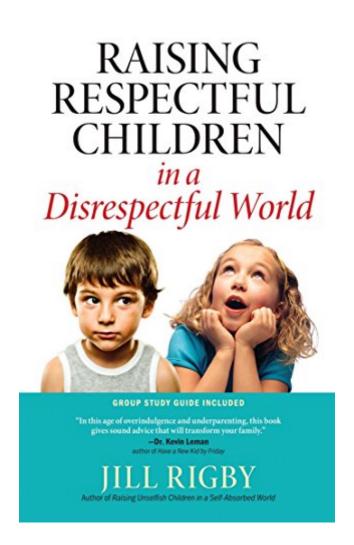
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Raising Respectful Children In A Disrespectful World





Synopsis

Author and speaker Jill Rigby maintains that our society has substituted self-esteem for self-respect, and in the process, weâ ™ve lost our manners. In this inspirational and practical book, she tells parents how to instill character and purpose in their children without erecting walls of rebellion. In an effort to raise children with a healthy view of themselves, parents have focused on self-esteem rather than self-respect. And author Jill Rigby says thereâ ™s a big difference. Itâ ™s the difference between self-centered and others-centered children, the difference between performance-driven and purpose-focused teenagers. This book also examines three different styles of parentingâ "parent-centered, child-centered and character-centered. Parent-centered parents are more concerned with their own agenda than their childâ ™s best interest. Child-centered parents are more concerned with their childâ ™s approval than their childâ ™s well-being. Character-centered parents are more concerned with their childâ ™s character than their childâ ™s comfort. A chapter on the School of Respect gives guidance for tots to teens and what the goal for each age group is and what training is necessary to reach that goal. This chapter also includes thirty-six ways to cultivate a house of respect. Drawing a distinction between performance and purpose, this book maintains that rather than asking what you want your child to do, you ask what you want your child to become. In delineating the difference between being a coach to your child vs being a cheerleader, the author teaches parents the difference in offering false and genuine praise and applauding mediocrity vs engendering excellence. With wisdom and insight, Jill Rigby shares age-appropriate ways to set boundaries with children without building walls of separation. Finally, she calls for parents to discipline (teach) their children rather than punish them.

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Customer Reviews

A few months back I was approached by Howard Books to review Raising Respectful Children in a Disrespectful World by Jill Rigby. I had just finished a bible study on parenting, so I was intrigued and wanted to continue this subject!Jill Rigby has some wonderful points. For example, her comparison between Parent-Centered, Child-Centered and Character-Centered parenting. This is something that I find difficult to keep seperate, and find myself jumping into many different facets of each style. In Parent-Centered, the parent is concerned with molding the child into what they want them to be, in giving them the attributes (publicly) that they want. In Child-Centered, they are giving the child what THEY want. (I have a good friend who is strongly Child-Centered in her parenting, and it's very interesting to see the negative effects of this, especially after having read this book.) Then there is Character-Centered, which seems the obvious answer. Teaching your child to have good character, both privately and publicly. Doing what is right, versus what seems fun, or ideal at the time. One that really resonated with me was her advice to "Cut out the Maybe" in your answers, and thus saving yourself a day (or even week) long battle. If your answer is yes, say yes. If it is no, say no. You often know in the moment your child asks which way you are going to sway, so save yourself the battle. This is something I am horribly guilty of! That said? There was plenty I did not believe with her on, as is typically the case with these types of books. (I like to think I have a unique parenting style, and I try to base my decisions on what is best for my child specifically.

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