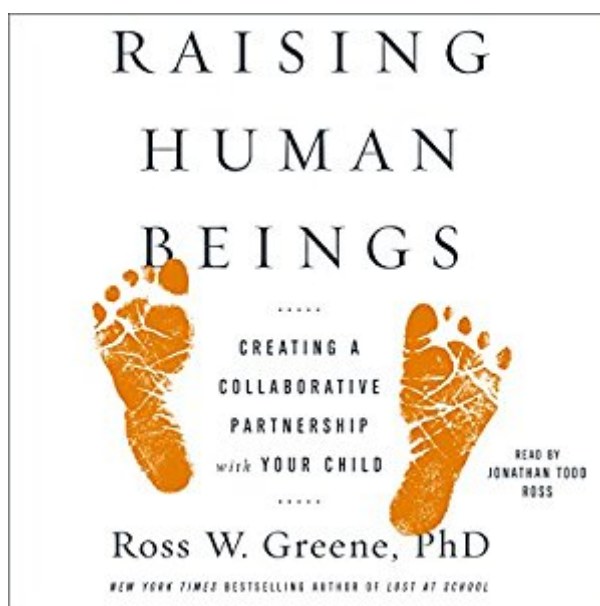


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# Raising Human Beings: Creating A Collaborative Partnership With Your Child



## Synopsis

In *Raising Human Beings*, the renowned child psychologist and New York Times best-selling author of *Lost at School* and *The Explosive Child* explains how to cultivate a better parent-child relationship while also nurturing empathy, honesty, resilience, and independence. Parents have an important task: figure out who their child is - his or her skills, preferences, beliefs, values, personality traits, goals, and direction - get comfortable with it, and then help him or her pursue and live a life that is congruent with it. But parents also want to have influence. They want their kid to be independent, but not if he or she is going to make bad choices. They don't want to be harsh and rigid, but nor do they want a noncompliant, disrespectful kid. They want to avoid being too pushy and overbearing, but not if an unmotivated, apathetic kid is what they have to show for it. They want to have a good relationship with their kids, but not if that means being a pushover. They don't want to scream, but they do want to be heard. Good parenting is about striking the balance between a child's characteristics and a parent's desire to have influence. Now Dr. Ross Greene offers a detailed and practical guide for raising kids in a way that enhances relationships, improves communication, and helps kids learn how to resolve disagreements without conflict. Through his well-known model of solving problems collaboratively, parents can forgo time-out and sticker charts; stop badgering, berating, threatening, and punishing; allow their kids to feel heard and validated; and have influence. From homework to hygiene, curfews to screen time, *Raising Human Beings* arms parents with the tools they need to raise kids in ways that are nonpunitive and nonadversarial and that brings out the best in both parent and child.

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This book is inspirational. It teaches parents how to talk to their children in non-adversarial ways. Dr. Ross Greene's is empathetic to both children and their parents. In this book, Dr. Ross Greene will take you by the hand and teach you how to communicate and solve problems with your child proactively and collaboratively. Professionals who work with parents and children will benefit greatly by reading this outstanding book.

Fantastic guide to raising kids. However, the meat is really only in one or two chapters in the middle. I've applied the techniques in this book and they work flawlessly. Be warned though, that if you don't follow the guidelines pretty strictly, the method won't work. Patience is a must.

Dr Greene's book courageously discusses an issue that is often in denial. He deals with the very negative often life long consequences of physical punishment to children that he states is proven over and over again by science to be dangerous and how US laws fall far short of protecting the most vulnerable of us, our children. Case in point he brings up is that in 19 US states it is legal to physically "punish" school children usually with paddles. Over the past few years Congress has rejected several bills to stop this practice which this book bravely discusses. Even currently a bill is being ignored. There are injuries, too often serious, that occur in disproportionate numbers with autistic, disabled, and black male school children. So his book brings front and center this issue which is a civil rights violation. He does not shy away from the fact that corporal punishment of children even at home is a serious problem as well which is denied too often as well. His book is a call for other authors to tackle this issue as well. It is refreshing for an accomplished author to deal with a problem that frankly is too often overlooked even by many experts in the field.

There are no manuals on how to raise a child but this book certainly covers the topic on how to work in collaboration with your kids. It's a book that provides the reader an opportunity to exercise some new skills.

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Fabulous book for all of us to read! Dr. Greene presents everything so clearly and in a practical, easy to follow manner. Having read many of his books in the past, I did miss reading about more of the science behind his techniques, but I realize this book is perfect for the intended audience. I'm thankful to be able to put his ideas easily into practice (easily may be putting it too easy) and to be able to share this book as a resource for the many families we work with in our autism center. This book is not geared toward children with any sort of diagnosis, but can just as easily be used with those types of kids. Love a book that is written to address a diverse population. Thank you, Dr. Greene. I admire your commitment to this field and am forever thankful for your sound, practical, effective advice.

As a person without kids, it was an interesting read but some of the suggestions seem like they'd be pretty hard to actually implement.

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