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Editorial Review

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A.J. Jacobs, author of *Drop Dead Healthy* and *The Know-It-All*, interviews Bruce Feiler about *The Secrets of Happy Families*.



A.J.: Congratulations on this book -- it's amazing. I predict that my family's happiness level will rise approximately 63 percent after I incorporate these tips. You say you read tons of parenting books and most were eye-glazingly dull. Why?

Bruce: First, 63 percent. That's better than our family! As for parenting books, the biggest problem is they're out of fresh ideas. Meanwhile, in every other world -- from Silicon Valley, to corporate America, to elite peace negotiators, to the U.S. military -- there are cutting-edge ways to bring groups closer together. I asked what those folks were doing with their families, then tested their ideas out with mine.

A.J.: I absolutely love the idea of weekly family meetings. I'm going to start holding them this week. Any tips for keeping kids from zoning out?

Bruce: Holding weekly family meetings is the single best improvement we made to our family. My wife adores them. Tips: play a short game at the start; have your kids pick their punishments; stop after 20 minutes. Oh, and give allowance at the end; that keeps 'em interested!

A.J.: You talked to a number of experts about how to fight smarter, including simple changes you could make around the home. Which of these improved your life?

Bruce: My wife and I changed where we have conversations at night after we discovered we fought more because my spot put me a power position. As a family, we implemented one of my three favorite tips from the entire book: when we discipline our kids, we sit in upright, cushioned chairs. (My other favorites are

“The Law of Two Women” and the “What Do You Know?”)

A.J.: As you point out, the Tiger Mom approach has some downsides. Is there an animal you more identify with?

Bruce: Pillow pet.

A.J.: In the section on Warren Buffett’s guide to allowance, you talk about the importance of having kids work. But the lemonade stand market seems overcrowded. Any alternative?

Bruce: First, I was quite surprised by the advice that it’s better for kids to earn – and lose – their own money. Buffett’s banker told me, “It’s much better to make a mistake with a \$6 allowance than a \$60,000 salary or a \$6 million inheritance.” And I’m a believer in lemonade stands, but remember that the lemonade’s a loss leader -- the money’s in the cookies.

A.J.: Are you worried you can never lose your temper at your kids in public, or people will say “Hey, aren’t you the Happy Family guy?”

Bruce: Oops, was that you behind me at the supermarket the other day? Seriously, I wrote about happy families not because we had one, but because we wanted one. Unlike most “experts,” I didn’t have an ideology to promote. I had a question: What do happy families do right and how can the rest of us make our families happier? We’ve definitely improved, but kids change, so we keep having to turn back to the book.

A.J.: You start off with Tolstoy’s famous maxim “All happy families are alike.” Do you agree?

Bruce: I didn’t at first, but now I do. Happy families have certain larger things in common: They adapt all the time. They talk. A lot. They go out and play. And they work at it. We try to improve at our jobs, our hobbies, even at being ourselves, yet somehow we forget to work on the one thing that most defines our well-being -- our family. That’s my biggest takeaway. Want to have a happier family? Try.

Review

“Infused with humor and authenticity. ... Feiler’s unique perspective and voice... sets it apart from other work in both the parenting and happiness genres.” (Yahoo)

“This is the best book I’ve read about how to transform families. ... Run, don’t walk, to get a copy” (NBC Latino)

“Makes even the most skeptical parent sit up and take note” (BONNIE ROCHMAN for Time.com)

“Refreshing. ... Feiler has an engaging style.” (Washington Post)

“I loved this book because it really is a new playbook for the modern-day family, something to counteract the chaos of the digital age.” (Lyss Stern, creator of **Divalyssious Moms** and author of **If You Give a Mom a Martini**)

“Not your run-of-the-mill parenting manual. ... A **practical, entertaining playbook** that upends some of the most accepted wisdom in family-rearing today.” (Outside magazine)

“**A self-help book with teeth**, loaded with examples. ... *The Secrets of Happy Families* is **comprehensive and clear**, a how-to guide for dads who may not have realized they needed one. (Daddylibrium)

From the Back Cover

The book that revolutionized our view of what makes families happy . . .

Determined to find the smartest solutions and the most cutting-edge research about families, bestselling author and *New York Times* family columnist Bruce Feiler gathered team-building exercises and problem-solving techniques from the most creative minds—from Silicon Valley to the Green Berets—and tested these ideas with his wife and kids. The result is a lively, original look at how we can create stronger parent/child relationships, manage the chaos of our lives, teach our kids values and grit, and have more fun together.

The Secrets of Happy Families includes more than two hundred unique practices that will help your family draw closer and make everyone in your home happier. It has already changed the lives of millions of families, and it can do the same for yours.

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Chester Walters:

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