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The Advantage of Germs
for Your Child's
Developing Immune System

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From two of the world's top scientists and among the world's top science writers (all parents), *Dirt Is Good* is a q&a-based guide to all you need to learn about kids & germs. "Is certainly it OK for my child to consume dirt?" to "We heard that my child's asthma was the effect of a lack of microbial exposure. They've heard everything from "My two-year-old gets constant ear attacks. Should I provide her antibiotics?" Google these questions, and you'll be overwhelmed with answers." That's just one of the many questions authors Jack Gilbert and Rob Knight are bombarded with every week from parents across the world. Is this accurate, and if so what can I perform about it now? Or probiotics? The web is rife with speculation and misinformation about the risks and benefits of what most parents think about as merely germs, but which researchers now call the microbiome: the combined activity of all the tiny organisms within our bodies and the encompassing environment with an enormous effect on our health and wellness and well-being. Who better to switch to for answers than Drs. *Dirt Is Good* is a comprehensive, authoritative, accessible guideline you've been looking for. Gilbert and Knight, two of the top researchers leading the investigation into the microbiome?an investigation that is producing interesting discoveries and bringing answers to parents who wish to do the greatest because of their young children.



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Would recommend reading; My story: I am one of four siblings, each of whom experienced asthma and allergy symptoms as a kid. Great for reassuring new parents that not sanitizing their children . My grandparents on my Father's side were Midwest farmers. Quit being thus darn clean paranoid! You really could be too clean. Five Stars Great addition to our library collection. Must read!!! I wish I go through this decades back!" -- About me, the reviewer: I am somebody who's been following microbiome study daily for years. Would recommend reading; Our Mom did, too.. Great for reassuring fresh parents that not sanitizing their children environment is building antibodies for a healthy future. Great book for brand-new parents your microbiome diversity is certainly important! All three loudspeakers were educated, but Dr Gilbert spoke plainly about his microbiology topic. It arrived on time! I'm taking pleasure in the reading! Maybe I've partially created answers. I have even spiderwebs. I actually heard Jack Gilbert speak at a public lecture at Argonne National Laboratory. He was among three scientists discussing Research and the Future of Food. Five Stars Great book! His presentation was easy the stick to and entertaining. The writing in his book is presented in a similar, conversational manner. It is easy to go through and comprehend. The message is basically this: Our anatomies contain thousands of microbiological organisms (call them germs if you like). Most are "friendly" and essential to normal bodily processes. The science is in the publication and it is presented in a way that readers of most levels should be able to access it. Overall educational Just a good book about germs & building specific natural defenses Infuriating. The entire book could be summed up by one of the final paragraphs: "It can make parents feel helpless to not have answers.). Five Stars Understand this book! Maybe I could help this mother. Many scientific studies have been conducted over the years on the benefits of fish oil, glucosamine and similar – only for researchers performing meta-analysis to begin to walk them back again. As an OCD germ-fearing child of an OCD germ-fearing mother, I could say that I've fought both ends of the fight and understanding, both as a victim and a victimizer. To put it simply, they start making stuff up. I liked viewing a lot of the research collected collectively in one place and how easy and accessible the information is. The origin of several of the erroneous claims comes from a place of frustration. The research is exciting and the early findings suggest a significant opportunity to improve individual wellness. Most of us went on to build up problems that, as far as I know, had no real family history. Essential read for young family members, parents! I read this publication as part of my research into the claims of "eat dirt" "dirt is good". For beginners It's a good entry-level book on this issue. No groundbreaking information here. Dirt Exposure in Childhood is confirmed – but Protection against Allergies and Asthma isn't We am unconvinced by the central state of the book. Not for in depth study for people currently in the know. So hard to improve my ways I could not, wouldn't normally do most of the things the authors describe. I am learning to let kids be free. This misuse of authority enables down the whole science profession and may deal a major blow to public self-confidence in research and the scientists who will work hard to advance understanding. The writers keep it in a personal and direct. Such experts begins making claims that can't be supported by currently available data. I've auto-immune disorders, allergy and asthma, and my allergist, upon discovering the breathless width and range of my allergies, questioned me about my mom and the properly clean home I was raised in. I am allergic to the outdoors (from grass to trees), house animals (most), indoors, including dirt and man made chemicals.) It's better.. The other funny thing about my allergies is that I maintain getting new ones. But I live in a home with loads of household pets who bring the outdoors indoors and snuffle and dirt over everything. It really is a dust bucket. Easy to read book explains the dangers of over sanitizing. (As I have explained to my mother 1k moments: spiders are really valuable, we

need them.. Anyway. But she didn't grow up that way. Great for the general public, especially moms. That feeling could be intoxicating, and for some, it can lead to some sort of addiction. My feeling is that this will become no different. however Very informative, but a little hard to follow at times.. Not a big offer. She began struggling asthma and allergies as a adult in the 1950s when "car culture" in California really became popular. By the time she started having kids the smog issue was so horrific that she recalls many days, particularly during the summertime, of not having the ability to start to see the end of her residential street (smog so solid it resembled fog). They are the circumstances under which my siblings and I were born in the 1960s and '70s (and none folks by C-section, either! And it can also make a scientist feel powerful. So it is very tempting to go just that one step further and say that the outcomes support such and such cure. however, with the caveat that it can get sort of technical in spots. Somewhat disturbing that we are here I am a little bothered that we have to get a book from specialists that tells us that dirt is wonderful for us and that our wildly irrational fear of it is harmful to us. If we try to shun all microbes (like bacteria and infections), we are unsuccessful, and thankfully so. it's easy to go through and timely for today. Pick out it up, I think most people will enjoy it and be pleased that they examine it. A wonderful reference book for every parent An excellent reference book for each and every parent. My husband and I were concerned about our newborn baby because she needed antibiotics treatment for the first two times. This book actually helps us with regards to what probiotics we should invest and the way the environment we should prepare for our baby.



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