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History of Abolition of African Slave-Trade
History of American Abolitionism
Step-families deal with many unique issues related to their own children, their step-children, their spouses, and even ex-spouses. Some of the concerns may lead to depression and anxiety, and,

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in worst-case scenarios, suicide. In "Neither Root nor Branch," author Mary Jane Grange helps blended families deal with their often challenging situation to live a happy, fulfilling existence. She provides affordable solutions for dealing with depression and anxiety. Using her experiences as a nurse and a step-parent, Grange relies on scriptures to help step-families co-exist peacefully without the use of drugs, alcohol, medications, or divorce. "I am a step parent. I could not keep up the pace that was set for my family. I realized I was in something over my head. I

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was in something that mere mortals could not correct. I decided to be more conscientious about reading my scriptures. Instead of letting the word of God lie hidden in my heart or dormant on my end tables, I decided to look for the laws of depression. I found them in the scriptures. I found the pace that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ created for us in this world."

This book chronicles the unforgettable account of one of the most severe child abuse cases in California history. It is the story of Dave Pelzer, who was brutally beaten and starved

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by his emotionally unstable, alcoholic mother: a mother who played tortuous, unpredictable games--games that left him nearly dead. He had to learn how to play his mother's games in order to survive because she no longer considered him a son, but a slave; and no longer a boy, but an "it." Dave's bed was an old army cot in the basement, and his clothes were torn and raunchy. When his mother allowed him the luxury of food, it was nothing more than spoiled scraps that even the dogs refused to eat. The outside world knew nothing of his living nightmare. He had nothing or no one to turn

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to, but his dreams kept him alive--dreams of someone taking care of him, loving him and calling him their son.

When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, 11-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan. By a Newbery Medal-winning author.

A Disaster Manual When Someone Has More Rights Than

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Step Parents

Wonderful Ways to Be a Stepparent

A Child Called It

The Stepchild

Adjusting to a Parent's New Marriage

Including Hundreds of Documented Testimonies, Records on Living Conditions and Customs in the South & History of Abolitionist Movement

Psychological Parables, Narratives, and Eye-Witness Accounts

Textual Mothers/Maternal Texts focuses on mothers as subjects and as writers who produce auto/biography, fiction, and poetry about maternity. International

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contributors examine the mother without child, with child, and in her multiple identities as grandmother, mother, and daughter. The collection examines how authors use textual spaces to accept, negotiate, resist, or challenge traditional conceptions of mothering and maternal roles, and how these texts offer alternative practices and visions for mothers. Further, it illuminates how textual representations both reflect and help to define or (re)shape the realities of women and families by examining how mothering and being a mother are political, personal, and creative narratives unfolding within both the pages of

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a book and the spaces of a life. The range of chapters maps a shift from the daughter-centric stories that have dominated the maternal tradition to the matrilineal and matrifocal perspectives that have emerged over the last few decades as the mother's voice moved from silence to speech. Contributors make aesthetic, cultural, and political claims and critiques about mothering and motherhood, illuminating in new and diverse ways how authors and the protagonists of the texts "read" their own maternal identities as well as the maternal scripts of their families, cultures, and nations in their quest for self-knowledge,

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agency, and artistic expression.

It is over 20 years since the functional data model and functional programming languages were first introduced to the computing community. Although developed by separate research communities, recent work, presented in this book, suggests there is powerful synergy in their integration. As database technology emerges as central to yet more complex and demanding applications in areas such as bioinformatics, national security, criminal investigations and advanced engineering, more sophisticated approaches like those presented here, are needed. A

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tutorial introduction by the editors prepares the reader for the chapters that follow, written by leading researchers, including some of the early pioneers. They provide a comprehensive treatment showing how the functional approach provides for modeling, analyzis and optimization in databases, and also data integration and interoperation in heterogeneous environments. Several chapters deal with mathematical results on the transformation of expressions, fundamental to the functional approach. The book also aims to show how the approach relates to the Internet and current work on semistructured data, XML and

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RDF. The book presents a comprehensive view of the functional approach to data management, bringing together important material hitherto widely scattered, some new research, and a comprehensive set of references. It will serve as a valuable resource for researchers, faculty and graduate students, as well as those in industry responsible for new systems development.

