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## **Die Hard Parental Guide: Is John McClane's Christmas a Family-Friendly Affair?**

Let's be honest, parents. Finding a movie the whole family can enjoy during the holidays can feel like navigating Nakatomi Plaza on Christmas Eve. But what if your family's idea of a good time includes explosions, witty one-liners, and a healthy dose of "yippee-ki-yay"? This Die Hard parental guide tackles the age-old question: is Die Hard truly appropriate for your kids? We'll delve into the violence, language, and themes to help you make an informed decision, offering tips and alternatives to ensure a festive movie night for everyone. We'll even consider the surprisingly relevant life lessons hidden within the chaos.

### **Understanding the Die Hard Content: What Parents Need to Know**

Before we dive into specific age recommendations, let's break down the content that might make Die Hard a tricky choice for family movie night.

#### **### Violence and Action:**

Die Hard is, undeniably, an action movie. There's plenty of gun violence, explosions, and intense fight sequences. While often stylized and over-the-top (which can, ironically, make it less disturbing for some), the sheer volume of violence is significant. Characters are injured, and some deaths are depicted, though rarely graphically. Consider your child's sensitivity to violent content before showing them the film.

#### **### Language and Mature Themes:**

John McClane, while a hero, isn't exactly known for his pristine language. Expect a fair amount of profanity, though it's frequently used for comedic effect. Beyond the language, the movie explores themes of terrorism, corporate greed, and marital conflict. These themes, while not explicitly "bad," might be too complex or unsettling for younger viewers.

#### **### Is there any redeeming value for children?**

Surprisingly, yes! Beneath the explosions and gunfire, Die Hard showcases themes of resilience, resourcefulness, and the importance of family. John McClane's determination to reunite with his family provides a powerful, albeit action-packed, narrative for older children who can grasp these underlying themes. His unwavering commitment to his family and his ability to overcome overwhelming odds are inspiring in their own right.

## **Age Appropriateness: A Die Hard Parental Guide**

There's no single answer to the question of "how old is too old" to watch Die Hard, but here's a general guideline based on common age ratings and content:

**Under 10:** Definitely not recommended. The violence, language, and mature themes are simply too much for this age group.

**10-12:** This is a grey area. If your child is mature for their age and has a high tolerance for violence, you might consider watching it together, pausing to discuss the events and themes.

**13 and up:** With parental guidance, this age group is likely to handle the content reasonably well. Open communication about the violence and mature themes is crucial.

### **Alternatives for Younger Viewers:**

If Die Hard isn't suitable for your family, don't despair! Plenty of other holiday-themed movies offer fun and festive entertainment for all ages:

**Home Alone:** A classic holiday comedy with slapstick violence that's generally considered appropriate for younger audiences.

**The Polar Express:** A visually stunning animated film with a heartwarming story about the magic of Christmas.

**Elf:** A hilarious and family-friendly comedy that embraces the spirit of Christmas.

### **Making it a Family Discussion: Turning Die Hard into a Learning Experience**

Watching Die Hard with older children can provide an opportunity for engaging discussions about violence in media, the importance of problem-solving, and the complexities of adult relationships. Use the movie as a springboard for conversations about these topics. Focus on the positive themes of perseverance and family bonds, while also addressing the negative aspects of the violence and language used.

### **Conclusion: A Family-Friendly Verdict? It Depends.**

Whether or not Die Hard is a suitable family movie ultimately depends on your children's maturity level, their sensitivity to violence, and your comfort level with the content. This Die Hard parental guide aims to help you make an informed choice. By carefully considering the aspects we've discussed, and utilizing the tips provided, you can determine if this action-packed classic fits into your holiday movie lineup. Remember, open communication and engaging conversations are key to

turning any movie night into a positive family experience.

## FAQs:

1. Are there any unrated or director's cut versions of Die Hard that are significantly different? No, the differences between versions are minimal and wouldn't drastically change the age appropriateness.
2. My child is obsessed with action movies. Is Die Hard a good introduction to the genre? Probably not. Start with age-appropriate action movies with less graphic violence and stronger family themes before introducing Die Hard.
3. Can I edit the movie to remove inappropriate scenes? Technically, yes, but it's likely to disrupt the flow and narrative of the film. It's generally better to choose a more suitable movie.
4. My kids are older teens, but they're sensitive to violence. Should we watch it? Consider their sensitivity and discuss the content with them beforehand. If they're hesitant, respect their feelings and choose a different movie.
5. What are some good discussion points after watching Die Hard with my teens? Consider exploring themes like the ethics of using violence, the portrayal of law enforcement, and the importance of communication in relationships. Focus on analyzing the film's plot devices and character motivations rather than simply reacting to the action.

