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## **Family Secrets**

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An honest, healing look at dysfunctional families. Uses clinical and biblical examples to help you uncover the secrets of your family tree and start untangling those ties that bind. (More than 100,000 in print)

### **Unlocking Your Family Patterns**

Adulthood is a choice. It does not happen because we reach a certain age or income level. Adulthood happens when we choose to pass through the many interconnected doors that lead to the deeper realms of our own souls. The passage of time and the events around us may propel us toward maturity, but it is up to us to pass through these doors. When you read this book, you will embark on a journey through many layers of soulfulness, including Struggle, Resistance, Entitlement, Disappointment, Narcissism, Trade-offs, Appreciation, Love, Power, Graciousness, Tradition, Integrity and Victimhood. Adulthood is a quality of soul that is chosen and earned through the very deepening struggles that life offers us as we progress from birth to death. We can engage these struggles anytime until the day we die. It is never too late to grow up.

### **Adult Children of Emotionally Immature Parents**

You have begun to deal with the pain and trauma of being raised in a dysfunctional family and now you are ready to lead a healthy life. But: Do you know what healthy people do? Do you know what is “normal”? Do you know how to ask unwanted guests

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to leave? In *An Adult Child's Guide to What's "Normal"*, John and Linda Friel have written a practical guide to living a healthy life. Your parents may not have been able to teach you social skills but it is not too late to learn them now. Read this guide and learn how to respond to the challenges, problems and traps that we are faced with daily.

### **Setting Boundaries® with Your Adult Children**

AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER A TODAY SHOW #ReadWithJenna BOOK CLUB PICK! "In a time when all we want is hope, it's a beautiful book to reach for." -Jenna Bush Hager "Literary sunshine."—New York Times "The queen of the summer novel."—Entertainment Weekly "Brimming with kindness, forgiveness, humor and love and yet (magically) also a page turner that held me captive until it was finished. This is Emma Straub's absolute best and the world will love it. I love it." —Ann Patchett "An immensely charming and warmhearted book. It's a vacation for the soul."—Vox A warm, funny, and keenly perceptive novel about the life cycle of one family--as the kids become parents, grandchildren become teenagers, and a matriarch confronts the legacy of her mistakes. From the New York Times bestselling author of *Modern Lovers* and *The Vacationers*. When Astrid Strick witnesses a school bus accident in the center of town, it jostles loose a repressed memory from her young parenting days decades earlier. Suddenly, Astrid realizes she was not quite the parent she thought she'd been to

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her three, now-grown children. But to what consequence? Astrid's youngest son is drifting and unfocused, making parenting mistakes of his own. Her daughter is pregnant yet struggling to give up her own adolescence. And her eldest seems to measure his adult life according to standards no one else shares. But who gets to decide, so many years later, which long-ago lapses were the ones that mattered? Who decides which apologies really count? It might be that only Astrid's thirteen-year-old granddaughter and her new friend really understand the courage it takes to tell the truth to the people you love the most. In *All Adults Here*, Emma Straub's unique alchemy of wisdom, humor, and insight come together in a deeply satisfying story about adult siblings, aging parents, high school boyfriends, middle school mean girls, the lifelong effects of birth order, and all the other things that follow us into adulthood, whether we like them to or not.

### **Daily Affirmations for Adult Children of Alcoholics**

A self-help guide offers advice on increasing self-esteem in order to reduce the entitlement, narcissism, and incivility that permeates modern society, examining why people act the way they do toward others and how to improve that behavior.

### **The Laundry List**

In this important sequel to *Adult Children of Emotionally Immature Parents*, author Lindsay Gibson

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offers powerful tools to help you step back and protect yourself at the first sign of an emotional takeover, make sure your emotions and needs are respected, and break free from the coercive control of emotionally immature parents. Growing up with emotionally immature (EI) parents can leave you feeling lonely and neglected. You may have trouble setting limits and expressing your feelings. And you may even be more susceptible to other emotionally immature people as you establish adult relationships. In addition, as your parents become older, they may still treat your emotions with mockery and contempt, be dismissive and discounting of your reality, and try to control and diminish your sense of emotional autonomy and freedom of thought. In short, EIs can be self-absorbed, inconsistent, and contradictory. So, how can you recover from their toxic behavior? Drawing on the success of her popular self-help book, *Adult Children of Emotionally Immature Parents*, author Lindsay Gibson offers yet another essential resource. With this follow-up guide, you'll learn practical skills to help you recognize the signs of an EI, protect yourself against an emotional takeover, reconnect with your own emotions and needs, and gain emotional autonomy in all your relationships. This is a how-to book, with doable exercises and active tips and suggestions for what to say and do to increase emotional autonomy and self-awareness. If you're ready to stop putting your own needs last, clear the clutter of self-doubt, and move beyond the fear of judgment and punishment that's been instilled in you by emotionally immature parents, this book will help you find the freedom to finally live your life your way.