This book explores the topic of family obligations following changes in family structure caused by divorce and remarriage. Family obligations are commonly defined as the rights and duties that accompany family roles. They have

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been described as the "glue" that connects generations, as well as the "oughts" and "shoulds" that surround individual family relationships. This book is primarily concerned with normative beliefs about what family members should do for each other. It differs from previous accounts of family obligation norms because it specifically focuses on family responsibilities after divorce and remarriage, two events that affect an increasing number of families today. The authors draw extensively upon the findings of 13 studies of normative beliefs regarding post-divorce intergenerational family obligations. This book fills a gap in

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the present literature concerning family obligation. It addresses the weaknesses of prior research by focusing on family transitions and by presenting data from studies that employ contextual methods. The content will provide guidance to policymakers and helping professionals who work with families, and the unique focus and procedures of the studies are likely to set the standard for future assessments of normative beliefs about family obligations.

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resilience of the human spirit.

The Step Child

In Their Shoes

One Child's Courage to Survive

Family Obligations Following

Divorce and Remarriage

The Northwestern Reporter

Chinese Cinderella

The Perfect Child

A college student is haunted by dreams of the past that could get her into trouble in this psychological thriller by the New York Times bestselling author.

Kathi Ellison is an English literature major at the University of California in Berkeley, living with her boyfriend off-campus. She is also the daughter of a candidate for the U.S. Senate, a

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role that could affect her life should her father win the election. But before she can consider her future, Kathi must first come to terms with her past. A car accident when she was four-years-old killed her mother and left her in a coma for several days. The migraines and nightmares that plagued her as a child have recently returned with a vengeance, leaving her mind full of visions that feel more like memories. Memories that are not her own. Memories of a frightened and traumatized child named Sheri Walker. Memories linked to her mother's death that her stepmother doesn't want her to remember . . . For lighter mysteries, don't miss Joanne Fluke's Hannah Swensen series!

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Stepchild is the saga of the Gibsons, Adrienne and Josh, a fictional contemplation of love and race in America in the post-civil rights movement era. Set in Atlanta, Georgia, during the 1980s, it chronicles the love affair of Josh, a dispirited soul haunted by tragedy, and Adrienne, the love of his life. Determined to provide a solution rather than a conversation about America's most enduring problem--race--Adrienne is pursuing her doctorate in sociology when she arrives at Morehouse College and meets the man she will come to call my Josh. They fall in love amongst the ruins of the crack epidemic beginning to rage through America and struggle with Josh's

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battle to overcome an addiction to the devil's dandruff. Loss seems to be the theme of their life together, but they never cease to believe in the power of love--the same belief Adrienne bequeaths her community in her dissertation, a document dedicated to the power and consequence of choice.

A page-turning debut of suspense about a young couple desperate to have a child of their own--and the unsettling consequences of getting what they always wanted. Christopher and Hannah are a happily married surgeon and nurse with picture-perfect lives. All that's missing is a child. When Janie, an abandoned six-year-old, turns up at their hospital, Christopher forms an instant

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connection with her, and he convinces Hannah they should take her home as their own. But Janie is no ordinary child, and her damaged psyche proves to be more than her new parents were expecting. Janie is fiercely devoted to Christopher, but she acts out in increasingly disturbing ways, directing all her rage at Hannah. Unable to bond with Janie, Hannah is drowning under the pressure, and Christopher refuses to see Janie's true nature. Hannah knows that Janie is manipulating Christopher and isolating him from her, despite Hannah's attempts to bring them all together. But as Janie's behavior threatens to tear Christopher and Hannah apart, the truth behind Janie's past may