**die hard parental guide: They Both Die at the End** Adam Silvera, 2017-09-05 Adam Silvera reminds us that there's no life without death and no love without loss in this devastating yet uplifting story about two people whose lives change over the course of one unforgettable day. #1 New York Times bestseller \* 4 starred reviews \* A School Library Journal Best Book of the Year \* A Kirkus Best Book of the Year \* A Booklist Editors' Choice \* A Bustle Best YA Novel \* A Paste Magazine Best YA Book \* A Book Riot Best Queer Book \* A BuzzFeed Best YA Book of the Year \* A BookPage Best YA Book of the Year On September 5, a little after midnight, Death-Cast calls Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio to give them some bad news: They're going to die today. Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but, for different reasons, they're both looking to make a new friend on their End Day. The good news: There's an app for that. It's called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure—to live a lifetime in a single day. In the tradition of *Before I Fall* and *If I Stay*, *They Both Die at the End* is a tour de force from acclaimed author Adam Silvera, whose debut, *More Happy Than Not*, the New York Times called “profound.” Plus don't miss *The First to Die at the End*: #1 New York Times bestselling author Adam Silvera returns to the universe of international phenomenon *They Both Die at the End* in this prequel. New star-crossed lovers are put to the test on the first day of Death-Cast's fateful calls.

**die hard parental guide: Nothing Lasts Forever (Basis for the film Die Hard)** Roderick Thorp, 2012-12-17 High atop a Los Angeles skyscraper, an office Christmas party turns into a deadly cage-match between a lone New York City cop and a gang of international terrorists. Every action fan knows it could only be the explosive big-screen blockbuster *Die Hard*. But before Bruce Willis blew away audiences as unstoppable hero John McClane, author Roderick Thorp knocked out thriller readers with the bestseller that started it all. A dozen heavily armed terrorists have taken hostages,

issued demands, and promised bloodshed — all according to plan. But they haven't counted on a death-defying, one-man cavalry with no shoes, no backup, and no intention of going down easily. As hot-headed cops swarm outside, and cold-blooded killers wield machine guns and rocket launchers inside, the stage is set for the ultimate showdown between anti-hero and uber-villains. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good fight... to the death. Ho ho ho!

**die hard parental guide: The Parents' Guide to Boys** Abigail James, 2012-11-28 Raising a boy poses unique challenges. This entertaining and informative user's manual will help you work with your son to prepare him for school. Abigail James's experiences as a teacher, mother of a son, and lifelong learner confirm her belief that parents want to give their children the best preparation for life they possibly can. If you have a son—or know someone who's raising a boy—here's the book you've been looking for. Its clear, practical advice will guide you through preparing your child for school and for life. Packed with activities you can implement immediately, humorous examples you'll remember forever, and wisdom Abigail has acquired in the trenches, The Parents' Guide to Boys is a book you'll quote often and go back to again and again. No matter whether your son is eight months or eighteen years old, Abigail has tips for giving him a great head start, keeping him engaged in the classroom, and creating a happy, self-sufficient young man.

**die hard parental guide: The Conscious Parent's Guide to Executive Functioning Disorder** Rebecca Branstetter, 2016-01-01 Help your child feel confident and capable! If your child has been given a diagnosis of executive functioning disorder, you may be feeling overwhelmed and unsure of what to do next. You want your child to be able to master certain basic skills, such as being organized, staying focused, and controlling impulses and emotions. But what if your child is having trouble with one or all of these skills? With The Conscious Parent's Guide to Executive Functioning Disorder, you'll learn how to take a relationship-centered approach to parenting as you help improve your child's executive functioning skills: Task initiation Response inhibition Focus Time management Working memory Flexibility Self-regulation Completing tasks Organization Conscious parenting is about being present with your children and taking the time to understand how to help them flourish. With the strategies and advice in this guide, you and your child will build sustainable bonds, develop positive behaviors, and improve executive functioning skills for life. And you'll find that conscious parenting helps create a calm and mindful atmosphere for the whole family, while helping your child feel competent, successful, and healthy.

