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## **Parenting Without Stress**

Stop the yelling, lose the guilt, and become a calmer, happier parent. Drawing on evidence-based practices, here is an insight-packed and tip-filled plan for how to stop the parental meltdowns. Its compassionate, pragmatic approach will help readers feel less ashamed and more empowered to get their, ahem, act together instead of losing it. “Using a powerful combination of humor and reality checks, Naumburg helps parents unpack their unique stressors (we all have them) and find ways to stay calm even the most frustrating of family moments.” –Katie Hurley, LCSW, author of No More Mean Girls and The Happy Kid Handbook “By the end not only are you laughing out loud, but you’ve gained a sense of self-compassion and a concrete action plan.”–Rebecca Schrag Hershberg, PhD, author of The Tantrum Survival Guide

## **Simplicity Parenting**

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A guide to managing and reducing the stresses of parenting focuses on promoting responsibility in children rather than on disciplining disobedient children and offers strategies for improving the parent-child relationship.

### **Stress Free Holidays for Kids: A Stress Release Guided Journal**

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

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the best thing we can do as parents is . . . less!

## **Happy Parent, Happy Child**

What is the coronavirus, and why is everyone talking about it? Engagingly illustrated by Axel Scheffler, this approachable and timely book helps answer these questions and many more, providing children aged 5-10 and their parents with clear and accessible explanations about the coronavirus and its effects - both from a health perspective and the impact it has on a family's day-to-day life. With input from expert consultant Professor Graham Medley of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, as well as advice from teachers and child psychologists, this is a practical and informative resource to help explain the changes we are currently all experiencing. The book is free to read and download, but Nosy Crow would like to encourage readers, should they feel in a position to, to make a donation to: <https://www.nhscharitiestogether.co.uk/>

## **You Can't F\*ck Up Your Kids**

Raising children is life's greatest gift and accomplishment, but it

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can also come with an overwhelming amount of stressors, anxiety and self-doubt. Am I modeling the type of person I want my child to become? Am I doing enough to prepare my child to strive in an ever-changing world? Are my children happy and confident in themselves? In *The Tapping Solution for Parents, Children & Teenagers*, Nick Ortner encourages readers to first take a look at their own stressors and worry as parents, reminding readers that self-care is vital to helping others. In the first section of the book, parents are guided on using the revolutionary technique known as EFT (Emotional Freedom Techniques) Tapping to release parental overwhelm, quiet worry, manage conflict and transform their experience of parenthood. In the second section, Nick explores specific uses for Tapping with children, ranging from releasing negative emotions like anger, fear and phobias, sadness, grief, guilt, and shame, to overcoming specific challenges such as anxiety disorders, sleep, nightmares, performance anxiety, bullying, school jitters, divorce and much more. Through the use of diagrams, links to videos, and Tapping tips, *The Tapping Solution for Parents, Children & Teenagers* is an easy-to-use resource to solve everyday issues taking place in our homes.

### **Raising Stress-Proof Kids**

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Calm Parents, Happy Kids is the UK version of Dr Laura Markham's hugely successful and ground-breaking book, Peaceful Parent, Happy Kids. Now adapted for UK audiences, this practical and inspiring book reveals a three step programme that will transform family life. Most parenting books focus on changing a child's behaviour, but the truth is that children only change when their relationship with their parents changes. In Calm Parents, Happy Kids, Dr Laura Markham introduces an approach to parenting that eliminates threats, power struggles and manipulation, in favour of setting limits with empathy and communication. Bringing together the latest research in brain development with a focus on emotional awareness (for both parents and children), it will appeal to all parents who don't want to force their children into compliance and lose their temper, but want to keep calm and help their children want to behave.

### **Bubble Riding: A Relaxation Story Teaching Children a Visualization Technique to See Positive Outcomes, While Lowering Stress and Anxiety**

Drawing on cutting edge research from the Institute of HeartMath, California, as well as Shelley Davidow's extensive experience in

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working with children and teens, *Raising Stress-Proof Kids* explores the powerful and potentially long-term effects of stress on our children. Most importantly, it offers simple but effective steps that parents can take to minimize the impact of stress at home and at school. These include tools from the author's "Restorative Parenting Toolbox," empowering parents with the necessary skills to: resolve behavior issues deal with temper tantrums resolve sibling rivalries handle bullying cope with teenagers testing their independence navigate the challenges posed by the virtual world and provide firm, effective guidance when problems arise.

