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The Everything Guide To Stepparenting: Practical, Reassuring Advice For Creating Healthy, Long-lasting Relationships (Everything®)

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STRATEGIES
TO BUILD A
STRONG,
HAPPY FAMILY

Practical, reassuring advice
for creating healthy,
long-lasting relationships

- Blend families and build relationships
- Communicate effectively and deal with conflict
- Handle situations involving the other biological parent

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Synopsis

Starting a relationship with a new person is always an adventure, and that adventure comes with extra thrills when your significant other is also a parent. Not only do you have to incorporate one new person into your life; you have to welcome that person's children too. This guide will teach new and future stepparents how to:

- Meet and build relationships with potential stepchildren
- Handle situations involving the other biological parent
- Involve stepchildren in the wedding
- Be an involved stepparent without overstepping boundaries
- Make tough decisions about money, education, and more

This comprehensive resource covers dozens of different situations--from battling the wicked stepparent stereotype to mediating interactions between stepsiblings. Written by a licensed mental health counselor and experienced stepparent, this book will help future stepparents start off their new lives on the right foot.

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Customer Reviews

It was okay, but mostly I felt discouraged, because I'm not parenting these guys from a super young age, and we aren't the custodial parents. It's definitely geared more toward someone who would

have custody of the kids most of the time. There were a couple of helpful pieces of advice in the form of anecdotal evidence, but overall, a firm "meh".

This is a realistic and straightforward guide to issues that often arise in "blended" families. The authors have outlined specific strategies for maneuvering through milestones as well as the everyday hurdles many families experience. The book also takes into consideration some of the difficulties that a step parent may face within their own marriage as well as navigating issues that may arise between the other biological parent. The "thinking you're an idiot" sub-title illustrates the light natured touch the authors were able to infuse when talking about multifaceted family dynamics, making this a really enjoyable and fast read. The arrangement of the index allows the reader to revisit topics quickly. This is a must-have resource for families who are striving for peace and meaningful relationships.

It reads like it was written by a high school senior. Between the passive-aggressive advice and poorly written advice; I could barely finish the first chapter. This book was horrible.

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