**die hard parental guide: The Road to Positive Discipline: A Parent's Guide** James C. Talbot, 2009-02-03 By using positive methods of discipline parents have the opportunity to provide their children with an optimal home environment for healthy emotional growth and development.

**die hard parental guide: The Dragonet Prophecy (Wings of Fire #1)** Tui T. Sutherland, 2012-07-01 A thrilling new series soars above the competition and redefines middle-grade fantasy fiction for a new generation!The seven dragon tribes have been at war for generations, locked in an endless battle over an ancient, lost treasure. A secret movement called the Talons of Peace is determined to bring an end to the fighting, with the help of a prophecy -- a foretelling that calls for great sacrifice.Five dragonets are collected to fulfill the prophecy, raised in a hidden cave and enlisted, against their will, to end the terrible war.But not every dragonet wants a destiny. And when the select five escape their underground captors to look for their original homes, what has been unleashed on the dragon world may be far more than the revolutionary planners intended . . .

**die hard parental guide: The Curse of the Gloamglozer** Paul Stewart, Chris Riddell, 2005 The son of a sky pirate captain is plunged into a terrifying adventure when he accidentally invokes an ancient curse.

**die hard parental guide: Telling God's Story: A Parents' Guide to Teaching the Bible (Telling God's Story)** Peter Enns, 2015-07-29 A new religion curriculum from the team that brought you The Story of the World. In this accessible and engaging book, Peter Enns (author of the controversial and best-selling Inspiration and Incarnation: Evangelicals and the Problem of the Old Testament) provides parents and teachers with a straightforward and intelligent twelve-year plan for teaching the Bible. Written for lay readers but incorporating the best scholarly insights, Telling God's Story

avoids sectarian agendas. Instead, Enns suggests beginning with the parables of the Gospels for the youngest students; continuing on with the more complex stories of the Old and New Testaments for middle grade students; and guiding high school students into an understanding of the history and culture of biblical times.

**die hard parental guide: A Parent's Guide to Teen Addiction** Westreich, Laurence M., 2017-10-17 From Berkeley to the Bronx, teenage addiction has reached epidemic levels. Parents may suspect their teen's substance use, but often don't know if their teen is addicted or what to do about it. Dr. Laurence Westreich, an addiction expert and the father of two teenagers, helps parents navigate the fraught addiction landscape in *A Parent's Guide to Teen Addiction*. Divided into three sections, this book—based on the author's decades of experience evaluating and treating teenagers who use substances—guides parents from the moment they suspect their teen has a substance abuse problem to the steps families must take after intensive treatment. Dr. Westreich: • Lays out the facts of teen addiction and explains how to recognize a problem with a teen • Details what parents need to know about the substances that teenagers commonly use • Provides information on what to do about the substance abuse, including how to find good one-on-one addiction therapy, how to encourage a teen to enter an outpatient program or inpatient facility, and how to line up aftercare treatment Best of all, he includes "tough talk" dialogues that parents can tailor to their specific situation with their teen. This practical, hopeful, and reassuring book helps parents put their teen on the healthy and life-affirming road to recovery.

**die hard parental guide: The Parents' Guide to New York City's Best Public Elementary Schools** Clara Hemphill, 1997 Finding the best public schools is a challenge to New York City parents each year. Here public education researcher Clara Hemphill profiles the top 100 NYC elementary schools. Hemphill's information includes class size, ethnic make up, total enrollment, academic level, teacher quality, admissions tests (if any), and anecdotes about the nature and personalities of the schools.

**die hard parental guide: *The Wild Robot*** Peter Brown, 2024-09-03 Soon to be a DreamWorks movie, coming to theaters 9/27/24! Includes 8 pages of full color stills from the movie! Wall-E meets Hatchet in this #1 New York Times bestselling illustrated middle grade novel from Caldecott Honor winner Peter Brown Can a robot survive in the wilderness? When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is all alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is—but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a violent storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home—until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her. From bestselling and award-winning author and illustrator Peter Brown comes a heartwarming and action-packed novel about what happens when nature and technology collide.

