

The Self-Driven Child



The **SCIENCE** *and* **SENSE** *of*
**GIVING YOUR KIDS MORE
CONTROL OVER THEIR LIVES**

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The Self-Driven Child: The Science and Sense of Giving Your Kids More Control Over Their Lives



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“ But there exists a lot that you can do before then to greatly help them tackle the road ahead with resilience and creativity. bestselling author of many parents insist on micromanaging from homework to friendships. The Self-Driven Child offers a combination of cutting-edge mind science, the latest discoveries in behavioral therapy, and case studies drawn from the a large number of kids and teens Bill and Ned have helped through the years to teach you how to set your son or daughter on the real road to success. In this groundbreaking publication they reveal how you can actively help your child to sculpt a human brain that is resilient, and ready to undertake new challenges. Jointly they discovered that the very best antidote to stress is to give kids more of a feeling of control over their lives.—NPR” This humane, thoughtful book turns the most recent brain science into valuable practical advice for parents. As parents, we are able to only drive our kids up to now. .How Children Succeed A few years ago, Bill Stixrud and Ned Johnson started noticing the same issue from different angles: Also high-performing kids were arriving at them acutely stressed and lacking inspiration. Paul Tough, NY Situations .— Many complained they had no control over their lives. Some stumbled in high school or hit college and unraveled. Bill is a medical neuropsychologist who helps kids gripped by nervousness or struggling to understand. Ned is usually a motivational trainer who runs at the very top tutoring provider. But this won't mean giving up your authority as a mother or father.” For these parents, Stixrud and Johnson have a simple message: Quit.” At some time, they will have to take the wheel and map out their personal path. Instead of trusting kids with choices .



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A fantastic resource for raising content and healthy children I am a teacher and administrator with an increase of than thirty years employed in independent schools, as well as a parent of an 18 yr old child. "Ask your son or daughter if there are points he feels he'd prefer to become in charge of that he currently isn't. This book is the exception. The authors possess very different perspectives, but they align beautifully on truths that I believe are crucial for parents. To mention the most important managing idea in the publication: no parent can force a kid to assume positive agency over his or her life. A great deal flows from that fundamental premise; As part of your, parents need the clarity and guidance so successfully expressed in *The Self-Driven Child*. Learn, apply, and help your child and yourself grow This book is engaging, informative, and insightful. The resulting sense of company is transformative, and stays with them as time passes. As an added benefit, the writing style is apparent, unpretentious, and frequently very humorous. This publication is excellent at explaining why she needs to have more control over her options, especially in the education department, looked after outlines ways to provide her that control. OUTSTANDING! It's nutrients, the writing is tight plenty of, and the authors supply a few stellar explanations (e." Explain the reason why behind a demand "and then allow[] as much personal freedom as possible in carrying out the duty. this book will help parents move from becoming their child's manager to being their consultant. This was an amazing book. The foundation for their advice is a obvious understanding of the mind, which grounds their philosophy and recommendations in obvious scientific understandings." Drawing distinctions without citing good empirical proof their existence, analyzing precisely how significant any differences are, and nodding to socialization just as one sole cause simply is not acceptable in light of contemporary neuroscience and social research research in pre-pubertal gender differences, and the inclusion of these statements makes me doubt the authors' additional assertions."Let kids be bored." They suggest teaching children that replacing "I have to" with "I want to" or "We'm choosing to" raises their odds of success. Parents will positively rethink the role they have in creating health and balance in their child's lives, and in their own. The effect will end up being that parents could have their own feeling of agency when it comes to the often-complex and enormously influential part of parent. and easy to read As an educator, I look for this book extremely valuable for parenting. The reserve is structured, engaging, and readable. It's also an advantage with recommendations at the end of each chapter, personal stories, and FAQs answered in many chapters. Superb for administrators and guidance counselors to read too. It covers kids of elementary and high school. I read this book in only two days, hi lighting, notating in the margins, even flagging some webpages that I idea were the most important. The reserve presents data and theory from fields such as for example neuroscience and psychology to get the proposition that "you should think about yourself as a consultant to your kids instead of their boss or manager," and follows through with loads of practical advice on what, precisely, a more hands-off approach appears like."), but the text message lacks the artistry or narrative element needed to shake that eating-of-the-vegetables vibe." They've found that those at both ends of the inspiration spectrum "suffer from a minimal feeling of control" which is "enormously stressful." The antidote? Insightful and practical I'm a parent and a therapist." Just by experiencing "the normal consequences of their options, ranging from being uncomfortably chilly when they didn't wear a layer, to obtaining a bad grade in a check because they decided not to study," will "her human brain build the circuits that are essential for resilience when confronted with stress." Going the various other method, with sticker charts "and other forms of parental monitoring," the authors say, creates "kids who must then constantly end up being pushed because their very own internal motivation has either not developed or has been eroded