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be enough to push them all over the edge.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

*** From the author of Empire of Pain--a stunning, intricate narrative about a notorious killing in Northern Ireland and its devastating repercussions "Masked intruders dragged Jean McConville, a 38-year-old widow and mother of 10, from her Belfast home in 1972. In this meticulously reported book--as finely paced as a novel--Keefe uses McConville's murder as a prism to tell the history of the Troubles in Northern Ireland. Interviewing people on both sides of the conflict, he transforms the tragic damage and waste of the era into a searing, utterly gripping saga." --New York Times**

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Book Review Jean McConville's abduction was one of the most notorious episodes of the vicious conflict known as The Troubles. Everyone in the neighborhood knew the I.R.A. was responsible. But in a climate of fear and paranoia, no one would speak of it. In 2003, five years after an accord brought an uneasy peace to Northern Ireland, a set of human bones was discovered on a beach. McConville's children knew it was their mother when they were told a blue safety pin was attached to the dress--with so many kids, she had always kept it handy for diapers or ripped clothes. Patrick Radden Keefe's mesmerizing book on the bitter conflict in Northern Ireland and its aftermath uses the McConville

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case as a starting point for the tale of a society wracked by a violent guerrilla war, a war whose consequences have never been reckoned with. The brutal violence seared not only people like the McConville children, but also I.R.A. members embittered by a peace that fell far short of the goal of a united Ireland, and left them wondering whether the killings they committed were not justified acts of war, but simple murders. From radical and impetuous I.R.A. terrorists such as Dolours Price, who, when she was barely out of her teens, was already planting bombs in London and targeting informers for execution, to the ferocious I.R.A. mastermind known as The Dark, to the spy games and dirty

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schemes of the British Army, to Gerry Adams, who negotiated the peace but betrayed his hardcore comrades by denying his I.R.A. past--Say Nothing conjures a world of passion, betrayal, vengeance, and anguish. Look for Patrick Radden Keefe's latest bestseller, Empire of Pain A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland Working with the 8-12 Age Group America's True Green Future Modeling, Analyzing and Integrating Heterogeneous Data White Hot-True Blue Textual Mothers/Maternal Texts And Tango Makes Three More than 800,000 copies in print! From the author of critically acclaimed and bestselling

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memoir *Falling Leaves*, this is a poignant and moving true account of her childhood, growing up as an unloved daughter in 1940s China. A Chinese proverb says, "Falling leaves return to their roots." In her own courageous voice, Adeline Yen Mah returns to her roots to tell the story of her painful childhood and her ultimate triumph in the face of despair. Adeline's affluent, powerful family considers her bad luck after her mother dies giving birth to her, and life does not get any easier when her father remarries. Adeline and her siblings are subjected to the

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disdain of her stepmother, while her stepbrother and stepsister are spoiled with gifts and attention. Although Adeline wins prizes at school, they are not enough to compensate for what she really yearns for -- the love and understanding of her family. Like the classic Cinderella story, this powerful memoir is a moving story of resilience and hope. Includes an Author's Note, a 6-page photo insert, a historical note, and the Chinese text of the original Chinese Cinderella. A PW BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR AN ALA-YALSA BEST BOOK FOR YOUNG ADULTS "One of the most inspiring books I have

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ever read.” –The Guardian
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believes her experiences. In 2003, Donna watched as her stepmother was found guilty of 'procuring a minor' for sexual abuse and sentenced to two years in prison. Beautifully written and savagely honest, *The Step Child* is Donna's story. It is an inspiring tribute to the resilience of the human spirit. As a stepparent or biological parent in a blended family that has experienced divorce, you may encounter resistance. But take heart. That resistance is probably not because of your personality or something you've done wrong, but because of the position you hold. Walking in

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your child's shoes for a while, to see things from their point of view, can make all the difference. Lauren Reitsema's stories, research, and firsthand experiences will help you better understand the mindset of your child. While every stepparent/stepchild relationship is unique, there are many common themes that children experience as they adapt to their changing family. Lauren carefully explains these themes and brings out practical ideas that will help you cultivate authentic connections. Discover what's going on in the heart and mind of your child and learn to walk

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beside them. Your efforts will pay off in stronger, closer blended family relationships.