**die hard parental guide: *That's Not What Happened*** Kody Keplinger, 2018-08-28 From New York Times bestseller Kody Keplinger comes an astonishing and thought-provoking exploration of the aftermath of tragedy, the power of narrative, and how we remember what we've lost. It's been three years since the Virgil County High School Massacre. Three years since my best friend, Sarah, was killed in a bathroom stall during the mass shooting. Everyone knows Sarah's story—that she died proclaiming her faith. But it's not true. I know because I was with her when she died. I didn't say anything then, and people got hurt because of it. Now Sarah's parents are publishing a book about her, so this might be my last chance to set the record straight . . . but I'm not the only survivor with a story to tell about what did—and didn't—happen that day. Except Sarah's martyrdom is important to a lot of people, people who don't take kindly to what I'm trying to do. And the more I learn, the less certain I am about what's right. I don't know what will be worse: the guilt of staying silent or the consequences of speaking up . . .

**die hard parental guide: *The Complete Book of Trades, Or the Parents' Guide and Youths' Instructor*** Nathaniel Whittock, 1837

**die hard parental guide: *Ivy + Bean*** Annie Barrows, 2011-08 Originally published: San

Francisco, Calif.: Chronicle Books, 2006.

**die hard parental guide:** *The Everything Parent's Guide To Childhood Illnesses* Leslie Young, Vincent Iannelli, 2007-03-13 Written by a recognized M.D. with his own pediatric office, *The Everything Parent's Guide to Childhood Illnesses* debunks the myths and offers you a trusted reference for recognizing and troubleshooting common childhood illnesses. With this book, you will feel confident that you can handle common ailments and gauge the seriousness of your child's condition. This helpful guide covers newborns to adolescents, offering detailed information and helpful tips on: \*Diaper rashes and skin problems \*Antibiotics and vaccines \*When to worry about a fever \*Cold remedies for infants \*Bedwetting Dr. Young gives you the straight facts, helping you avoid costly doctor visits and worrisome, sleepless nights. *The Everything Parent's Guide to Childhood Illnesses* will help you sleep better at night, knowing you have the tools and know—how to raise a happy, healthy child.

**die hard parental guide: The Everything Parent's Guide To Raising Siblings** Linda Sonna, 2006-02-24 A Simon & Schuster eBook. Simon & Schuster has a great book for every reader.

**die hard parental guide: A Parent's Guide to Tough Conversations** Axis, 2019-03-01 Whether it's talking about sex, drugs, bullying, death, abortion, or something else, having difficult conversations can be so anxiety-inducing for parents that they put it off too long and lose their chance. This parent guide will help you Look for opportunities to enter into tough conversations Use language that will encourage your teen to open up instead of shut down Decide what topics are appropriate and necessary to talk about at different ages Forgive yourself if you've messed up tough conversations in the past This guide helps us see these conversations as a chance to love and disciple our kids, as well as offers practical ideas for how to start them. Parent Guides are your one-stop shop for biblical guidance on teen culture, trends, and struggles. In 15 pages or fewer, each guide tackles issues your teens are facing right now—things like doubts, the latest apps and video games, mental health, technological pitfalls, and more. Using Scripture as their backbone, these Parent Guides offer compassionate insight to teens' world, thoughts, and feelings, as well as discussion questions and practical advice for impactful discipleship.

**die hard parental guide: Parents Guide to Childhood Immunization** , 1991

**die hard parental guide: Mom and Dad, We Need to Talk** Cameron Huddleston, 2019-06-25 Learn to start open, productive talks about money with your parents as they age As your parents age, you may find that you want or need to broach the often-difficult subject of finances. In *Mom and Dad, We Need to Talk: How to Have Essential Conversations with Your Parents About Their Finances*, you'll learn the best ways to approach this issue, along with a wealth of financial and legal information that will help you help your parents into and through their golden years. Sometimes parents are reluctant to address money matters with their adult children, and topics such as long-term care, retirement savings (or lack thereof), and end-of-life planning can be particularly touchy. In this book, you'll hear from others in your position who have successfully had "the talk" with their parents, and you'll read about a variety of conversation strategies that can make talking finances more comfortable and more productive. Learn conversation starters and strategies to open the lines of communication about your parents' finances Discover the essential financial and legal information you should gather from your parents to be prepared for the future Gain insight from others' stories of successfully talking money with aging parents Gather the courage, hope, and motivation you need to broach difficult subjects such as care facilities and end-of-life plans For children of Baby Boomers and others looking to assist aging parents with their finances, *Mom and Dad, We Need to Talk* is a welcome and comforting read. Although talking money with your parents can be hard, you aren't alone, and this book will guide you through the process of having fruitful financial conversations that lead to meaningful action.

