Father To Son, Revised Edition: Life Lessons On Raising A Boy
Synopsis

Warm and fuzzy, anchored in values, and filled with simple words of wisdom, this beloved, bestselling book for parents speaks to the important business of raising sons, and distills their timeless lessons into one nugget of wisdom per page—some lighthearted, some serious, some practical, and some intangible, and all supported by a strong moral backbone. Freshly updated, the book begins with the Five Keys of Parenting, a guide to navigating the extraordinary, even if sometimes exasperating, journey of parenthood. It’s filled with the importance of nurturing responsibility: Teach him that the world will judge him by his actions, not his intentions. Fun stuff: Have tea with him in the afternoons. Serve cookies. And when he’s ready to go: Hug him fiercely.

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Customer Reviews

Not all parents were raised properly and not all parents are raising their kids properly. Oftentimes we forget the most elementary things mean the most to kids and can benefit them in innumerable ways. It’s books like this that serve as subtle reminders of the things we can do NOT that we must do for children. And I’m guessing that’s exactly what this book was intended for— not as a bible or the final word on raising a son (or daughter, for that matter— who would also enjoy many of these things)— but as helpful hints to keep us thinking for ourselves on what we would like to share with our kids and how we would like them to see the world. If Andy S is a better father— then good for him, the world could use more of them. But there is something that made him want to purchase this
book. And if Lenny was disappointed in it and expected gospel then perhaps he’s looking in the wrong place. (He might also try a dictionary and spell check). But anger at an author for not providing all the answers seems silly. None of us has all the answers, we just try to do the best we can and when we need help, we look to others for ideas. The way I see it, if just one suggestion can add a smile to a kid’s face, it’s a small price to pay.

I don’t want to trash this book. It’s cute and kind. I think it would make a good gift for a certain kind of father-to-be. But I agree with the reviewer from Philadelphia. We also need stronger, deeper books that speak of the true challenge and meaning of fatherhood. Would you rather read a chapter telling you to teach your son how to eat an Oreo or a chapter about helping your son shape his own spiritual journey? If you believe the latter is more important, you should get Nerburn’s Letters to My Son. I read this book years ago and I still give it to fathers who are searching for ways to bring their sons to a meaningful manhood -- and to women whose sons have no fathers in their lives. So, give Father to Son to parents as a kind gift of the “oh, isn’t this cute” sort. Give Letters to My Son to parents who are deeply concerned about raising good sons. Both kinds of books have their place. Just don’t confuse the cute with the profound.

This book was entertaining and I guess useful . . . but it doesn’t go very deep. Other recent reads that take it to a deeper level include FATHERTIME by Scribner and Frey, and LETTERS TO MY SON by Nerbern. It’s important for fathers to be reading stuff like this, but also to take it to the next level ...

First off, I am not a father, but I plan to be one someday. I picked this up because I saw it at a friend’s house and flipped through it a bit and thought it looked like a fun little read, and I was right. This book is clever, funny, and occasionally quite insightful. The book itself is compact and easy to carry around for occasional perusing through the day. Many of the little comments and insights reminded me of my childhood with my own father, and I enjoyed the reminders about the wonder and love that comes from the relationship between an father and son. I will be sure to remember some of the tips within when I eventually have a family of my own.

This is not a deep treatise on the challenges of raising a son, nor a challenging sociological essay. It is, however, a charming collection of very thoughtful and apt observations of some of the duties and privileges of being the father of a young boy; full of the kinds of points that seem obvious once you
read them but which are still helpful to be reminded of. I have reread this book several times as my son has grown, and have taken away new points at each stage of his life. This would be a great gift for a new father.

This book touches the heart of the matter in a very succinct and unpretentious manner. Stuff any father can execute. The book reminded me, page by page, of what is really important in raising my sons. It is also very funny. Harrison's books are great!

Out of everything I have accomplished the role of father is the most challenging & rewarding. ;-) Nothing compares to it! My children motivate me to be better, so I can tell my son. Don't be like me, be better than me! So if I set the bar high for myself and encourage my son to surpass me then I have done my job by giving the world a great man. My hope is to only be a good one! This book is a great start to a good place!!

Such great advice to dads with a son! Short, mostly one or two lined pages, with tips, words of wisdom, and good advice on raising a boy to be a great man. It would make a really great gift for both new parents of a son!

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