### **Stress Relief for Kids**

Cribsheet meets *The Sh!t No One Tells You* in this no-holds-barred, judgment-free parenting guide that sets the record straight on every hot-button parenting topic by longtime journalist and founder of the viral #NoShameParenting movement. What if you could do more for your kids, by doing a whole lot less? Parenting today has become a competitive sport, and it seems that everyone is losing. From the very moment that little line turns blue, parents-to-be find themselves in a brave new world where every decision they make is fraught, every action they take is judged, and everything they do seems to be the

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wrong thing. Formula feed? Breast is best. Breastfeed in public? That's indecent. Cry it out? You're causing permanent harm to your child. Don't sleep train? Your child will never learn to sleep on his or her own. Stay home? You're setting a bad example for your kids. Go back to work? Don't you love your kids more than your job? Lindsay Powers—former editor-in-chief of Yahoo! Parenting, creator of the #NoShameParenting movement, and mom of two—is here to help parents everywhere breathe a collective sigh of relief. This laugh-out-loud funny, accessible, and reassuring book sets the record straight on all of the insane conflicts that parents face—from having a glass of wine while pregnant to sleep training, childcare, feeding, and even sex after baby. Drawing on the latest research and delivered in a relatable, comforting voice, *You Can't F\*ck Up Your Kids* demonstrates that it is possible to take the stress out of parenting and sit back and enjoy the ride.

### **The Happiest Kids in the World**

Stress management solutions for you and your children! Kids today are more stressed, overwhelmed, and struggling with anxiety than ever before. Children are not born with the coping strategies needed to navigate today's increasing demands of technology, bullying,

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### **Stress-Free Parenting in 12 Steps**

Children love to unwind and relax with this fun exercise known as "muscular relaxation". Children relate to the angry octopus in this story as the sea child shows him how to take a deep breath, calm down, and manage his anger. This effective stress and anger management technique focuses awareness on various muscle groups to create a complete resting of the mind and body. Muscular relaxation can lower stress and anxiety levels. It can be used to decrease pain and anger.

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This engaging story quiets the mind and relaxes the body so your child can let go of anger and fall asleep peacefully. This is one of four stories featured on the Indigo Ocean Dreams CD.

### **Doing School**

All children test boundaries (and sometimes your patience). It's a natural part of growing up. Your job as a parent is to let them know what's acceptable and what isn't, praise good behavior, and enforce limits. Easier said than done. Even the best-intentioned parents can find themselves shouting-or capitulating yet again to avoid a scene. Worse, the one-size-fits-all discipline methods experts tout can be too narrow for some concerns. Blending developmental insights with an arsenal of proven techniques, *Stress-Free Discipline* prepares parents for any challenge: the preschooler who throws a fit . . . the second-grader who refuses homework . . . the budding tween who dishes out insults. The book helps determine the root cause, explaining what drives the behavior, why it's usually normal, how to prevent escalations, and how to instill self-control. Once parents grasp the underlying motivation they can select the strategy that fits their child's age, temperament, and issue-including role modeling, setting limits, positive reinforcement, negative consequences, disengagement-

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and deploy it calmly and with confidence. Examples and exercises throughout help readers personalize the authors' advice to their unique situation. Practical, thoughtful, and deeply informative, Stress-Free Discipline is the one book every family needs for a more peaceful and happy home.

### **The Mindful Child**

'A must-read for any parent who feels stressed out and living in an environment often rife with tension and anxiety.' Evening Standard An essential 10-step plan for a stress-free family life. We all know that raising happy, confident and resilient children can be a tough job in this fast-paced world - and there's never any shortage of well-meaning advice on how to be a better parent. So, if you're anxious and struggling to cope with the pressures of school and family life - or if you worry that you're not doing enough to support your child through their problems - give yourself a break: this book really can help you. Clinical psychologist Dr Genevieve von Lob draws on her extensive experience working with hundreds of families to provide a simple 10-step plan for a stress-free family life. As she helps you to tackle the dilemmas every parent faces and defuse tension and anxiety in the home, Genevieve also aims to bring a sense of confidence, calm

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and balance both to you and your child. This is a practical, down-to-earth guide - and essential reading for every parent.