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## **Adult Children of Alcoholics**

In the 1980's, Janet Woititz broke new ground in our understanding of what it is to be an Adult Child of an Alcoholic. In this updated edition of her bestseller she re-examines the movement and its inclusion of Adult Children from various dysfunctional family backgrounds who share the same characteristics. After decades of working with ACoAs she shares the recovery hints that she has found to work. Read Adult Children of Alcoholics to see where the journey began and for ideas on where to go from here.

## **Lifeskills for Adult Children**

Growing up in a home where there is addiction or relationship trauma puts a child at great risk for long-term, post-traumatic stress effects that adversely compromise adult relationships. Bestselling author, psychologist, and psychodramatist Tian Dayton examines this trauma through an exploration of the way the brain and body process frightening or painful emotions and experiences in childhood, and she shows how these traumas can become catalysts for unhealthy, self-medicating behaviors including drug and alcohol abuse, food issues, and sex, gambling, and shopping addictions. Through Dr. Dayton's insightful analysis and thoughtful examination, Adult Children of Alcoholics will learn how and why the pain they experienced in childhood plays out in their adult partnering and parenting, and they will learn how to restore health and happiness through their resilience.

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**Healing the Child Within**

"Surviving the Toxic Family" is a valuable book for anyone trying to recover from the devastating effects of growing up in a toxic or dysfunctional family. Drawing on engaging case studies, this book shows you how it is possible to recover from the trauma associated with a toxic family and leads you through the process to complete recovery. This book utilizes a three step process: Understanding why your family acts the way they do and why they treated you so poorly Changing the rules so that you do not have to continue being mistreated by them Taking your life back and living a life that's more authentic and genuine "Surviving The Toxic Family" promises to be a valuable tool for anyone who has a dysfunctional family, those with a loved one whom struggles with their family, and for therapists seeking to help clients from toxic families. This book provides practical hands-on strategies for surviving even the most toxic and dysfunctional families.

## **Wisdom from the Streets**

If you have an adult child, you know that parenting doesn't stop when a child reaches the age of eighteen. In many ways, it gets more complicated. Both your heart and your head are as involved as ever, whether your child lives under your roof or rarely stays in contact. In *Doing Life with Your Adult Children*, parenting expert Jim Burns helps you navigate the toughest and the most rewarding parts of parenting your grown kids. Speaking from his own

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personal and professional experience, Burns offers practical answers to questions such as these: Is it OK to give advice to my grown child? What's the difference between enabling and helping? What boundaries should I have if my child moves back home? What do I do when my child doesn't seem to be maturing into adulthood? How do I relate to my grown child's significant other? What does it mean to have healthy financial boundaries? How can I support my grown children when I don't support their values? Including positive principles on bringing kids back to faith, ideas on how to leave a legacy as a grandparent, and encouragement for every changing season, *Doing Life with Your Adult Children* is a unique book on your changing role in a calling that never ends.

### **Lies that Bind**

The messages that we give to ourselves are the most important messages we hear. The internal briefings and conversations we hold determine our attitudes, our behavior and the course of our lives. If, as children, we were criticized and shamed, our internal dialogue will be self-deprecating. If we are used to large doses of self-imposed sarcasm and negative reviews of our daily performance, we gradually mutilate our self-esteem, our creativity and our spirit.

### **The 7 Best Things Happy Couples Do plus one**

It is estimated that as many as 34 million people grew

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up in alcoholic homes. But what about the rest of us? What about families that had no alcoholism, but did have perfectionism, workaholism, compulsive overeating, intimacy problems, depression, problems in expressing feelings, plus all the other personality traits that can produce a family system much like an alcoholic one? Countless millions of us struggle with these kinds of dysfunctions every day, and until very recently we struggled alone. Pulling together both theory and clinical practice, John and Linda Friel provide a readable explanation of what happened to us and how we can rectify it.

