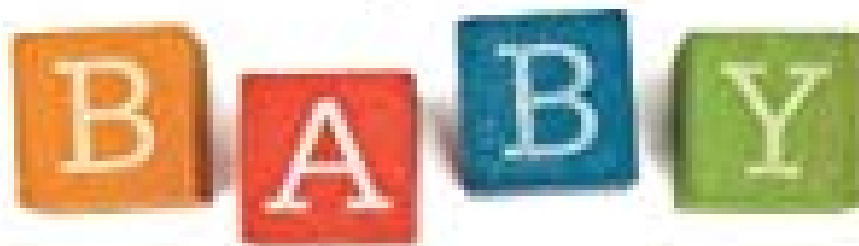


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How to Raise a Smart and Happy Child  
from Zero to Five



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# Brain Rules for Baby: How to Raise a Smart and Happy Child from Zero to Five



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What's the single most significant thing that you can do during pregnancy? This book is normally destined to revolutionize parenting. What's the best way to handle temper tantrums? Now, in Brain Rules for Baby, he shares what the latest technology says about how to improve smart and happy kids from zero to five. In his New York Times bestseller Brain Rules, Dr. John Medina demonstrated us how our brains really work. Brain Rules for Baby bridges the gap between what scientists know and what parents practice. Researchers know. What does watching TV do to a kid's brain? One among the surprises: The simplest way to get your children into the university of their choice? Teach them impulse control. and why we must redesign our workplaces and institutions. Through interesting and funny stories, Medina, a developmental molecular biologist and dad, unravels what sort of child's mind develops - and you skill to optimize it. You will view your



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How I Learned to avoid Worrying and Like the Baby As a father who has generally avoided the litany of parenting books out there, I didn't know very well what to anticipate from John Medina's "Brain Rules for Baby." Purchased on a whim at the suggestion of a friend, the book sat on my shelf, unread, for several months until I noticed that my somewhat laissez-faire style of parenting probably wasn't in the very best passions of my kids - my 15-month-old child and a baby child in the oven. Thankfully, Medina easily admits that the ideal is not going to be the reality with regards to parenting: "A family based on every recommendation in this book can be fantasy" (pp. Despite being truly a "developmental molecular biologist" by trade, Medina is a refreshingly savvy writer, opting to avoid a lot of the jargon that would make the reserve impenetrable for the untrained layman like me. The book is split into five obvious, topical sections:- Pregnancy (how to help your baby develop while in utero)- Relationship (how to avoid the partnership pitfalls many couples encounter post-partum)- Smart Baby (how exactly to optimize your child's brain development and intelligence)- Happy Baby (how to raise a happy, well-balanced child)- Moral Baby (how exactly to help your child develop and nurture their moral compass) Medina will his best to base his tips about robust scientific analysis, which is a plus. As he says early in the introduction, "To gain my trust, research must pass my 'grump aspect.' To make it into this book, studies must 1st have been published in the refereed literature and successfully replicated . grandparents. . A good, easy read (and science based) I love that the book relies on science. So why not five celebrities? You can show that he was very careful about choosing what material to include, afterwards citing his distaste for analysis based on, "shoddy styles, biased agendas, insufficient controls, non-randomized cohorts, too-few sample sizes, too few experiments - and lots of loud, actually angry, opinions" (pp. 143). Medina knows his statistics, which makes it easier for me personally to trust that the suggestions he presents in the text have a good foundation. Great product Great book. This book was a good read, and it includes simple ideas on how to help your child develop. Devouring its contents in in regards to a week, I am very glad I had this epiphany sooner than later. 254). Easy read, very actions oriented. But if scanning this book just makes me a \_slightly\_ better parent, it'll still have been worth it. 3). Aside from dietary imperatives for pregnant mothers, Medina has surprisingly little to say about nourishment beyond the breastfeeding stage. Just as much as I value Medina's "grump element" in filtering out unreliable data, there are two essential topics I felt should have received much more protection, considering their relative importance in a child's advancement: nutrition and music..) Insight into the science behind child development This book is fantastic. All OBs should give this to first-time parents at their initial appointment! There are several really excellent, practical ideas that parents could reap the benefits of (the book even closes with a "Useful Tips" chapter that breaks down much of the research into relevant chunks). That's it for the positive; normally, Medina is rather snarky in his dismissal of pro-music research, such as the proven fact that playing classical music could have a positive influence on a child's development. While I respect his great intentions to clear up erroneous myths, I dread that parents might walk away from this publication believing that music can be nonessential at best, irrelevant at most severe - a tragic conclusion either way, in my opinion.. The end. I recommend this publication to any brand-new or expectant parent. 7) it seems rather irresponsible for him to dismiss much of the positive study regarding music and mind development therefore flippantly. While music is obviously not a cure-all, I have good reason to believe, both from anecdotal encounter and from the positive study I have read, that the effect of music on the mind goes far beyond basically helping children better perceive others' emotions. Don't get me incorrect, I did read this book. I was also lucky enough to catch