Being a stepchild isn't always a walk in the park; however, there are some stepparents that step up and do a phenomenal job of expressing their love for a child that isn't biologically theirs.

Unfortunately, Ms. Simpson did not experience this during her childhood years. She became a stepchild long before she could read or write. Losing her mother at such a young age left a huge gap in her life followed by an even longer list of unanswered questions. Grief, heartache and anger opened the door for

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unexplained behavior and filled Rodriunna's heart with hatred. Life as a Stepchild gives a vivid description of true-life emotions and accounts of Rodriunna's story as she battled with unexpected and disheartening events. As you turn the pages of this book, be prepared for a rollercoaster of emotions. Through the twists and curves, you can become more open-minded, compassionate and sensitive toward the feelings and heart of a stepchild. Ms. Simpson also wants to advocate for those who have been a stepchild with similar experiences. She also wants to

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encourage anyone that may take on the role of becoming a stepparent.

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A Playworker's Guide to
Understanding Children's
Behaviour

Who's Raising Whom?

The Functional Approach to Data
Management

Neither Root Nor Branch

Secrets to Stepfamily Success

Workparent

**In this haunting and
frank account, Donna
Ford, bestselling author
of The Step Child,**

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returns to the horrific abuse she suffered at the hands of her stepmother. As a tiny girl of five, and for six long years, Donna was physically, mentally and sexually abused. She was starved, beaten and 'loaned out' to neighbours who raped and molested her ... and throughout her father stood by and did nothing. When her stepmother finally left the family home, Donna dreamed of a normal childhood in which she

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would be taken care of by the man who had, up until this point, failed her. But it was not to be. By telling the whole story of her Edinburgh childhood, Donna tries to understand why the man who should have loved her the most - her own father - was the one who deceived her the most, by continuing to allow men to abuse her. Instead of finding a future of love and happiness, Donna was once again thrust into a living nightmare of

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exploitation and betrayal by those who should have wrapped her up in their love. While this is a true story of appalling child abuse, it is also a tale of how exhilaration, tenderness and self-development can flourish despite childhood horrors. We take a journey with Donna to discover the woman she has become: a devoted mother of three and a talented artist and writer. An all-in-one resource for every working mother

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and father. Sure, there are plenty of parenting books out there. But as working moms and dads, we've never had a trusted, go-to guide all our own—one that coaches us on how to do well at work, be the loving and engaged parents we want to be, and remain true to ourselves in the process. Enter Workparent. Whether you're planning a family, pushing for promotion during your kids' teenage years, or at any phase in between,

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Workparent provides all the advice and assurance you'll need to combine children and career in your own, authentic way. Whatever your field or family structure, you'll learn how to: Find a childcare arrangement you fully trust Build a strong support team, at home and on the job Advocate for advancement—and flexibility Step up at work while keeping your family healthy and whole Tame guilt, self-doubt, worry, and other

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difficult emotions

Navigate big

transitions: the return

from leave, a promotion

or job change, or the

arrival of a second

child Manage day-to-day

pressures, like

scheduling, mealtimes,

homework, and more

Find—and really use—time

off Feel more capable,

calm, and in control

Written by Daisy

Dowling, a top executive

coach, talent expert,

and working mom,

Workparent answers all

of your questions and

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feels like a good talk with your favorite mentor. Finally, the handbook you need to thrive as a working parent.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE
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HAILED BY ROLLING STONE
AS "A GREAT ONE." "A
single mother's
personal, unflinching
look at America's class
divide, a description of
the tightrope many
families walk just to
get by, and a reminder