### **Secrets of Feeding a Healthy Family**

"When seventy-year-old Charlotte Perkins submits a sexy essay to the "Become a Jetsetter" contest, she dreams of reuniting her estranged children: Lee, an almost-famous actress; Cord, a handsome Manhattan venture capitalist who can't seem to find a bride; and Regan, a harried mother who took it all wrong when Charlotte bought her a Weight Watchers gift certificate for her birthday. Charlotte yearns for the years when her children were young and she was a single mother who meant everything to them. When she wins the cruise, the family packs all their baggage--literal and figurative--and spends ten days traveling from sun-drenched Athens through glorious Rome to tapas-laden Barcelona on an over-the-top cruise ship, the Splendido Marveloso. As lovers new and old join the adventure, long-buried secrets are revealed, and the Perkins family is forced to confront the defining choices in their lives. Can four lost adults

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find the peace they've been seeking by reconciling their childhood aches and coming back to each other? In the vein of *The Nest* and *The Vacationers*, Ward has created a delicious and intelligent novel about the courage it takes to reveal our true selves, the pleasures and perils of family, and how we navigate the seas of adulthood to cruise--we can only hope--toward joy"--

### **Recovery**

Janet Woititz, mother of the recovery movement, sensitively addresses the barriers of trust and intimacy that children learn in an alcoholic family. She provides suggestions for building loving relationships with friends, partners, and spouses.

### **But It's Your Family . . .**

This is the companion workbook to the official ACA Fellowship Text that is Adult Children of Alcoholics World Service Organization (ACA WSO) Conference Approved Literature. Adult Children of Alcoholics/Dysfunctional Families (ACA) is an independent 12 Step and 12 Tradition anonymous program. The ACA Fellowship Text was written by anonymous ACA members providing guidance on working the 12 Step ACA program leading to recovery from the effects of growing up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family.

### **Shame & Guilt**

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Tells the stories of fifteen individuals who grew up with alcoholic parents, and explains how they have learned to accept their childhood memories and move on

### **Bradshaw On: The Family**

Dr. Whitfield provides a clear and effective introduction to the basic principles of recovery. This book is a modern classic, as fresh and useful today as it was more than a decade ago when first published. Here, frontline physician and therapist Charles Whitfield describes the process of wounding that the Child Within (True Self) experiences and shows how to differentiate the True Self from the false self. He also describes the core issues of recovery and more. Other writings on this topic have come and gone, while Healing the Child Within has remained a strong introduction to recognizing and healing from the painful effects of childhood trauma. Highly recommended by therapists and survivors of trauma.

### **Toxic Parents**

Rich with insight and awareness, Recovery explores the secrets, fears, hopes and issues that confront adult children of alcoholics. Authors and widely respected therapists and ACOA workshop leaders Herbert Gravitz and Julie Bowden detail in a clear question-and-answer format the challenges of control and inadequacy that ACOAs face as they struggle for recovery and understanding, stage-by-stage: Survival \* Emergent Awareness \* Core Issues \*

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Transformations \* Integration \* Genesis. If you feel troubled by your post, Recovery will start you on the path of self-awareness, as it explores the searching questions adult children of alcoholics seek to have answered: \* How can I overcome my need for control? \* Do all ACOAs play the same kind of roles in the family? \* How do I overcome my fear of intimacy? \* What is all-or-none functioning? \* How can ACOAs maintain self-confidence and awareness after recovery? \* How do ACOAs handle the family after understanding its influence? \* And many other important questions about your post, family and feelings. Written with warmth, joy and real understanding, Recovery will inspire you to meet the challenges of the post and overcome the obstacles to your happiness.

## **Secrets of Your Family Tree**

BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Dr. Susan Forward's Men Who Hate Women and the Women Who Love Them. When you were a child Did your parents tell you were bad or worthless? Did your parents use physical pain to discipline you? Did you have to take care of your parents because of their problems? Were you frightened of your parents? Did your parents do anything to you that had to be kept secret? Now that you are an adult Do your parents still treat you as if you were a child? Do you have intense emotional or physical reactions after spending time with your parents? Do your parents control you with threats or guilt? Do they manipulate you with money? Do you feel that no matter what you do, it's

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never good enough for your parents? In this remarkable self-help guide, Dr. Susan Forward drawn on case histories and the real-life voices of adult children of toxic parents to help you free yourself from the frustrating patterns of your relationship with your parents -- and discover an exciting new world of self-confidence, inner strength, and emotional independence.

