have discovered that some parents get involved in unprecedented ways, phoning professors and classmates, choosing their child's courses, and even crossing the lines set by university honor codes with the academic help they provide. Hofer and Moore offer practical advice, from the years before college through the years after graduation, on how parents can stay connected to their kids while giving them the space they need to become independent adults. Cell phones and laptops don't come with parenting instructions. The iConnected Parent is an invaluable guide for any parent with a child heading to or already on campus.

## **Dying Inside**

Parent talk: Transform your relationship with your child by learning what to say, how to say it, and when to listen Are you tired of arguing with your children? Do you find you're repeating the same messages over and over? Or perhaps you've given up trying to communicate with your kids at all? In this frank and open book, parenting expert of over three decades, and New York Times bestselling author Dr. Wendy Mogel offers an essential and realistic guide of how to take steps to transform your relationship with your child. Several years ago Mogel began giving lessons to parents who were struggling with their children, demonstrating how changing the way they talked to them improved how well their child received the message, leading to fewer arguments and less household stress. In Parent Talk, Mogel elaborates on her approach, teaching parents: · How to talk to your children at every age from babies through to the teenage years · How to break the cycle of nagging, pleading, and shouting · How to feel less like your children are strangers to you. How to talk to your child about difficult topics such as death and sex. How to really listen to what it is your child is trying to say to you. Why talking to girls is a world away from talking to boys, and how to master this skill · Overcome the distraction of digital devices - for both you and your child Revealing how each stage of life brings new opportunities to relate better to your children, Parent Talk is the definitive guide for how to talk with your child, conquer parenting frustrations, and shape meaningful and lasting family relationships.

# Raising the Challenging Child

After the war, English rose Grace joins her dashing aristocratic husband, Charles-Edouard, in France. She is out of her depth among the elegant French women and when she discovers her husband's tendency to lust after pretty girls, it seems that all is over - until her son Sigismund steps in.

#### **Mamaleh Knows Best**

A unique idea in DIY, this full-color guide is filled with baby-related projects,

essential techniques, tips on how to form a group, wisdom, inspiration, and camaraderie.

#### **Nurture the Wow**

Psychologist Madeline Levine, author of the New York Times bestseller The Price of Privilege, brings together cutting-edge research and thirty years of clinical experience to explode once and for all the myth that good grades, high test scores, and college acceptances should define the parenting endgame. Teach Your Children Well is a toolbox for parents, providing information, relevant research and a series of exercises to help parents clarify a definition of success that is in line with their own values as well as their children's interests and abilities. Teach Your Children Well is a must-read for parents, educators, and therapists looking for tangible tools to help kids thrive in today's high-stakes, competitive culture.

# **Better By Mistake**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER In the tradition of Paul Tough's How Children Succeed and Wendy Mogel's The Blessing of a Skinned Knee, this groundbreaking manifesto focuses on the critical school years when parents must learn to allow their children to experience the disappointment and frustration that occur from life's inevitable problems so that they can grow up to be successful, resilient, and self-reliant adults. Modern parenting is defined by an unprecedented level of overprotectiveness: parents who rush to school at the whim of a phone call to deliver forgotten assignments, who challenge teachers on report card disappointments, mastermind children's friendships, and interfere on the playing field. As teacher and writer Jessica Lahey explains, even though these parents see themselves as being highly responsive to their children's well being, they aren't giving them the chance to experience failure—or the opportunity to learn to solve their own problems. Overparenting has the potential to ruin a child's confidence and undermine their education, Lahey reminds us. Teachers don't just teach reading, writing, and arithmetic. They teach responsibility, organization, manners, restraint, and foresight—important life skills children carry with them long after they leave the classroom. Providing a path toward solutions, Lahey lays out a blueprint with targeted advice for handling homework, report cards, social dynamics, and sports. Most importantly, she sets forth a plan to help parents learn to step back and embrace their children's failures. Hard-hitting yet warm and wise, The Gift of Failure is essential reading for parents, educators, and psychologists nationwide who want to help children succeed.