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of the dignity of all work." -PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, Obama's Summer Reading List At 28, Stephanie Land's dreams of attending a university and becoming a writer quickly dissolved when a summer fling turned into an unplanned pregnancy. Before long, she found herself a single mother, scraping by as a housekeeper to make ends meet. Maid is an emotionally raw, masterful account of Stephanie's years spent

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in service to upper middle class America as a "nameless ghost" who quietly shared in her clients' triumphs, tragedies, and deepest secrets. Driven to carve out a better life for her family, she cleaned by day and took online classes by night, writing relentlessly as she worked toward earning a college degree. She wrote of the true stories that weren't being told: of living on food stamps and WIC coupons, of

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government programs that barely provided housing, of aloof government employees who shamed her for receiving what little assistance she did. Above all else, she wrote about pursuing the myth of the American Dream from the poverty line, all the while slashing through deep-rooted stigmas of the working poor. Maid is Stephanie's story, but it's not hers alone. It is an inspiring testament to the courage, determination,

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and ultimate strength of the human spirit.

The bestselling book on childhood trauma and the enduring effects of repressed anger and pain Why are many of the most successful people plagued by feelings of emptiness and alienation? This wise and profound book has provided millions of readers with an answer--and has helped them to apply it to their own lives. Far too many of us had to learn as children to hide our

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own feelings, needs, and memories skillfully in order to meet our parents' expectations and win their "love." Alice Miller writes, "When I used the word 'gifted' in the title, I had in mind neither children who receive high grades in school nor children talented in a special way. I simply meant all of us who have survived an abusive childhood thanks to an ability to adapt even to unspeakable cruelty by becoming numb...."

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Without this 'gift' offered us by nature, we would not have survived." But merely surviving is not enough. The Drama of the Gifted Child helps us to reclaim our life by discovering our own crucial needs and our own truth.

Rain Petitioning and Step Child: Plays
The Medicine Wheel for Step Parents

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For many adult stepchildren, the marriage of a parent is a complicated situation fraught with emotional difficulties as the existing family structure is reshaped through the

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introduction of new members and the realignment of familial roles and relationships. A parent's marriage and the upheaval it generates can also mobilize long-buried feelings within adult stepchildren, including anger, betrayal, resentment, and a sense of deprivation. Until now, the millions of adult stepchildren have not had a resource to help them address the psychological issues they face in this situation. Written by an expert with substantial experience in stepfamily life, *Becoming an Adult Stepchild: Adjusting to a Parent's New Marriage* provides

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invaluable advice on how to examine the underlying issues and feelings engendered by a parent's marriage and use this knowledge to reduce the inherent tension in this situation. In a caring and supportive manner, Dr. Prilik also urges readers to take advantage of the golden opportunities hidden in their parent's marriage, including *

- * Initiating positive personal growth*
- * Reconciling with an estranged parent*
- * Reconnecting with a parent in ways that may enhance closeness with him or her*
- * Making changes or taking risks to improve their lives*

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Learning how to cope with uncertainty and change Dr. Prilik begins each chapter by posing a few questions on specific subjects and situations that challenge readers to examine their feelings, attitudes, and behavior toward their parent's marriage. She then explores the underlying conflicts brought about by these particular circumstances and provides numerous vignettes to illustrate typical adult reactions to a parent's remarriage. She also offers many suggestions on how readers can reduce the tension and acrimony that can develop during this transition.

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Armed with this awareness and practical advice, adult stepchildren can build more satisfying relationships within their new family structure and use this unique opportunity for profound personal growth.

