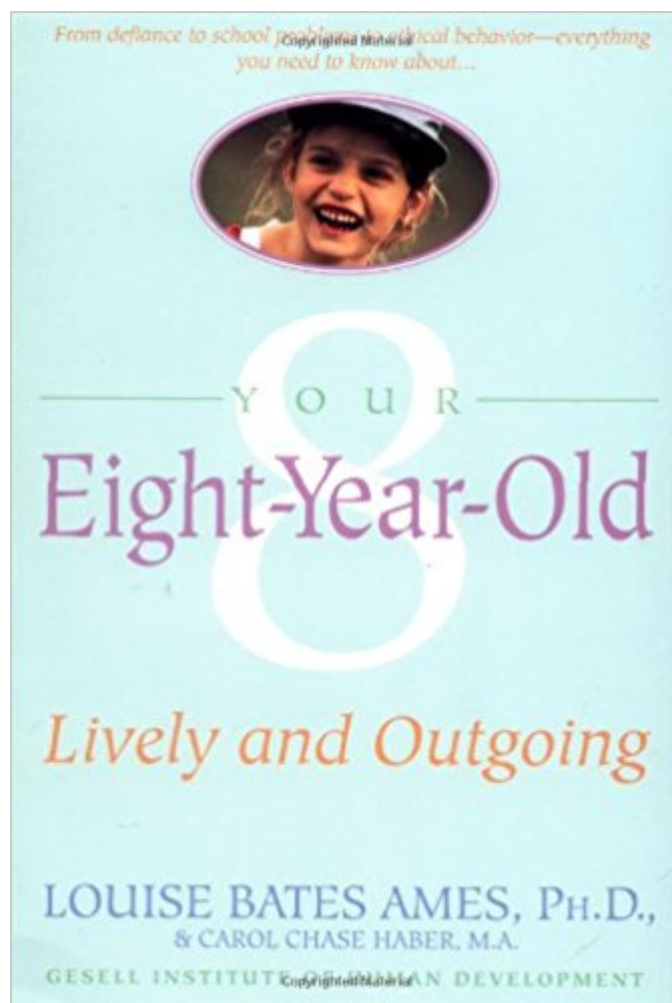


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This entire series is a staple in my own parenting life and in my life as a doctor. Recommended to me by a friend and I'm so grateful. I recommend it to every parent as a must read. The best book on parenting that I've read because it describes child development beautifully and presents it as a continuum, a trajectory of growth, and emphasizes that children don't all fit into a mold. They are different, each with gifts. I love that the author answers parental questions so openly and she doesn't define behaviors described in the questions as pathologic nor make diagnostic statements. Instead, her statements affirm parents, affirm children, and help parents to see that when children have struggles, they simply need parental help and understanding, need time to develop skills they may be lacking, and have a need for patience and understanding from adults who are quick to over analyze them. This is book I grab when I'm exhausted at the end of a long "mommy" day and I'm quickly reassured that all is well and my children are beautiful evolving human beings and I need to be patient with myself and with them!!

I am a clinical psychologist and of all the books on child development that I have read (and taught) this series is my favorite. Based on research and yet readable for the layperson as well as the professional. I have recommended it to several of my patients with children.

I find these books incredibly useful, but less useful as times goes on, since I find the gender-specific expectations horribly outdated and sexist. I tend to skip sections or generalize in my head. I would love updated versions that matched our understanding of gender. Most also assume a mother/father "traditional" family. That said, I've read all of them so far for each age, and I find the advice-free, straightforward descriptions of typical child development to be refreshing and useful

when I'm trying to maintain realistic expectations of my son as he grows.

I love these books. The pix are so outdated but it's fun to see them. I particularly love the info about how kids brains develop each year. It's been a huge help for me in teaching myself to be a patience parent who works to train up her child within his individuality. I give these books all the time as gifts!

It seems that in the past 20 years our kids environments have changed a bit but their development is similar. I wish I had found these books sooner. It was so comforting to hear that our daughters nightmares are a stage that many 7 year olds go through and that 8 is the year of confidence and exploration. Looking forward to leaving the insecurity and "it's not fair" age of 7 to the wondrously independent age of 8! I have also purchased age 5 to remind me what to expect for my younger son and will also get age 6. Love them!

Although these books are dated, they provide the best information on what to expect from a child this age. These books have helped me to identify what is normal age appropriate behavior so that I may teach, guide, discipline, and simply enjoy my child at this precious age. Each age is a special time in my child's life that I can not return to later. These books have helped me make the most of our sweet time together in a way we both can look fondly on in the years ahead.

I love these books. Some of the references are a little outdated (to be expected.. they were written some time ago) They don't offer parenting advice as much as they talk about normal occurrences for each age.

This book serves as a great tool for me in raising my children! It provides a great assessment as to what I can expect from my children, and explains the reasoning for some of the issues that go on with their behavior. I wish more adults in the education profession and politics would use the information provided in this book in an effort to get a better perspective on what it's like to be a child of eight. Particularly as we continue to hold our children more and more accountable for reaching such rigorous education standards.

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