#### **Parent Talk**

Provides parents with advice on using Jewish teachings from the Torah and Talmud to overcome struggles with raising children, nurture strengths and uniqueness, and encourage respectfulness towards their parents and others.

# **Growing Friendships**

This joyful journey through an ordinary day inspires children to be thankful for all

of God's blessings that surround them. From blooming flowers in the backyard to the roaring animals at the zoo ... The World Is Awake! Written by ABC News correspondent and bestselling author Linsey Davis and paired with lush, whimsical illustrations by Lucy Fleming, The World Is Awake, A Celebration of Everyday Blessings is a lyrical walk through a day filled with love as seen through the magnificent world of our Creator. Engaging and uplifting, this picture book reminds young children they are safely cradled in the hands of God, surrounded by all his wonderful blessings. This is the day the Lord has made. A butterfly floats through the sun and the shade, while dragonflies flit past the flowers and trees and grasshoppers hop in the soft morning breeze. The World Is Awake: Combines ABC News correspondent Linsey Davis's lyrical rhymes with Lucy Fleming's whimsical art Is an inspiring and reassuring story for boys and girls about being thankful for the everyday blessings that surround them Is the perfect read-aloud picture book for kids ages 4–8

#### **Voice Lessons for Parents**

A deeply affecting, funny, insightful meditation that challenges readers to find the spiritual meaning of parenting. Every day, parents are bombarded by demands. The pressures of work and life are relentless; our children's needs are often impossible to meet; and we rarely, if ever, allow ourselves the time and attention necessary to satisfy our own inner longings. Parenthood is difficult, demanding, and draining. And yet, argues Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg, if we can approach it from a different mindset, perhaps the work of parenting itself can offer the solace we seek. Rooted in Judaism but incorporating a wide-range of religious and literary traditions, Nurture the Wow asks, Can ancient ideas about relationships, drudgery, pain, devotion, and purpose help make the hard parts of a parent's job easier and the magical stuff even more so? Ruttenberg shows how parenting can be considered a spiritual practice—and how seeing it that way can lead to transformation. This is a parenthood book, not a parenting book; it shows how the experiences we have as parents can change us for the better. Enlightening, uplifting, and laugh-out-loud funny, Nurture the Wow reveals how parenthood—in all its crazy-making, rage-inducing, awe and joy-filled moments—can actually be the path to living fully, authentically, and soulfully.

#### **Bless This Mess**

Parenting and education expert Alfie Kohn tackles the misconception that overparenting and overindulgence has produced a modern generation of entitled children incapable of making their way in the world.

#### The Self-Aware Parent

A healthy relationship based on mutual trust is every parent's wish. The bond between infant and parent is a natural phenomenon, but as children reach their preteens and form their own personalities, fireworks between the child and parent can ensue. Drawing on 20 years of clinical experience and new theories on attachment, family therapist and consultant to Parents magazine Dr. Fran Walfish argues that parents need to distinguish their own personality types in order to

make more informed decisions about how they interact and raise their own children. This step-by-step guide shows parents: \* how to recognize the strength and weaknesses of your parenting style and how it affects your child; \* the ways your style might clash with your child's nature, and how to negotiate a common ground; \* the vital importance of establishing trust with a preteen to better prepare for turbulent teen years. Written with warmth, authority, and wit, Dr. Walfish holds a gentle mirror up to parents and helps them understand themselves in order to create a closer relationship with their child.

# **Bringing Up Geeks**

25 simple strategies to help YOU achieve personal and professional success

## The Blessing Stone

Resigning himself to a life of regrets with a heavily dependent wife whose neuroses were exacerbated by his infidelity, English professor Tom Putnam hopes for renewal through a new friendship, only to learn that his former mistress bore him a son a decade earlier. A first novel.

