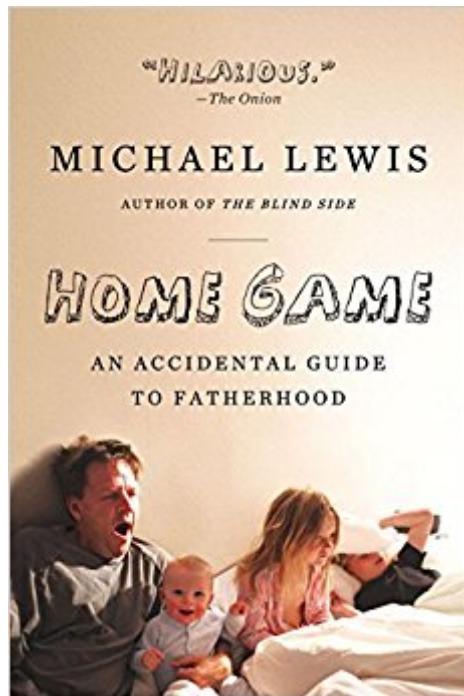


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# Home Game: An Accidental Guide To Fatherhood



## Synopsis

The New York Times bestseller: "Hilarious. No mushy tribute to the joys of fatherhood, Lewis' book addresses the good, the bad, and the merely baffling about having kids." Boston Globe When Michael Lewis became a father, he decided to keep a written record of what actually happened immediately after the birth of each of his three children. This book is that record. But it is also something else: maybe the funniest, most unsparing account of ordinary daily household life ever recorded, from the point of view of the man inside. The remarkable thing about this story isn't that Lewis is so unusual. It's that he is so typical. The only wonder is that his wife has allowed him to publish it.

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## Customer Reviews

After the birth of his first child, bestselling writer Lewis (*Moneyball*) felt he was a stranger in a strange land, puzzled at the gap between what he thought he should be feeling and what he actually felt. While he expected to be overcome by joy, he often felt puzzled; expecting to feel worried over a child's illness or behavior, he often felt indifferent. Lewis attempts to capture the triumphs, failures, humor, frustration and exhilaration of being a new father during the first year of each of his three children's lives. In one especially hilarious moment, Lewis is in a hotel pool in Bermuda distantly observing his children. When some older boys start teasing his oldest daughter, the youngest daughter, three years old at the time, lets fly a string of profanities at the top of her lungs. The boys retreat and then regroup for a second attack; when they return, she lets fly another

string and tells them that she has peed in the pool, causing the boys to go away. All the while, Lewis watches from afar, too embarrassed to claim this youngster as his own but also proud that she has handled herself so smartly. Although Lewis is correct that his fatherhood moments might be more interesting to him than to anyone else, his reflections capture both the unease and the excitement that fatherhood brings. (June) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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Most (if not all) of the reviews here are from fathers and/or mothers. And they all recommend this book. I am not a father yet but soon to be. We are expecting our first child in mid-September. Ultrasound showed we will have a boy! :) I found this book very fun to read. So much fun I want more! Michael Lewis is really a great storyteller. I get drawn into his world as a dad while reading this book.The book is mainly broken into 3 parts. One for each of his kids. The stories are not step-by-step chronological accounts of his experiences but descriptions of his fatherhood moments. These "moments" are probably typical (I wouldn't know yet) in a family setting but the way he wrote them is just plain funny! More than half the time I find myself laughing out loud like I'm in a stand up comedy show.This book is not really a guide to fatherhood or even lessons for fathers and fathers-to-be. He's not lecturing, not even giving pointers. This is an account of his experiences as a father; but as we all know we learn from experiences, some from our own some from others. As I said earlier, I am a first time expectant father and by no means I can say this book got me prepared for what is to come. But I do know this, now I have a little better idea of what it's going to be like.By the way, I bought this book through Kindle and read it between my iPhone and the iPad. The texts were rendered cleanly and Whispersync was flawless. There were no pics or diagrams in this Kindle version of the book.\*\*Spoiler Alert: He talked about vasectomy in the book. I really did not like that (as you can probably understand with my situation). It was a pretty detailed account that I honestly skimmed and skipped over. Sorry, it's not for me right now and maybe ever.

Frustration and delight are the unnatural allied forces of fatherhood. The photograph with

baggy-eyed Lewis clutching the wide-eyed, ready-to-roll infant with two more children by his side says 10,000 words. Bravo to Lewis for uncovering the reality of this huge responsibility with humor and a raw retelling. This is a great how-to-parent guide for everyone embarking on parenthood -- hearing the adventure ahead that few tell young couples.

While hilariously "irreverent," the book shows the genuine love this dad has for his kids. Actually a strong endorsement of loving family and fatherhood. Very realistic, relatable, very very funny and actually very moving. 4-1/2+

Sometimes as a father you have thoughts about your kids and your role as a father that are immediately suppressed because you say to yourself I shouldn't be thinking that. Michael Lewis plays those thoughts out in what turns out to be a candid synopsis of how important fathers are and yet how unimportant they are at the same time. There are a number of passages that are downright hilarious to the point that I go back and read these every month or two. This is certainly a different genre than finance, stock market greed/manipulation, and baseball but I am happy that I came across this book.

Granted, this isn't Mr. Lewis' best work, but it's still darn entertaining. I found myself reading excerpts to my two, tween sons as well as my wife. There are plenty of laughs in this easy, short, self-deprecating read. It was very reassuring to read the same thoughts that ran through my head when my boys were infants. Mr. Lewis focuses on the first year of each of his three kids and what he was feeling during the ordeals. The memoir concludes with him having a vasectomy. It seemed a fitting end. If you are an involved father, you're life as you knew it before kids will only be a distant, fond memory. The author points out some of the rewards of caring for others, but mostly the book is a pity party. Any man who is or may someday be a father will get a reality check with this honest portrayal of fatherhood. The book will probably scare the bejesus out of a few men contemplating parenthood.

This book was pure pleasure from beginning to end. I could not put it down and loved especially Lewis's ability to seem both an affectionate and at-times conflicted father. One of my favorite chapters was the one that recounts his visit with his oldest daughter to an amusement park for toddlers in the middle of Oakland: Fairyland, I think it's called. I was laughing late into the night. There's also a very detailed and viscerally affecting section on Lewis's vasectomy. I loved this

book - such fun and so smart too.

A very funny and unique take on fatherhood. I hope he writes a sequel in 10 or 15 years to see how has attitudes have changes as his kids have grown up. My only complaint is that I wish it was longer. I was enjoying it and didn't want to get to the end so fast.

It's important to note that this book is actually a collection of essays, diary entries and magazine articles on fatherhood. It often feels disjointed as a book and I suspect it was only published in this form because of Lewis's fame and loyal fan base. That said, the stories are often hilarious. I greatly enjoyed his somewhat cynical perspective on some aspects of fatherhood - the uselessness of the father during the birth, the limited rewards available to men from increasing their parenting workload. I would recommend this book to parents of young children, who may find some of their darker thoughts reflected in laugh-out-loud easy-to-read anecdotes.

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