In Nzarayaperas village, famine and hunger strike as rain could not fall. The sky remains blue with scorching heat that leaves no creature desiring to move on with life. Chief Nzarayapera and his councillors believe this scourge is a curse from the ancestors. They think of holding a ceremony to mollify the ancestors and petition rain. The ceremony is held, but nothing

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happens except that hunger and famine strike even harder. This sets a fertile ground for conflict between traditionalists, Christians and scientists who lay blame on one another and take turns to intercede for the people. What comes out of this conflict only requires you to read Rain Petitioning for yourself. Equally there to awaken your curiosity is Step Child, the second play in this collection.

Winning the Heart of Your Stepchild is a hands-on guidebook for today's men and women who face the special challenge of blending families. It

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is an indispensable road map for new moms and dads who want one vibrant, happy, blended family. Copyright © Libri GmbH. All rights reserved. Changing Families, Changing Responsibilities

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100 Common Sense Reasons to Legalize Cannabis

A Guide for Prevention, Assessment, and Intervention

Helping Parents Better

Understand and Connect with Children of Divorce

The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter

Report on Legislation

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How do I manage an aggressive child positively when I have twenty other children who need my attention? How can I develop a good relationship with a child I seem to dislike? How do I maintain a positive working relationship with the parents of a disturbed and disturbing child? Written in a jargon-free, readable style, with many real life examples, this book is a must-have resource for playworkers seeking to enhance their skills as a whole. It highlights how the way we think about children's behaviour colours the way we react to it. It offers playworkers a different way of understanding many ordinary childhood behaviours such as lying, stealing and bullying, and gives practical advice not only on management but on how practitioners can identify, trust and develop their own skills.

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This book explores the history of cannabis and the cannabis prohibition. It critically examines the reasons why cannabis remains illegal. It discusses the effects that our prohibitionist policy is having on our nation. The purpose is to inform the readers about some of the huge advantages we can gain by for our environment, our economy, and our public safety by ending prohibition. Though it covers many areas of thought, it is easy to read and understand. People somewhat familiar with cannabis will find it informative, humorous, and uplifting. People unfamiliar with the topic will be shocked by the amount of information they have never been told. Each member has their own unique place in a family. Ron Deal explores the myth of the "blended" family offering practical, realistic solutions for

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stepfamilies.

With The Medicine Wheel for Stepparents, I hope to give some understanding and relief to blended families. Stepfamilies have common threads of dysfunction. There are many issues that form these common threads. These issues occur between stepparent and stepchild and biological parent, biological child, and extended family in blended families. I have listed the issues and have offered affordable solutions that are within our grasp. These common threads reappear in every aspect of family life, including financial matters such as your child's Social Security checks, child-support checks, medical bills, and the parents will. These issues occur when the power structure changes in a home after a divorce or death in a family. Everyone is left in a gigantic power

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struggle, which retires parents prematurely. Stepparents and stepchildren feel that they must protect their territory, ego, and family with secrets, isolation, intimidation, manipulation, and stonewalling behavior. When stepfamilies are choking, parents, stepparents, and stepchildren do not have to be severely depressed, take multiple medications for depression and energy, get a divorce, or attempt suicide for relief. Biological parents and stepparents do not have to be retired prematurely. There are better ways to keep everyone functioning in blended families. My book will not take away all the opposition you experience in blended families. We learn by overcoming opposition, not creating opposition. This book helps you analyze and carry the opposition to

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When male penguins Silo and Roy attempt to hatch an egg-shaped rock and find no success in their efforts, the zookeepers decide to place a

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fertilized penguin egg in their cage and end up with little baby Tango, in an amusing tale based on a true story from the Central Park Zoo.

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natural scientific discipline so theory-driven and obsessed with method that it merely generates abstract, cold objectivities and detached statistical generalities. White Hot-True Blue offers instead a psychological psychology, one that includes the soul and the spirit, one radically individualized and deeply personal--a psychology wielding a caring human touch. The human heart is not reducible to a physiological pump. Our heart is the mind warmed."

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and Anna Chase offer a helping hand and show how to transform a seemingly impossible situation into a relationship filled with love.

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