**die hard parental guide: The Unhoneymooners** Christina Lauren, 2019-05-14 THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! Starred reviews from Kirkus Reviews \* Publishers Weekly \* Library Journal Named a "Must-Read" by TODAY, Us Weekly, Bustle, BuzzFeed, Goodreads, Entertainment Weekly, Publishers Weekly, Southern Living, Book Riot, Woman's Day, The Toronto

Star, and more! For two sworn enemies, anything can happen during the Hawaiian trip of a lifetime—maybe even love—in this romantic comedy from the New York Times bestselling authors of *Roomies*. Olive Torres is used to being the unlucky twin: from inexplicable mishaps to a recent layoff, her life seems to be almost comically jinxed. By contrast, her sister Ami is an eternal champion...she even managed to finance her entire wedding by winning a slew of contests. Unfortunately for Olive, the only thing worse than constant bad luck is having to spend the wedding day with the best man (and her nemesis), Ethan Thomas. Olive braces herself for wedding hell, determined to put on a brave face, but when the entire wedding party gets food poisoning, the only people who aren't affected are Olive and Ethan. Suddenly there's a free honeymoon up for grabs, and Olive will be damned if Ethan gets to enjoy paradise solo. Agreeing to a temporary truce, the pair head for Maui. After all, ten days of bliss is worth having to assume the role of loving newlyweds, right? But the weird thing is...Olive doesn't mind playing pretend. In fact, the more she pretends to be the luckiest woman alive, the more it feels like she might be. With Christina Lauren's "uniquely hilarious and touching voice" (*Entertainment Weekly*), *The Unhoneymooners* is a romance for anyone who has ever felt unlucky in love.

**die hard parental guide:** *Parents' Guide to Teen Health* Paul Reisser, Paul C. Reisser, Vinita Hampton Wright, Lisa A. Jackson, 2002 A guide to raising physically and emotionally healthy teenagers that provides information on teen nutritional needs and weight issues, strategies for building strong relationships, ideas for talking through critical lifestyle issues, and advice on building healthy self-esteem.

**die hard parental guide: November Blues** Sharon M. Draper, 2009-05-19 When November Nelson loses her boyfriend, Josh, to a pledge stunt gone horribly wrong, she thinks her life can't possibly get any worse. But Josh left something behind that will change November's life forever, and now she's faced with the biggest decision she could ever imagine. How in the world will she tell her mom? And how will Josh's parents take the news? She's never needed a friend more. Jericho Prescott lost his best friend when he lost his cousin, Josh, and the pain is almost more than he can bear. His world becomes divided into before and after Josh's death. He finds the only way he can escape the emptiness he feels is to quit doing the things that made him happy when his cousin was alive, such as playing his beloved trumpet, and take up football, where he hopes the physical pain will suppress the emotional. But will hiding behind shoulder pads really help? And will his gridiron obsession prevent him from being there for his cousin's girlfriend when she needs him most? This sequel to *The Battle of Jericho* is a no-holds-barred look at what happens when life doesn't go as planned, by the acclaimed author of the 2007 Coretta Scott King Award winner *Copper Sun*.

**die hard parental guide: A Parent's Guide to Raising Grieving Children** Phyllis R. Silverman, Madelyn Kelly, 2009 When children lose someone they love, life is never the same. In this sympathetic book, the authors advocate an open, honest approach, suggesting that our instinctive desire to protect children from the reality of death may be more harmful than helpful.

**die hard parental guide: The Parent's Guide to Homeopathy** Shelley Keneipp, 2015-07-14 This book is the most comprehensive and easy-to-use guide available for parents who want to use homeopathy to treat their children's illnesses safely, gently, and effectively. Practical, concise, and user-friendly, *The Parents' Guide to Homeopathy* provides homeopathic remedies for more than 150 acute conditions, from annoying to threatening, that arise in the everyday lives of kids. Instructions on how to observe physical and emotional symptoms in kids from newborns to teens; succinct descriptions of gentle, safe, and nontoxic remedies; and sections on winter ailments, first-aid, enhancing healing, and travel put a wealth of knowledge at parents' fingertips. Remedy tables at the back of the book help decipher the correct treatment for each condition. Shelley Keneipp shares her wealth of knowledge and many years of experience to provide a clear, simple education concerning homeopathic remedies. She empowers parents who want to break the habit of relying exclusively on medical expertise and instead to use relatively economical over-the-counter remedies without worrying about harmful side effects. She suggests essential remedies to stock for any household first aid kit; provides background on common ailments such as coughs, colds, fevers, and digestive

problems; and includes eye-catching sidebars that alert readers to conditions that demand immediate medical attention. Boxed entries clue readers to what symptoms to observe and how to differentiate between similar presentations. Taken together, these features make this book the gold standard for parents who want apply the gentlest possible cure in the shortest possible time with the fewest reasons for intervention.