#### In the Midst of Chaos

A witty, compelling guide to raising open-minded and morally grounded kids in these crazy times, with an approach that's rooted in science, psychology, and faith "Groundbreaking, profound, frank and friendly."—Wendy Mogel, PhD, author of The Blessing of a Skinned Knee When Rev. Molly Baskette and Dr. Ellen O'Donnell first met, they were both new mothers seeking parenting wisdom. They read a lot of books on the topic, but none of them contained practical suggestions that would help their families psychologically and spiritually while maintaining their progressive values: How do we teach the art of forgiving and serving others? How do we raise kids who are tolerant, curious, and honorable? And what about the sex talk? Taking matters into their own hands, Baskette and O'Donnell began creating actionable steps addressing these questions and more. This book is the fruit of their many conversations begun long ago during the daycare carpool, from angsty moments to hallelujahs. In Bless This Mess, readers will gain constructive tools as they learn how to talk to their children about social justice, money, God, ethics, bullying, disabilities, sexuality, and their bodies. Parents will also glean insights on how to serve others with joy, give generously and gratefully, and—perhaps most important—learn how to stop being so afraid all the damn time, even while raising kids in an increasingly chaotic and often scary world. With real-life examples, relatable personal stories, and strategies tailored to the toddler, preteen, or teenager, Bless This Mess guides parents of children at all stages of their development.

# **Imagine**

Follows the story of a blue crystal that fell to the earth and journeyed throughout human history in the hands of several owners, from a young girl called the Tall One who first discovers it on the African plain, to its bearers in nineteenth-century

America. 35,000 first printing.

## Too Much of a Good Thing

Parenting isn't easy. Showing up is. Your greatest impact begins right where you are. Now the bestselling authors of The Whole-Brain Child and No-Drama Discipline explain what this means over the course of childhood. "There is parenting magic in this book."--Michael Thompson, Ph.D., co-author of the New York Times bestselling classic Raising Cain One of the very best scientific predictors for how any child turns out--in terms of happiness, academic success, leadership skills, and meaningful relationships--is whether at least one adult in their life has consistently shown up for them. In an age of scheduling demands and digital distractions, showing up for your child might sound like a tall order. But as bestselling authors Daniel Siegel and Tina Payne Bryson reassuringly explain, it doesn't take a lot of time, energy, or money. Instead, showing up means offering a quality of presence. And it's simple to provide once you understand the four building blocks of a child's healthy development. Every child needs to feel what Siegel and Bryson call the Four S's: \* Safe: We can't always insulate a child from injury or avoid doing something that leads to hurt feelings. But when we give a child a sense of safe harbor, she will be able to take the needed risks for growth and change. \* Seen: Truly seeing a child means we pay attention to his emotions--both positive and negative--and strive to attune to what's happening in his mind beneath his behavior. \* Soothed: Soothing isn't about providing a life of ease; it's about teaching your child how to cope when life gets hard, and showing him that you'll be there with him along the way. A soothed child knows that he'll never have to suffer alone. \* Secure: When a child knows she can count on you, time and again, to show up--when you reliably provide safety, focus on seeing her, and soothe her in times of need, she will trust in a feeling of secure attachment. And thrive! Based on the latest brain and attachment research, The Power of Showing Up shares stories, scripts, simple strategies, illustrations, and tips for honoring the Four S's effectively in all kinds of situations--when our kids are struggling or when they are enjoying success; when we are consoling, disciplining, or arguing with them; and even when we are apologizing for the times we don't show up for them. Demonstrating that mistakes and missteps are repairable and that it's never too late to mend broken trust, this book is a powerful guide to cultivating your child's healthy emotional landscape.

#### **Teach Your Children Well**

Keith A. Burton traces the story of biblical Africa and the place of the Bible in the land of Ham. He ends with an examination of the modern era and the achievements of African Christianity. This invigorating work places the story of the Bible and African Christianity in a wider global context and challenges readers to think differently about history and the biblical world.

