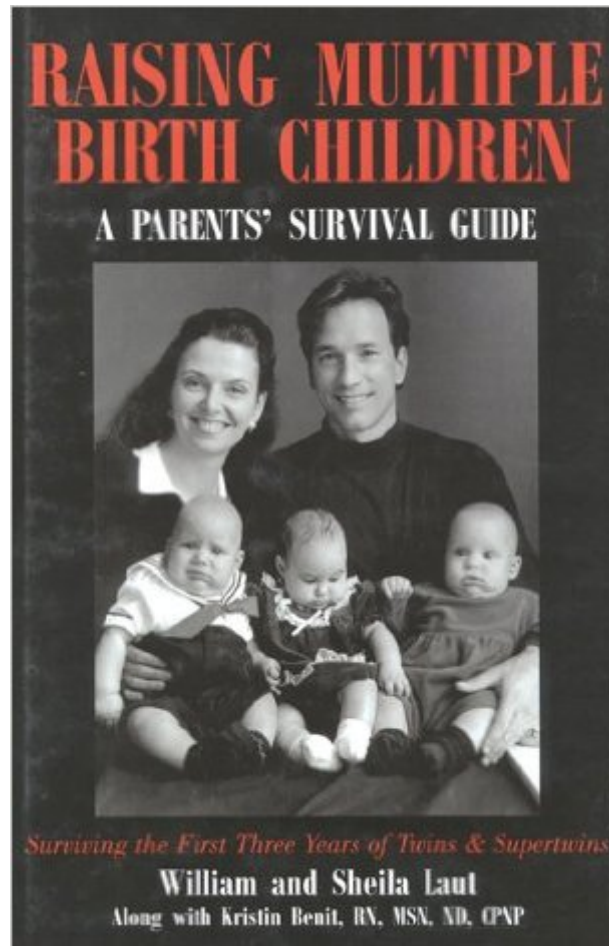


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# Raising Multiple Birth Children: A Parent's Survival Guide, Birth-Age 3



## Synopsis

With the birth of triplets, Bill and Sheila Laut went from DINK (double income, no kids) to SINK (single income, numerous kids) desperate for advice, but finding little. Their book *How to Raise Multiple Children* is packed with practical tips for parents raising twins, triplets, quadruplets and more.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is fabulous! If you are pregnant with, or parents of multiples, this book is for you. Filled with practical advice, tips, and quotes, it is a great read. There is no "sugar coating." It is a realistic, helpful and at times hysterical book! I cannot recommend this highly enough! PS We met the authors of this book and they are GREAT! A+++++

First off, I'd like to respond to the "reader" in Ann Arbor, who definitely did not read the book. How can anyone write a review based solely on the title of the book? If that person had looked inside, he or she would surely have understood the tongue-in-cheek use of the subtitle. The Lauts seem incredibly blessed and thankful for their triplets. The book offers tons of great advice regarding what to expect, how to stock up on supplies without going broke, and how to find the humor when patience is running thin. I also found some great tips on finding bargains and saving money for my own single child. The book is written with a warmth and humor that endears the reader. In no way does it imply that multiples are a burden or something to survive. There are college survival guides -- why not parenting survival guides? We all have our share of stress in this world--no matter what

kind of super-parent you are, you've endured it. The key here is dealing with stress through humor--the Lauts definitely have lots of that. I loved the book, and I hope that others will pick it up and find out what fun comes from occasional chaos!

I bought this book based on the positive reviews I saw here at , but I was very disappointed when I read the book myself. I have 6-month-old twins and although there were some useful tips here and there, I feel that the book is really geared more toward triplets and higher-level multiples. The biggest example: this book barely addresses breastfeeding (very do-able with twins; much more challenging with triplets and more) and instead spends a great deal of time offering advice for coordinating the preparation of bottles and formula. While it is wonderful that those of you with 3+ have this book, I don't recommend it to parents of twins.

I read this when my triplets were 6 months old (boy,boy,girl) - sleeping all night and I actually had time to read something. I'd suggest buying this and reading it before the babes arrive. All of the addresses for free stuff they list are GREAT! I sent to all of them and probably got \$800 worth of free stuff. The enfamil formula was worth it alone. So write out all of your envelopes BEFORE they are born then just copy your birth certs, and zoom -- free stuff. The UPS guy was wondering what was up at our house as I got boxes daily. Some of the other tips I figured out along the way too, but should have read this book during my 3 months of bed rest. So buy this book as soon as you know you've got the BIG 3 coming and buy bibs every time you see them! There's a lot of twin books out there, but very few for us triplet folks and believe me, when you and your spouse are each feeding one -- the 3rd always knows it and that's when you belong to the triplet club. So grab any info you can for triplets because they've got you outnumbered and they know it very young. The triplet connection is a great website too. This info is also provided in this book.

While I found the book helpful in some ways, with quite a bit of humor, some good advice and cost saving ideas (ex: how to use paper towels instead of buying expensive diaper wipes), I also found the book more geared to people with triplets or more who do not plan to breastfeed. Also, it didn't give much advice to parents who already have one or more children. As I only have twins and I felt very strongly I should breastfeed them, I found other books much more helpful.

If you're having a multiple birth, I know you are scared! Don't worry though, this book will give you, not only the down to earth knowledge that you need, but also the courage. It is well written with a

"ton" of humor. It has all the practical ideas and shortcuts that will help you through the early years. I can not recommend it more highly! A must BUY!

The book is excellent and a great read! Not only is it informative, it is also entertaining. The Laut's explain ways to save time and money and they throw in some humor along the way. Their information is very helpful because the Laut's actually share what they learned through their amazing experience.

We read several books before having our twin boys, but this is the only one we found that was written by parents of multiples that had realistic and proven advice and information. All those books by doctors who don't have multiples do not contain the information you need to retain your sanity. This book is well written and full of funny anecdotes and good advice. Read it, learn it, know it. The test is about 22 years long.

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