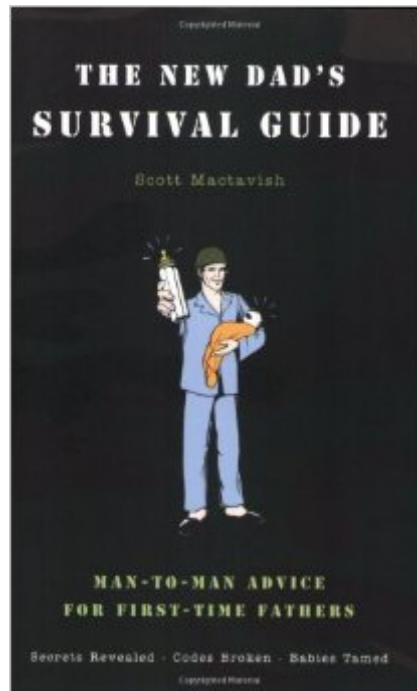


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# The New Dad's Survival Guide: Man-to-Man Advice For First-Time Fathers



## Synopsis

FATHERHOOD DEMYSTIFIED! Finally-a manual for new dads that deciphers the immensely confusing world of fatherhood and gives crucial tips and advice from a man's point of view. No psychobabble, no warm fuzzies-just a hilarious (and surprisingly practical) military-style guide to surviving and thriving through even the queasiest moments of pregnancy, birth, and babyhood. Seasoned father and master infant-tamer Scott Mactavish breaks the Baby Code down and lays it out in straight-up guyspeak. The New Dad's Survival Guide includes declassified information on such topics as: \* Cutting the Cord: The Moment of Truth \* Feeding and Cleaning the NFU (New Family Unit) \* Surviving Sleep Deprivation \* Relieving Stress Without Booze \* The Great Boob Irony \* Pee, Poo, Hurl, and Snot: Getting Used to the Bodily Functions \* Critical Survival Tips Never Before Revealed \* Sex: Let the Games Begin Again...Finally \* Dozens of Essential Terms Defined, Including Binky, Onesie, Diaper Genie, Passy, and Sippy Cup GRAB YOUR BOOTS AND STRAP ON YOUR HELMET! THE BABIES ARE COMING!

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## Customer Reviews

This is dude-to-dude advice. It has a "you got your lady knocked up / say goodbye to Monday night football" kind of tone. I suppose in retrospect, it could be expected with the "Man-to-Man Advice" in the title. I didn't need to be reaffirmed of my "dudeness," I just wanted to read up on some tips to be the best dad I can be. The content may have been there, but I couldn't get past the cartoon of a tone of the writer. If you're a dude freaking out over being a dad, this could be a good book for you. If you're a man who wants to get some facts a dad-to-be should know without cutesy quips, check out

## "The Expectant Father: Facts, Tips, and Advice for Dads-to-Be"

This is a quick funny read; perfect for the new dad with little time. Mr. Mactavish has done an outstanding job of conveying the feelings and fears of new dads from personal experience. The book, however, is meant to 1) reassure the new dad that we've all been there and 2) give insights into certain events that are yet to come (Particularly liked the circumcision description-OUCH!). Take the negative comments about this book with a grain of salt. It's humor, not a guide on new parenting. Highly recommended.

I find it very heartening that more and more fathers are taking an interest in parenting. When my wife became pregnant in the late 1970's, it was very rare for fathers to be involved and it was discouraged by many obstetricians. I was only allowed into the birth room at the very last moment and kept well away from the "action". My own involvement resulted in doing two books on fathers (long out of print and now irrelevant). However, it is quite encouraging to see the extent to which men are embracing fatherhood and are becoming so active in the entire process. The more books on the topic the better and this book does fill a need and does so with humor. Some of the advice like how to prepare formula on page 61, however, is pretty standard fare though and the book is limited in only dealing with the period of birth through the first three months. I personally found the newer book *The Dysfunctional Father's Guide to Pregnancy Birth and Babies* to be much more amusing and realistic. It deals with the period from planning to get pregnant to the first birthday. I loved the illustrations Marvin Ross

I've gone through a number of these types of books and this one is by far the best one out there. The author keeps it light, at the same time conveying what's really important to the new dad with honesty and a brutal sense of humor. It makes the new dad feel like he has some company in this new and alien experience of having kids. After reading it, I recommended it to all my buddies who are in the same boat. It truly takes the edge off of first time fatherhood. Nice job!

After reading what was roughly the first three pages I wanted to burn the book. It's important to note that I was reading this on a Kindle---and I was willing to destroy said Kindle because it was that bad. If you invoke Mr. T to describe an appropriate method of child rearing in the first 500 words, it's probably an awful sign. This book plays to the absolute lowest common denominator and seems to parody the general intelligence level of men. It seeks to use humor and falls flat everywhere. I never

write reviews, but felt the need to here. Don't waste your money. If you have been working a 500 mile radius of a child/expectant mother, then you're more prepared than this book will make you.

As the son of a military father (who happens to have the same sense of humor as the author) I was personally raised the way this book describes child rearing. Let's face it not everyone who has children instantly becomes an adult. Just because you have a child doesn't mean you must now handle everything with a serious manner. Your first child is an exciting and often scary event. In most situations similar to this, the human psyche responds with humor or laughter (think about the first time you went on a roller coaster you were scared but couldn't stop smiling). The author captured a feeling that most of us have but rarely talk about. Bravo!

The husband read this from cover to cover. It was helpful and humorous. Would only recommend for the first time Dad. My husband as a first time Dad enjoyed reading this before the arrival of our child. It helped to calm his nerves and give him an idea of what to expect. Some was common sense info but other tidbits were not.

The author has a great writing style. I am expecting a new born and my lower stars is probably because I pre-educated myself prior to purchase. It is a fun read, but didn't provide me with any information that the hospitals and my parents already provided. Read a preview, give it a shot. It may be more worthwhile for other readers.

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