## **Raising Happiness**

In *Unlocking Parental Intelligence*, long-experienced psychoanalyst, Laurie Hollman, PhD, encourages parents to find the significance behind their child's behaviors by becoming "meaning-makers." Parental Intelligence is explained through compelling and empathic storytelling that answers parents' questions: "Why do children do what they do?" "What's on their minds?" "How can parents know their child's inner world?" Through a clear five-step approach, parents discover the power and wisdom of a new parenting mindset that helps them learn what their kids think, want, intend and feel. They see actions as communications. They are rewarded with open parent-child dialogue about the underlying problems hidden beneath the behaviors. As they problem solve, parents discover misbehaviors are not only meaningful, but a catalyst to change. Parents and professionals alike will find a new parenting approach from this invaluable book that will reshape families' lives and guide them through all stages of typical and atypical child development. This accessible read enlightens, uplifts, and relieves while cultivating critical thinking on the part of

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parents and children as they wrestle with the common, and sometimes desperate vexations of family life.

## Parenting Stress

"Instead of trusting kids with choices . . . many parents insist on micromanaging everything from homework to friendships. For these parents, Stixrud and Johnson have a simple message: Stop." --NPR "This humane, thoughtful book turns the latest brain science into valuable practical advice for parents." --Paul Tough, New York Times bestselling author of *How Children Succeed* A few years ago, Bill Stixrud and Ned Johnson started noticing the same problem from different angles: Even high-performing kids were coming to them acutely stressed and lacking motivation. Many complained they had no control over their lives. Some stumbled in high school or hit college and unraveled. Bill is a clinical neuropsychologist who helps kids gripped by anxiety or struggling to learn. Ned is a motivational coach who runs an elite tutoring service. Together they discovered that the best antidote to stress is to give kids more of a sense of control over their lives. But this doesn't mean giving up your authority as a parent. In this groundbreaking book they reveal how you can actively help your child to sculpt a brain that is resilient, and ready to take

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on new challenges. The Self-Driven Child offers a combination of cutting-edge brain science, the latest discoveries in behavioral therapy, and case studies drawn from the thousands of kids and teens Bill and Ned have helped over the years to teach you how to set your child on the real road to success. As parents, we can only drive our kids so far. At some point, they will have to take the wheel and map out their own path. But there is a lot you can do before then to help them tackle the road ahead with resilience and imagination.

### **Salute to Adventurers**

Between baking, shopping, and decorating, the holidays are a hectic time for many families. Though most of these responsibilities might fall to parents, kids often still feel the stress. Unfortunately, when kids feel pressured, they can lose sight of the true meaning of the season. With these journal prompts, children will be introduced to the idea and asked to reflect on the ways in which the holiday could help their families. Some writing prompts ask kids to think about what is really important during the holidays, while others help them figure out ways to eliminate stress from their parents

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## **Coronavirus: A Book for Children**

100 Ways to Be A Stress-Free Mom and Raise Happy Kids explores motherhood in a brand-new light. The author draws from her neuroscience background and her analysis of hundreds of real parents and takes you directly to the core of what it truly means to be a mother . . . without sugar coating it. Each chapter presents a real-world parenting scenario with the most accurate and up-to-date advice on how to sail through it in the most efficient way possible. With chapters such as 'Have a Ranting Bestie' and 'Take Your Baby to Hard Rock Cafe', this a must-have book for all present-day mothers who want to transform into a Nirvana-ma: a happy, peaceful, and stress-free mom!

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### **Anxiety-Free Kids**

PARENTING NEVER ENDS. From the founders of the #1 site for parents of teens and young adults comes an essential guide for building strong relationships with your teens and preparing them to successfully launch into adulthood The high school and college years: an extended roller coaster of academics, friends, first loves, first break-ups, driver's ed, jobs, and everything in between. Kids are constantly changing and how we parent them must change, too. But how do we stay close as a family as our lives move apart? Enter the co-founders of

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Grown and Flown, Lisa Heffernan and Mary Dell Harrington. In the midst of guiding their own kids through this transition, they launched what has become the largest website and online community for parents of fifteen to twenty-five year olds. Now they've compiled new takeaways and fresh insights from all that they've learned into this handy, must-have guide. Grown and Flown is a one-stop resource for parenting teenagers, leading up to—and through—high school and those first years of independence. It covers everything from the monumental (how to let your kids go) to the mundane (how to shop for a dorm room). Organized by topic—such as academics, anxiety and mental health, college life—it features a combination of stories, advice from professionals, and practical sidebars. Consider this your parenting lifeline: an easy-to-use manual that offers support and perspective. Grown and Flown is required reading for anyone looking to raise an adult with whom you have an enduring, profound connection.