## **Codependent Mother**

Psychologists and best-selling authors John and Linda Friel have written an enormously readable and infinitely practical book that delves into what makes a relationship enduringly successful. Wherever readers are in their own relationships, this book can improve those relationships dramatically, bringing them immediate and lasting benefits. In the tradition of their bestseller, *The 7 Worst Things (Good) Parents Do*, the authors examine the behaviors that happy, effective couples display continually. After careful investigation, the Friels synthesized years of clinical work into a manageable list of the most significant patterns of behavior couples must address and embrace if they want to become truly great couples. Recognizing that other patterns and behaviors certainly do exist, when patients come the Friels for help, the core issues illustrated in this book are discussed as the couples move boldly toward improving their relationships—with consistently outstanding results. The authors found that they had not seven, but eight, key items to identify. Here are a few: Be Sexual Be Willing To Divorce Manage Your

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Fear, Hurt, Shame, And Loneliness Own Your Part (be responsible for creating a great relationship)

## **The Figs**

Meet the Figs. June, the family's matriarch, looks forward to a quiet retirement — if only she can get her three adult children to finally, finally, move out of the house. But her dreams are shattered when her son Derek unexpectedly becomes a single father. Now there's a newborn baby at home, and Derek's older siblings are showing no sign of going anywhere either. In the midst of the chaos, June's husband, Randy, has a shocking revelation. With family life flying fast and furious around her, June finds herself thinking about her parents — adoptive and biological. Where did she come from? Will her new grandson be traumatized without his mother? And why in the world are all the kids still at home, anyway? The Figs combines the quirkiness of Miriam Toews, the startling humour and fierce energy of Heather O'Neill, the heart of Little Miss Sunshine and the unruly family dynamics of Jonathan Tropper's *This Is Where I Leave You* into one hilarious, immensely fun novel.

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Take a teenage runaway, add street smarts to a keen intellect, blend in wisdom from repeated failures, make him a counselor to struggling teens and parents, and you have a powerful, life changing book

## **Doing Life with Your Adult Children**

The Great European War and the threat of revolution in Mexico cast suspicion and distrust over the tranquil plazas of the sleepy Texas town of San Antonio, and two women find their lives and destinies entangled in romance, intrigue, and espionage. "The consequent shattering of dreams and illusions is compelling"  
Macon Telegraph & News

## **Struggle for Intimacy**

If you grew up with an emotionally immature, unavailable, or selfish parent, you may have lingering feelings of anger, loneliness, betrayal, or abandonment. You may recall your childhood as a time when your emotional needs were not met, when your feelings were dismissed, or when you took on adult levels of responsibility in an effort to compensate for your parent's behavior. These wounds can be healed, and you can move forward in your life. In this breakthrough book, clinical psychologist Lindsay Gibson exposes the destructive nature of parents who are emotionally immature or unavailable. You will see how these parents create a sense of neglect, and discover ways to heal from the pain and confusion caused by your childhood. By freeing yourself from your parents' emotional immaturity, you can recover your true nature, control how you react to them, and avoid disappointment. Finally, you'll learn how to create positive, new relationships so you can build a better life. Discover the four types of difficult parents: The emotional parent instills feelings of

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instability and anxiety The driven parent stays busy trying to perfect everything and everyone The passive parent avoids dealing with anything upsetting The rejecting parent is withdrawn, dismissive, and derogatory

## **The ACOA Trauma Syndrome**

"It is my feeling that debilitating shame and guilt are at the root of all dysfunctions in families," says Jane Middelton-Moz. A few common characteristics of adults shamed in childhood: You may suffer extreme shyness, embarrassment and feelings of being inferior to others. You don't believe you make mistakes, you believe you are a mistake. You feel controlled from the outside and from within. You feel that normal spontaneous expression is blocked. You may suffer from debilitating guilt; you apologize constantly. You have little sense of emotional boundaries; you feel constantly violated by others; you frequently build false boundaries. If you see yourself in any of these characteristics, you can learn how shame keeps you from being the person you were born to be and how to change that. Shame And Guilt describes how debilitating shame is created and fostered in childhood and how it manifests itself in adulthood and in intimate relationships. Through the use of myths and fairytales to portray different shaming environments, Dr. Middelton-Moz allows you to reach the shamed child within you and to add clarity to what could be difficult concepts. Read Shame and Guilt — you're worth it.