by exterior pressure. Each chapter ends with an overview called 'What To Do Tonight' about how to apply the information in a useful and relatable method. I often read books such as this one, but I seldom find any that are really helpful. This is actually the book we've all been looking forward to." Ensure that your kid knows "that he's in charge of his own education." Try to say—and express and say and claim—"It's your contact." But don't "let go of most restrictions and rules." Join together with your children in environment parameters "and permit them work within them," knowing that you're there to offer counsel. The publication we've all been looking forward to! We can't modification others, but we are able to change ourselves and influence them., "Today, we think about the long-term effects of concussions: 'Yeah, he looks okay today, but way too many more of those and he's not going to remember his children' names. Although it might become tempting for some to skip over the specialized discussion, it is crucial to understanding the points that Stixrud and Johnson are trying to make. As a clinical neuropsychologist and a tutoring company founder, respectively, the authors work with both perfectionists and children who "don't seem to care about anything. A second flaw lies in statements such as "Girls are generally even more interested by—and more consistently motivated to attain in—school" and "Girls generally have significantly more empathy. This book is the underpinning of that function, offering solid and very clear advice on how best to create the possibilities for our children to discover their own travel and develop that internal locus of control that is necessary to thrive in adulthood. Placing those concerns aside, Stixrud and Johnson truly provide a wealth of information, albeit with the specifics mainly angled toward older children. Great advice I really enjoyed scanning this. (2) a feeling of autonomy, competence, and relatedness;" Tests too are about mindset: "Look to conquer, instead of survive," they counsel. and (4) flow. Awesome book, with useful suggestions! This book gives parents much-needed insights in to the child's experience and how exactly to facilitate the most effective conditions to set them up for a rewarding and successful long term. I'm so pleased that I browse this, and i' definitely recommend it to my friends. (3) the optimal level of dopamine; Steeped in psychology and experience of two individuals who obviously care greatly for the children that come into their lives, "The Self-Powered Child" gives such insights that show up both novel and obvious. Increasing downtime, meditation, rest, and movement are more standard suggestions than my favorite little bit of advice, one I've already used in combination with my nine-year-outdated who tends to engage in "bad self-talk." When she called herself "stupid, stupid, stupid" for misplacing a folder, I actually used the authors' terms: "Imagine if we were on a softball group together. I will make use of this in my own parenting Great book. What would you state?, maybe it is the world in which we live, and definitely as the authors explain, it's the influence of the adults who raised them. I've children of all ages with varying levels of anxiety, etc.'" Offer yourself the understanding you'd give your best friend, I told her, getting my cash and time's worth from The Self-Powered Child for the reason that little gem alone. The authors also address many of the most important practical areas parents crave assistance on, including technology make use of, sleep, learning disabilities, and standardized exams. You'll get the next one. Probably something like, 'It's all right.g. I think this book presents a fantastic framework for considering motivation and "level of resistance" - I've currently recommend it several times. I use many of the approaches not simply with my kids, but on myself and with peers and colleagues in the workplace/lifestyle. Great read, practical knowledge and excellent suggestions about how to apply to the real globe. I purchased extra copies and talk about them with friends and family. Giving your young child space to "practice handling and taking nonlethal dangers. I found the info helped me to better understand ways I possibly could help my children and myself become

more independent healthy individuals. The main element ingredients for motivation, they state, are (1) the right mindset; I noticed the authors speak and wanted to find out more. A routine surface ball is hit correct at me, but goes between my legs. Great book! Consulting, Not Commanding In "The Self-Driven Child," authors William Stixrud and Ned Johnson provide sort of guidance that every parent, and indeed teacher, would do well to try heart. Focus on strengths. On top of that, the book does so while keeping a tone that's more similar to having coffee with two close friends with years of expertise instead of reading a book that is large on neuroscience. A central theme of the book is the impact of stress on developing minds, especially that stress which is apparently beyond a kid's control. The science behind the reasoning is definitely well-explained throughout, but especially in the early chapters of the publication.' We think stress should be talked about in this way, too. A lot of the strategy, understandably, is due to the function of parents. In this, Stixrud and Johnson recommend that rather than increasing the tension of the problem, parents instead have a stronger 'consulting' function. Then they present "empowering mental strategies" for getting the recipe right, "like planning ahead and visualizing goals ... or thinking of what you will perform if what you want doesn't come through. Great framework fleshed out with plenty of tips for helping teenagers become self-sufficient Bill Stixrud and Ned Johnson picked the perfect subtitle for The Self-Driven Child: The Science and Sense of Offering Your Kids More Control More than Their Lives. My daughter is 13 and provides some minimal executive function issues left from a serious concussion two years ago, and we've kept her a little bit coddled due to the brain injury. I would recommend this book strongly to parents, teachers, college administrators, and anyone else interested in providing today's children with the circumstances that will encourage healthy child advancement and growth. It also helps to "avoid catastrophizing" by thinking, "This is irritating but it's not really awful," or "This is usually a setback but it's not really a disaster. Science-backed, however, not dry material! As a psychologist focusing on anxiety and stress in children, I've witnessed first-hand the fundamental change that children experience once they figure out how to encounter their fears and discover the internal drive to change their outcomes. It provides science-backed advice within an easy to comprehend way, and provides realistic methods to incorporate it into your parenting. Most of the concepts apply to kids at any age group, so this is useful for all parents.



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