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### **100 Ways to Be a Stress-free Mom and Raise Happy Kids**

Re-writes the rule book on raising a child. Based on over 700 scientific studies into children's development, the author and child psychotherapist explains how to develop your child's potential to the full. He reveals how touch, laughter and play build emotional wellbeing for life, and also strategies for dealing with temper tantrums and tears.

### **The Tapping Solution for Parents, Children & Teenagers**

Children are sure to love experiencing belly breathing with playful sea otters and a sea child. This effective, self-calming technique also known as "diaphragmatic breathing" can have a positive impact on

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a child's health. Delightful characters and easy breathing encourage children to slow down, relax, and fall asleep peacefully. Full color.

### **The Relaxation & Stress Reduction Workbook for Kids**

Indigo ocean dreams presents 4 children's stories and techniques designed to decrease stress, anxiety, and anger while promoting self-esteem and self-awareness. Ideal for ages 6-12.

### **Angry Octopus Color Me Happy, Color Me Calm**

This workbook teaches you clinically proven stress-management and relaxation techniques. Each technique is presented with concise background information followed by step-by-step exercises. As you practice these techniques, you will gain new insight into your personal stress response and learn how to reestablish balance and a sense of well-being in your life. Use this workbook as a guide. Read chapters 1 and 2 first. They are the foundation upon which all of the other chapters are built. Then you will know enough about stress and your personal reactions to stress to decide which chapters will be most helpful for you to read next. Chapters 3 through 10 teach

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techniques for relaxation. Chapters 11 through 15 will help you with your stressful thoughts and feelings. Chapter 16 assists you in managing your time more effectively so that you can free up time to relax and do more of what is most important to you. From chapter 17 you can learn to communicate more assertively and chapter 18 gives you many options to deal with environmental and interpersonal stress at work. Chapters 19 and 20 teach the basics of nutrition and exercise. Chapter 21 gives you some suggestions on how to increase motivation, deal with problems that come up along the way, and stick to your plan. Stress and tension are present in your life every day. Stress management and relaxation can be effective only if you make them a daily part of your lifestyle. As you are learning the skills in this book that are pertinent to you, practice them repeatedly to ensure that you will be able to carry them out anytime you need to, without having to refer to written materials. Regular conscious practice can lead to habits of regular relaxation and stress reduction at an unconscious level.----The Relaxation & Stress Reduction Workbook

### **Angry Octopus**

No two children experience the toilet-training process in exactly the same way. While some kids might be afraid to even go near the

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bathroom, others may know when to gobut still never seem to make it there in time. This helpful guide takes the stress out of this challenging rite of passage, giving parents much-needed advice to help them identify what approach will work for their child's temperament. The book distinguishes between common childhood personality types, providing easy techniques tailor-fit for all kinds of kids, whether they're stubborn or willful, clinging to diapers, afraid to move on, or just late-bloomers. The book shows how to: determine a child's readiness to begin potty training • gradually move children past their existing comfort zone, without causing undue pressure • handle accidents and temporary setbacks This straight-talking guide enables readers to help every child make this important life transition free of worry and in the way that's right for him or her.

### **Angry Octopus: An Anger Management Story for Children Introducing Active Progressive Muscle Relaxation and Deep Breathing to Help Control Anger**

This book offers a highly revealing and troubling view of today's high school students and the ways they pursue high grades and success. Denise Pope, veteran teacher and curriculum expert, follows five

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motivated and successful students through a school year, closely shadowing them and engaging them in lengthy reflections on their school experiences. What emerges is a double-sided picture of school success. On the one hand, these students work hard in school, participate in extracurricular activities, serve their communities, earn awards and honours, and appear to uphold school values. But on the other hand, they feel that in order to get ahead they must compromise their values and manipulate the system by scheming, lying, and cheating. In short, they do school, that is, they are not really engaged with learning nor can they commit to such values as integrity and community. The words and actions of these five students - two boys and three girls from diverse ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds - underscore the frustrations of being caught in a grade trap that pins future success to high grades and test scores. Their stories raise critical questions that are too important for parents, educators, and community leaders to ignore. Are schools cultivating an environment that promotes intellectual curiosity, cooperation, and integrity? Or are they fostering anxiety, deception, and hostility? Do today's schools inadvertently impede the very values they claim to embrace? Is the success that current assessment practices measure the kind of success we want for our children?