**die hard parental guide:** *A Parent's Guide to Innovative Education* Anne W. Dodd, 1992

**die hard parental guide:** *The Everything Parent's Guide To Children With Depression* Rebecca Rutledge, 2007-06-04 Does your child seem sad, withdrawn, or lethargic? You know something's wrong, but you're not sure what to do about it. You're not alone—around six million children suffer from depression. Your child needs help—your help. With *The Everything Parent's Guide to Children with Depression*, you can ensure that your child receives the right support and treatment. In this reassuring, practical handbook, Drs. Rebecca Rutledge and Thomas Bannister offer the professional advice you need to determine: -If your child is at risk -How and when to get professional help -The best treatment options -Benefits and side effects of medication -What you and your family can do to help Rutledge, an expert psychologist, and Bannister, a clinical psychiatrist, are both known for their work with depressed children and adolescents. With their help, you'll understand why your child is unhappy—and what you can do about it.

**die hard parental guide:** *The Parents Guide to Paying for College* Gerald Krefetz, 1999 A financial planning expert demystifies the tax law changes that help make college more affordable and offers both immediate and long-term planning strategies.

**die hard parental guide:** *The Parent's Guide to Childhood Eating Disorders* Marcia Herrin, Nancy Matsumoto, 2002-02-06 A successful new approach to treating eating disorders in preteens and teens, from a nationally renowned expert in the field. In a society where eating disorders are rampant, it often takes special awareness and vigilance to raise children who will come to the dinner table free of the modern food-related phobias: fear of being fat, fear of excess calories, and obsession with physical appearance. Emphasizing a nutritional approach to treatment, *The Parent's Guide to Childhood Eating Disorders* will prove to parents that effective solutions can begin in the home with a reasonable investment of time, effort, and love. This groundbreaking guide includes information on: - spotting early warning signs - normalizing eating and exercises - dealing with school, friends, sports, and camp - knowing when to seek professional help - avoiding a relapse As an expert in eating disorders, a former anorexic, and the mother of two teenagers, Dr. Marcia Herrin speaks with rare authority and understanding. *The Parent's Guide to Childhood Eating Disorders* takes readers step-by-step through the healing journey that Herrin makes with each of her patients. This important new addition to the literature is a warm, accessible guide that all parents concerned about eating disorders will turn to for practical and reassuring information.

**die hard parental guide:** *Vaccinations: A Thoughtful Parent's Guide* Aviva Jill Romm, 2001-09-01 • A balanced, comprehensive guide to routine childhood vaccinations that offers parents the information they need to make the right choices for their child. • Fairly examines the pros and cons of this highly charged issue. Deciding whether or when to vaccinate a child is one of the most important--and most difficult--health-care decisions a parent will ever make. The recent increase in the number of vaccinations recommended and the concurrent controversies about whether vaccinations are safe or even effective have left many parents confused and concerned. Midwife, herbalist, and mother of four, Aviva Jill Romm sifts through the spate of current research on vaccine safety and efficacy and offers a sensible, balanced discussion of the pros and cons of each routine childhood vaccination. She presents the full spectrum of options available to parents: full vaccination on a standardized or individualized schedule, selective vaccination, or no vaccinations at all. Negotiating daycare and school requirements, dealing with other parents, and traveling with an unvaccinated child are covered in detail. The book also suggests ways to strengthen children's immune systems and maintain optimal health and offers herbal and homeopathic remedies for childhood ailments. Emphasizing that no single approach is appropriate for every child, the author guides parents as they make the choices that are right for their child.

**die hard parental guide:** *When Parents Die* Edward Myers, 1997-03-01 The topics range from the psychological responses to a parent's death such as shock, depression, and guilt, to the practical consequences such as dealing with estates and funerals.