#### The Gift of Failure

What's the worst you've ever faced as a parent? An all-out tantrum at the mall? A son who won't take out his earbuds to listen to you? A daughter who's failing at

school and won't do her homework? A teen who constantly breaks curfew? A call from the police? Whatever you're dealing with, Raising the Challenging Child will help. Building on their work at Chaddock, a nonprofit organization that has worked with some of the most challenging kids in the nation for more than 150 years, the authors empower frustrated parents with practical tips and real-life examples on how to - minimize behavioral meltdowns - reduce conflict - increase cooperation - promote healthy attachment - improve family relationships The strategies they share work both for the child who is going through a difficult phase brought on by life disruption or trauma, and for the child who faces chronic struggles. Parents, teachers, and those who work with children and youth will find positive, practical steps they can start taking today in order to understand and address the baffling behavior of the child under their care.

#### A Blessing on the Moon

Spiritually nourishing approaches to help you become more insightful, inspired parents and raise soulfully engaged children. Kipnes and November share their hard-won parenting techniques and spirit-filled activities, rituals and prayers to help you cultivate strong Jewish values and cherished spiritual memories in your own family.

## **Jewish Spiritual Parenting**

A breakthrough parenting book that redefines the meaning of ?geek??and inspires parents to free themselves and their kids from the ?culture of cool.? In a world of superficial values, peer pressure, and out-of-control consumerism, the world needs more GEEKs: Genuine, Enthusiastic, Empowered Kids. Today?s ?culture of cool? has changed the way kids grow up. Rather than enjoying innocent childhoods while developing strong, authentic characters, today?s kids can become cynical?even jaded?as they absorb the dangerous messages and harmful influences of a dominant popular culture that encourages materialism, high-risk behaviors, and a state of pseudo-adulthood. Author and mother of four Marybeth Hicks suggests an alternative: bringing up geeks. In this groundbreaking book, she shows parents how they can help their children gain the enthusiasm to pursue their passions, not just the latest fashions; the confidence to resist peer pressure and destructive behaviors; the love of learning that helps them excel at school and in life; and the maturity to value family as well as friends, as well as make good moral decisions. With a foundation like that, kids will grow up to be the coolest adults.

# Crafty Mama Makes 49 Fast, Fabulous, Foolproof (baby & Toddler) Projects

Joseph Skibell's magical tale about the Holocaust—a fable inspired by fact—received unanimous nationwide acclaim when first published in 1997. At the center of A Blessing on the Moon is Chaim Skibelski. Death is merely the beginning of Chaim's troubles. In the opening pages, he is shot along with the other Jews of his small Polish village. But instead of resting peacefully in the World to Come, Chaim, for reasons unclear to him, is left to wander the earth, accompanied by his rabbi, who has taken the form of a talking crow. Chaim's afterlife journey is filled

with extraordinary encounters whose consequences are far greater than he realizes. Not since art Spiegelman's Maus has a work so powerfully evoked one of the darkest moments of the twentieth century with such daring originality.

# **Sacred Parenting**

"Children everywhere want to fit in with a group, resist peer pressure, and be good sports--but even the most socially adept children struggle at times. But after reading this guide on their own or with a caring adult, kids everywhere [may] be [more] equipped to face any friendship challenges that come their way"--Amazon.com.

#### Rare Bird

Offers guidelines for raising well-balanced children in an age of increasing wealth, where we give too much and expect too little, by identifying the "seven sins of indulgence."

## The Power of Showing Up

Imagine a world where Dr. Martin Luther King never existed.In this universe skin color determines your influence and your children's very future. But the Honorable Minister Kublai Khan dreams of a world that people can live in without preconceived notions, prejudice and domination. The minister goes to the nation's capital to fight for justice. Kimberly Solberg, a Valley Girl, goes to Juarez to find her roots. When she returns, she connects with Ahmed who is the minister's driver. Ahmed falls in love with Kimberly and doesn't care that she is bi-racial. Their lives ultimately intertwine in Los Angeles where they battle a racist, murdering white supremacist, Pastor Tucker Dalton, for the lives of their mixed-race children. Mixed Blessings. Is Race Real? is a fast-paced contemporary fictional tale about how women of color look beyond race, riots, and religion in relationships.

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