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## **Sea Otter Cove**

The Relaxation and Stress Reduction Workbook for Kids offers parents a variety of techniques they can use to help their children relax, unwind, and deal constructively with common stressors such as divorce, loss of a loved one, a family move, starting at a new school, and more.

## **You Got This!: 100 Tips for Being Your Stress-Free Best**

Creative relaxation activities for home and school Stress Relief for Kids is a prescription for growth. Anyone who interacts with kids can find new ways to guide them through the maze of today's heavy stress. Teachers: struggling with a classroom full of unruly kids after recess? Therapists: looking for a way to teach relaxation skills to children? Parents: having trouble getting the kids into bed at night? Stress Relief for Kids gives children tools to cope with stress in all areas of their lives. On the playground with the school bully At home with siblings In the classroom with difficult tasks After school with peer pressures Easily adaptable to multiple scenarios, scripts and activities lead naturally to creative writing and/or art experiences.

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Ms. Belknap includes suggestions to take seasoned presenters to a new level of excellence or guide new practitioners successfully through their first effort. Through these creative relaxation activities children learn to direct themselves and each other to a better place. About the author: Martha Belknap, M.A., has had 45 years of teaching experience with children and adults of diverse cultures. Currently she shares her dragon activities with children in music classes at two Montessori schools. She teaches the same ideas to Mexican women in English as a Second Language classes and includes similar principles in training workshops for prospective yoga teachers.

### **Helping Your Anxious Child**

Find out how to be your stress-free best and live an awesome life! You Got This! provides kids ages 8 and up with 100 positive suggestions for adding fun to each and every day, contributing to their own well-being, and developing the habits of successful people. Tips include energy boosters, social skill enhancers, confidence builders, and task managers. A perfect companion to Don't Stress and Stress Less, this book is a reassuring reminder to kids that they have the tools to deal with all of life's hurdles.

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## **The Relaxation & Stress Reduction Workbook**

What do we wish most for our children? Next to being healthy, we want them to be happy, of course! Fortunately, a wide array of scientific studies show that happiness is a learned behavior, a muscle we can help our children build and maintain. Drawing on what psychology, sociology, and neuroscience have proven about confidence, gratefulness, and optimism, and using her own chaotic and often hilarious real-world adventures as a mom to demonstrate do's and don'ts in action, Christine Carter, Ph.D, executive director of UC Berkeley's Greater Good Science Center, boils the process down to 10 simple happiness-inducing steps. With great wit, wisdom, and compassion, Carter covers the day-to-day pressure points of parenting—how best to discipline, get kids to school and activities on time, and get dinner on the table—as well as the more elusive issues of helping children build healthy friendships and develop emotional intelligence. In these 10 key steps, she helps you interact confidently and consistently with your kids to foster the skills, habits, and mindsets that will set the stage for positive emotions now and into their adolescence and beyond. Inside you will discover • the best way avoid raising a brat—changing bad habits into good ones • tips on how to change your kids' attitude into gratitude • the trap of

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trying to be perfect—and how to stay clear of its pitfalls • the right way to praise kids—and why too much of the wrong kind can be just as bad as not enough • the spirit of kindness—how to raise kind, compassionate, and loving children • strategies for inspiring kids to do boring (but necessary) tasks—and become more self-motivated in the process Complete with a series of “try this” tips, secrets, and strategies, Raising Happiness is a one-of-a-kind resource that will help you instill joy in your kids—and, in the process, become more joyful yourself. From the Hardcover edition.

### **Calm Parents, Happy Kids**

As featured in Grazia's 21 of the Best Parenting Books in 2020  
'Joanna's books give you every answer to every question you have as a parent with practical methods to tackle every obstacle and connect with your child and help them flourish.' Madeleine Shaw 'When I tried Joanna's approach during the first lockdown, I was both comforted and excited by how such a small change could have such a big impact.' Dr. Suzanne McClean A mindful and practical parenting roadmap for busy, time-poor parents. Based on a simple and effective formula, it will transform family life in just fifteen minutes of daily play, resulting in less tears and more laughter. Middle childhood, the period for