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**Strengthening My Recovery**

Available again from Karen Sandvig

## **Keeping Secrets**

Finally...Hope for Parents in Pain What parent doesn't want their children to grow up to be happy, responsible adults? Yet despite parents' best efforts, most heartfelt prayers, and most loving environments, some kids never successfully make the transition to independently functioning adulthood. Following her own journey, Allison Bottke developed a tough-love approach to parenting adult children that helps both you and your child by focusing on setting you free from the repeated pain of your adult child's broken promises, lies, and deception. **Setting Boundaries® with Your Adult Children** offers practical hope and healing through S.A.N.I.T.Y.—a six-step program to help parents regain control in their homes and their lives. S = STOP Enabling, STOP Blaming Yourself, and STOP the Flow of Money A = Assemble a Support Group N = Nip Excuses in the Bud I = Implement Rules/Boundaries T = Trust Your Instincts Y = Yield Everything to God As you love your child with arms and heart wide open, know that no matter what happens you are never alone. God is in control and will be with you.

## **Adult Children of Divorce**

A psychologist offers a roadmap for those looking to break free of toxic family relationships and thrive in

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the aftermath. Toxic family abuse is always two-fold. The first layer of abuse is the original poor treatment by toxic family members, and the second is someone's denial of the ways in which abusers treat and harm them. Loving someone doesn't always mean having a relationship with them, just like forgiveness doesn't always mean reconciliation. A significant part of healing comes with accepting that there are some relationships that are so poisonous that they destroy one's ability to be healthy and function best. But *It's Your Family* is a remarkable account of what it means to cut ties to toxic family abuse and thrive in the aftermath. Inside, Dr. Sherrie Campbell clarifies:

- How parents, adult children, siblings, grandparents, and in-laws can be toxic
- The difference between flawed and toxic family members
- Explaining the cutting of ties to children and others who may not understand
- Spiritual and religious views on forgiveness
- The definition of cutting ties and what No Contact actually means

When readers are able to bring closure to those toxic relationships, they give themselves the space to love those family members from a distance, as fellow human beings, with the knowledge that it is unwise to remain connected. Readers learn how to love themselves in the process and fundamentally change their lives for the better!

## **The Power and Grace Between Nasty Or Nice**

In *Every Bad, There's Some Good*-And A Lesson to Be Learned Twenty-four survivors recount their stories of

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living in a dysfunctional family. It isn't always easy. You can't choose your situation or where you come from, but you can choose the lessons you take away. Is there a silver lining to growing up in a dysfunctional family? Bestselling recovery author Karen Casey looks at stories of people who grew up in dysfunctional families and "the good stuff" that can come from the experience. "Throughout my many decades in recovery rooms I have interacted with thousands of women and men whose journeys reveal, in detail, the harrowing history of dysfunction that has troubled their lives," says Casey. "But what is also apparent in their stories is their eventual and quite triumphant survival, often against extreme odds." From 24 families rife with dysfunction. Casey interviews the survivors who emerged from the fires of a turbulent household to willingly share their stories and come to realize they had, surprisingly, thrived as the result of their often-harrowing experiences. In *The Good Stuff from Growing Up in a Dysfunctional Family*, Casey reveals the stories and the skills these survivors developed to live more creative and fulfilling lives. In this book find tales that help you to: Realize lessons in disguise Acknowledge your personal growth Point out your own silver lining If you enjoyed books like *Daring Greatly*, *Codependent No More*, or *Adult Children of Emotionally Immature Parents*, then you'll want to read *Good Stuff from Growing Up in a Dysfunctional Family*.

### **The Jetsetters**

Codependent Mother will ensure that you have the

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chance to create a happy, healthy life you deserve, while also preventing the spread of codependent behaviors in your other relationships.

### **The 7 Worst Things Good Parents Do**

Daily Meditation book written by and for the Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA/ACoA) Fellowship. Contributions reflect experience, strength and hope as part of the contributors' recovery journeys.

### **Twelve Steps of Adult Children**

The originator of the ACoA "Laundry Lists" gives an insider's view of the early days of the ACoA movement. Tony A. discusses what it means to be an adult child of an alcoholic parent and what the self-help group can do for its members. Includes stories, history and helpful information for the ACoA.