a presentation by the author during a conference in California. 273). While I am no expert on "essential" parenting books, I am inclined to maintain Medina's work within arm's size as I work on raising my small children. This should be needed reading for new parents This is one of my favorite thing to provide to new/expecting parents & . It's extremely well crafted and edited. I have no idea a lot of research based texts (and this is VERY scientifically audio writing) that I would call a "page turner," but that's exactly what that is. The term "rules" in the name turns a lot of people off, understandably - babies don't need guidelines - but I assure you that there are NO rules of anytype in the way it comes across. Readable, stick to, & I counted a couple situations where Medina acquired something positive to state about the result of music on a child's advancement, and in both situations music is usually cited as helping kids better perceive others' emotions, increasing their "ability to establish and keep maintaining friendships" (pp. Great read for parents or those who work with young children.. Probably he thought nutrition, one of the most controversial subjects out there, was intuitive?. I couldn't help but think of how much TV I've already let my little boy watch, just how much more I will be speaking with him to bolster his vocabulary acquisition, etc. Shocker here - it promotes lots of factors that DON'T involve buying costly DVDs or toys. I cannot say more without permitting you to get away without reading it...!As for music, Medina has a bit more to state, but I have mixed emotions about how he presented it. It helped me (a new dad) understand most of the psychological/physical changes my partner is certainly going through and ready me for some conflicts which were sure to arise. The reserve also delves into the science of what sort of baby develops and gives pointers (back with research) on how promote healthy development. I plan on investing in a copy for my brother as well. What Medina overlooked will not invalidate what he included. Clearly states where there's research and where there's not really. Our group is beginning an educational pre-natal clinic for expectant ... Our group is starting an educational pre-natal clinic for expectant mothers and fathers to teach them how exactly to jump begin their baby's mind and learning. We will use this small book as one of our teaching helps. We also have lots of the work by Glenn Doleman, aswell. I reared such a kid and she was a Duke Tip scholar (Duke University) at age group 13 and in European countries their studies at 15. By age group 30 she had been to 35 foreign countries on her behalf own and taught college classes in some of them. This book is amazing about telling you how baby's thinks all the way ..Admittedly, I've a bias: I grew up by a mother who provides been an advocate for music education and offers proclaimed the positive effects of music in the brain for so long as I could remember (she actually wrote a book on it: "Good Music Brighter Children"). This book is amazing about letting you know how baby's thinks completely up until there 5 years old. After all I have two women and one of them are 5 years outdated, And most of things that it talks about I am going throw at this time with my 5 calendar year old I must say i wish that I possibly could have read this way before I experienced my first. But its one the best book that I've examine! Where I make an exception for cutting-edge research, reliable but not yet completely vetted by the duration of time, I will note it" (pp. I want a loved child. Great Go through!!!Despite my qualms, I would still recommend this book for prospective parents.. This book actually calmed me down. but I have to say that the summary point are therefore clutch!! I enjoyed that it discussed the technology behind his recommendations, and that issues weren't preachy or judgemental (as many of the infant development guides and parenting books out now there are. I love the actual fact that everything stated was backed up or refuted by analysis.. Literally every paragraph comes with an anecdote or meandering tale that's almost totally unrelated to the topic at hand.?? I'd like a wholesome child. Was an easy read and

mostly of the baby books that I go through from starting to end. Music has always been a major part of my entire life, and I plan to make it important with my own children. An amazing book! Does an outstanding job in within the practical lessons to end up being learned from the scientific knowledge frontier within an pleasant, even and crystal clear way. Considering Medina's admittance early on that, "Most of the data we've [regarding baby brain advancement is] associative, not causal," (pp. Read this book in an hour. This book is similar to a cheaply made Netflix documentary- it has some interesting and valid information but it's also got a whole lot of pointless filler. Why was I putting so much emphasis in concern for a smart child? I am aware why people might enjoy this, but the design isn't for me, I skimmed through it and attempted to extract as much useful info as I possibly could but it could have been a lot shorter. I found the authors jokey friendsy tone annoying. Useful and action oriented! Great info! Takes no stand in the latter case. Being a parent has its own learning curve, and we're never going to perfectly implement guidelines. Perhaps inevitably, it's hard to learn a book such as this and not feel relatively inadequate and/or guilty - especially if you currently have kids. This helps me guide our small guy in the best possible way. Tons of info. For me personally to digest! Great for the type of parents who have like documentaries and their baby. I thoroughly enjoyed the total amount of research and anecdotes in this publication the information was presented in an exceedingly enjoyable fashion and We loved the evidence behind it. Solid book! Just like the way it's written. It's a fascinating read that I want was required reading! offers knowledgeable information. Would recommend to friends who are expecting!



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