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those aged 8-12 years old, is often the most overlooked phase of a child's development but it's the age where play continue to serve an important role in their emotional growth. It's also an age where we are most likely to stop playing with our children. With over twenty years of clinical expertise and neuroscientific research, psychotherapist and parenting expert Joanna Fortune shares her proven techniques that will enable you to better understand your relationship with your children as they grow and ensure that your parenting is developing with them. Packed with 15-minute games and activities that you can easily incorporate into your daily routine, Joanna also explores the neurological, physical and emotional development of 8-12 year olds and offers parents hands-on advice on how to deal with: Friendships and bullying Sibling relationships Difficult conversations (the ones that catch you off guard!) Risk-taking behaviour Building independence, self-esteem and emotional resilience Resistance

15-Minute Parenting 8-12 years will show you how to keep play alive with your child, foster great communication and help to secure strong foundations for adolescence. 15-Minute Parenting 0-7 years: Quick and easy way to connect with your child, is also available now! Praise for the 15-Minute Parenting series: 'Now that we have to be teachers and coaches as well as parents – and feel guilty and overburdened – it's the perfect time for psychotherapist Joanna Fortune's new book.'

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Sunday Independent 'In an "Age of Anxiety" for parents, Joanna was able to dispense reassuring advice and practical tips from her 15 Minute Parenting Model for time-pressed parents who want the very best for their children's development and well-being.' Marena Duffy, Chairperson of Cuidiu (the National Parent to Parent Voluntary support network) Dublin North West 'Absolutely love this! I've read multiple parenting books as a daddy blogger and this is BY FAR one of my favorites!' Amazon Reviewer 'A must read for all parents! Absolutely loving this book. Joanna has a no frills, relaxed attitude towards parenting & brings fun into it. She made me realise that we don't need to question ourselves as much as we do.' Amazon Reviewer 'All of my friends love this. It's expert advice but... accessible and smart and actually kind of fun. All the exercises are easily implemented and kids respond to them immediately... this book is well broken down so that whatever crisis you're dealing with today you can check the chapter outline and jump straight to the few pages (and solutions) about that issue...' Amazon Reviewer 'Simple and effective reading. Totally love this book... Fabulous chapter on relationships covering how to stay connected to your partner which I feel gets left out from other books I've read... my friend already has her hands on it so I will definitely be passing on.' Amazon Reviewer 'A well thought out and written book to nudge you and guide you to better parenting without

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any self-flagellation... a gentle and kind written piece of work...Certainly think it can help parents that feel they can't find their own way back.' Goodreads Reviewer

### **The Self-Driven Child**

This light-hearted, self-help coloring book will guide 4-11 year olds and their parents, teachers, or counselors through simple everyday techniques used to control anger, reduce stress and increase happiness. Simple strategies empower children to self-sooth, manage anger, and improve emotional intelligence.

### **Grown and Flown**

A groundbreaking guide to raising responsible, capable, happy kids Based on the latest research on brain development and extensive clinical experience with parents, Dr. Laura Markham's approach is as simple as it is effective. Her message: Fostering emotional connection with your child creates real and lasting change. When you have that vital connection, you don't need to threaten, nag, plead, bribe—or even punish. This remarkable guide will help parents better understand

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their own emotions—and get them in check—so they can parent with healthy limits, empathy, and clear communication to raise a self-disciplined child. Step-by-step examples give solutions and kid-tested phrasing for parents of toddlers right through the elementary years. If you're tired of power struggles, tantrums, and searching for the right “consequence,” look no further. You're about to discover the practical tools you need to transform your parenting in a positive, proven way.

### **How to Stop Losing Your Sh\*t with Your Kids**

A mermaid and a sea turtle experience the colors of the rainbow within their warm, relaxing bubbles.

### **Stress-Free Potty Training**

The techniques of mindful awareness have helped millions of adults reduce stress in their lives. Now, children—who are under more pressure than ever before—can learn to protect themselves with these well-established methods adapted for their ages. Based on a program affiliated with UCLA, *The Mindful Child* is a groundbreaking book, the

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first to show parents how to teach these transformative practices to their children. Mindful awareness works by enabling you to pay closer attention to what is happening within you—your thoughts, feelings, and emotions—so you can better understand what is happening to you. The Mindful Child extends the vast benefits of mindfulness training to children from four to eighteen years old with age-appropriate exercises, songs, games, and fables that Susan Kaiser Greenland has developed over more than a decade of teaching mindful awareness to kids. These fun and friendly techniques build kids' inner and outer awareness and attention, which positively affects their academic performance as well as their social and emotional skills, such as making friends, being compassionate and kind to others, and playing sports, while also providing tools to manage stress and to overcome specific challenges like insomnia, overeating, ADHD, hyper-perfectionism, anxiety, and chronic pain. When children take a few moments before responding to stressful situations, they allow their own healthy inner compasses to click in and guide them to become more thoughtful, resilient, and empathetic. The step-by-step process of mental training presented in The Mindful Child provides tools from which all children—and all families—will benefit.