**die hard parental guide:** *Diary of an Oxygen Thief* Anonymous, 2016-05-23 Hurt people hurt people. Say there was a novel in which Holden Caulfield was an alcoholic and Lolita was a photographer's assistant and, somehow, they met in Bright Lights, Big City. He's blinded by love. She by ambition. *Diary of an Oxygen Thief* is an honest, hilarious, and heartrending novel, but above all, a very realistic account of what we do to each other and what we allow to have done to us.

**die hard parental guide:** **The Montessori Baby** Simone Davies, Junnifa Uzodike, 2021-05-11 It's time to change the way we see babies. Drawing on principles developed by the educator Dr Maria Montessori, *The Montessori Baby* shows how to raise your baby from birth to age one with love, respect, insight, and a surprising sense of calm. Cowritten by Simone Davies, author of the bestselling *The Montessori Toddler*, and Junnifa Uzodike, it's a book filled with hundreds of practical ideas for understanding what is actually happening with your baby, and how you can mindfully assist in their learning and development. Including how to: Prepare yourself for parenthood—physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. Become an active observer to understand what your baby is really telling you. Create Montessori spaces in your home, including “yes” spaces where nothing is off-limits. Set up activities that encourage baby's movement and language development at their own pace Raise a secure baby who's ready to explore the world with confidence.

**die hard parental guide:** *A Parents' Guide To Primary School* Elizabeth Grahamslaw, 2011-05-31 Education is an obsession for parents and children alike and parents will worry about anything to do with their children's schooling, from which school to choose and when their child should start to what they need to learn and how they'll cope in the playground. Schools are crying out for parents to become more involved in their children's education. *A Parents' Guide to Primary School* contains indispensable advice on: - Pre-school and choosing the right primary school - Getting ready for school and the first day - The curriculum, SATs, homework and the importance of parents' involvement in their children's learning - Discipline and bullying - Governors and the PTA - how to get involved - Parents' evenings and reports - Extracurricular activities - Special needs - Moving on - preparing for secondary school

**die hard parental guide:** *Anorexia And Bulimia: A Parent's Guide To Recognising Eating Disorders and Taking Control* Dee Dawson, 2012-05-31 Anorexia nervosa is a condition in which sufferers diet continually and starve themselves. They may also use laxatives, vomiting or exercise excessively in order to control weight. Anorexia usually occurs in young women, starting in their teens, and it is estimated that about 2 per cent of all young women suffer from it. Bulimia is an eating disorder which is also on the rise among young people. They use the binge/purge cycle to extreme in their attempts to control their weight. This is a comprehensive, positive and practical guide to detecting the early signs of eating disorders and then curing them. Written with years of experience and expertise, it encourages parents to understand the illness, overcome their fears and take control of the situation, whether that means enforcing a strict meal plan or taking the decision to seek professional help. The book includes early signs to look out for; the possible effects of the illness, both physical and psychological; the treatments available and, most importantly, the plan, which helps parents to take positive action and really make a difference to their child's life.

**die hard parental guide:** **Spit that Out!** Paige Wolf, 2016-08-08 “Paige Wolf provides truths, tips, and mom-to-mom advice on how to go green without going insane in this humorous must-read.” —Pregnancy & Newborn From BPA in baby bottles and asbestos in crayons to misleading “natural” labels—even the most steadfast parent can be driven to frustration. Lighthearted yet authoritative, *Spit That Out!* cuts through the information overload, sorts cloth from disposable, and empowers readers to make simple but impactful changes. Featuring real life anxieties and advice from celebrities like Alysia Reiner and Kaitlin Olson, to activists such as Robyn O'Brien and Stacy Malkan, to everyday super moms, Paige Wolf assures you that you aren't alone. Hot-button topics include food, toys, breast milk and diapers, clothing, the hidden toxins in schools, and how to spot

greenwashing from a mile away. This “realistic guide to keeping your kids safe and healthy” is bursting with valuable advice on green vacations, how to handle unsupportive friends and family, and how to be green on a budget (People). “Read this book!” —Alysia Reiner, actress, *Orange Is the New Black* “A drastic alternative to my original plan for my son’s safety—keeping him in a plastic bubble!” —Tammy Pescatelli, wife, mother, comedian, exhausted “Wolf offers practical suggestions for both managing your house and managing your emotions when you feel overwhelmed.”

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