**Peaceful Parent, Happy Kids**

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Anxiety-Free Kids (2nd ed.) offers parents strategies that help children become happy and worry free, methods that relieve a child's excessive anxieties and phobias, and tools for fostering interaction and family-oriented solutions. Using a unique companion approach that offers two books in one—a practical, reader-friendly book for parents and a fun workbook for kids—this solutions-oriented guide utilizes the cognitive-behavioral approach to therapy and integrates the parent in the child's self-help process. Research has shown that if left untreated, children with anxiety disorders are at higher risk to perform poorly in school, to have less-developed social skills, and to be more vulnerable to substance abuse. Covering the six most commonly occurring anxiety disorders—generalized anxiety, separation anxiety, specific phobias, social phobias, panic disorder, and obsessive-compulsive disorder—this book gives kids and parents successful strategies for achieving relaxation, conquering worries, challenging faulty thinking patterns, developing positive self-talk, and facing one's fears.

### **What Every Parent Needs to Know**

Most children are afraid of the dark. Some fear monsters under the

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bed. But at least ten percent of children have excessive fears and worries—phobias, separation anxiety, panic attacks, social anxiety, or obsessive-compulsive disorder—that can hold them back and keep them from fully enjoying childhood. If your child suffers from any of these forms of anxiety, the program in this book offers practical, scientifically proven tools that can help. Now in its second edition, *Helping Your Anxious Child* has been expanded and updated to include the latest research and techniques for managing child anxiety. The book offers proven effective skills based in cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) to aid you in helping your child overcome intense fears and worries. You'll also find out how to relieve your child's anxious feelings while parenting with compassion. Inside, you will learn to:

- Help your child practice “detective thinking” to recognize irrational worries
- What to do when your child becomes frightened
- How to gently and gradually expose your child to challenging situations
- Help your child learn important social skills

This book has been awarded The Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Self-Help Seal of Merit—an award bestowed on outstanding self-help books that are consistent with cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) principles and that incorporate scientifically tested strategies for overcoming mental health difficulties. Used alone or in conjunction with therapy, our books offer powerful tools readers can use to jump-start changes in

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their lives.

## **Stress Free Kids**

All parents experience stress as they attempt to meet the challenges of caring for their children. This comprehensive book examines the causes and consequences of parenting distress, drawing on a wide array of findings in current empirical research. Kirby Deater-Deckard explores normal and pathological parenting stress, the influences of parents on their children as well as children on their parents, and the effects of biological and environmental factors. Beginning with an overview of theories of stress and coping, Deater-Deckard goes on to describe how parenting stress is linked with problems in adult and child health (emotional problems, developmental disorders, illness); parental behaviors (warmth, harsh discipline); and factors outside the family (marital quality, work roles, cultural influences). The book concludes with a useful review of coping strategies and interventions that have been demonstrated to alleviate parenting stress.

## **Stress-Free Discipline**

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A thrilling and superbly written historical romance. The story of Andrew Garveld, a young man born into a poor but once noble family, sets about changing his fortune by travelling to Edinburgh but meets many people along the way and events spiral and change his life forever.

### **Stress Free Kids Curriculum Teacher Kit**

When a child is born parents feel on top of the world, but stress and exhaustion can soon take over, leaving nerves frayed. In this concise, practical book Christiane Kutik highlights twelve simple steps for bringing some peace, composure and enjoyment back into everyday family life. She bases her approach on providing a solid underlying structure to family life, with clear roles, rules, routine and respect. She goes on to show how your family can grow together through incorporating enjoyable rituals, being responsive to your children, giving them the support they need and the space to develop their own abilities. She discusses ways to introduce moments of calm and spiritual connection into everyday life. She also stresses the importance of parents trying to make a little time for themselves to reflect on life and relax. This is a book written specifically for parents with no time and little energy -- short, easy-to-absorb and easy-to-implement steps to

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quickly improve family life.

### **15-Minute Parenting 8-12 Years**

Outlines a four-step program for decluttering a home, increasing a child's sense of security, scheduling down time, and instilling calmness in the face of hectic environments.

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