### **An Adult Child's Guide to What's Normal**

A missing young woman. A grieving mother. An investigative journalist determined to find answers. From the bestselling author of *Sweet Tea Tuesdays* and *Only One Life* comes a suspenseful story of three women who, in search of freedom from the lies that bind them, experience personal growth, discovery, and forgiveness. On a snowy morning in December of 2009, Reese Carpenter disappeared from the scene of a single-car accident that claimed her father's life. First responders to the accident saw no evidence of her, and she's been neither seen nor heard from

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since. A decade later, Reese's mother, Eva, who holds out hope that Reese is still alive, confides in her new across-the-street neighbor, Maggie, about her missing daughter. When her husband's controlling behavior turns abusive, Maggie, an investigative journalist, uses the search for Reese as an opportunity to get out of town. In this captivating novel, Maggie takes readers on a roller-coaster ride of emotion as she travels from Virginia to a college campus in Ohio to Washington DC, unraveling the secrets of the dysfunctional family that drove a young woman to a desperate act of survival.

### **Recovering from Emotionally Immature Parents**

Psychologists John and Linda Friel have written an enormously readable and infinitely practical book that digs into some of the worst mistakes that parents make, with suggestions on how parents can change immediately. The Friels examine the seven most ineffective and self-defeating behaviors that parents display again and again. Working from the ideas that even small changes can have big results, the authors give parents concrete steps they can take to end the behaviors and improve the quality of their parenting. Whether readers are contemplating starting a family, have children who haven't entered school yet, are struggling with rebellious teenagers, or are empty-nesters wondering how they can be better parents to their grown children, they can't afford not to read this book. With the same clarity and concrete examples that have sold over 350,000 copies of their books, the

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Friels offer readers forty years of combined experience as practicing psychologists, and fifty years of combined experience as blended-family parents. This material has been field-tested in the authors' own household, with hundreds of their clients, and with thousands of their workshop and Clearlife Clinic participants. It will cause immediate changes in parents' behavior, and immediate improvement in the lives of their children.

## **Surviving the Toxic Family**

Based on the public television series of the same name, *Bradshaw On: The Family* is John Bradshaw's seminal work on the dynamics of families that has sold more than a million copies since its original publication in 1988. Within its pages, you will discover the cause of emotionally impaired families. You will learn how unhealthy rules of behavior are passed down from parents to children, and the destructive effect this process has on our society. Using the latest family research and recovery material in this new edition, Bradshaw also explores the individual in both a family and societal setting. He shows you ways to escape the tyranny of family-reinforced behavior traps--from addiction and co-dependency to loss of will and denial--and demonstrates how to make conscious choices that will transform your life and the lives of your loved ones. He helps you heal yourself and then, using what you have learned helps you heal your family. Finally, Bradshaw extends this idea to our society: by returning yourself and your family to emotional health, you can heal the world in which you

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live. He helps you reenvision societal conflicts from the perspective of a global family, and shares with you the power of deep democracy: how the choices you make every day can affect--and improve--your world.

### **All Adults Here**

From the author of the New York Times bestseller *Adult Children of Alcoholics* -- a wonderful book that affirms and encourages AcoAs by developing skills for living. Imagine how good you would feel if · You could stand up for yourself without losing your temper · You could make a decision without second guessing yourself · You didn't have that sense of worthlessness every time someone criticized you · You could learn how to say no and stick with it In *Lifeskills for Adult Children* you can learn how to do these things and more. This book is designed specifically for Adult Children and teaches skills to make your complex adult life easier, while improving your sense of self-worth. Examples are provided to help clarify the lessons and exercises are given to help you practice your new skills. So, if you have difficulty · Asking for what you want · Solving problems · Handling criticism · Saying no read *Lifeskills for Adult Children* - you'll be glad you did.

### **Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood**

“Why are so many of us at times completely baffled by a relationship? How can we think we know someone so well and admit in the end that we hardly

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knew that person at all? Why do many people who work diligently and strenuously to gain wholeness and balance still feel so frustrated about having a fulfilling relationship? Why have so many people given up on love?”—from the Prologue John Bradshaw’s bestselling books and compelling PBS series have touched and changed millions of lives. Now, in *Creating Love*, he offers us a new way to understand our most crucial relationships—with our romantic partners and spouses, with our parents and children, with friends and co-workers, with ourselves, and with God. Bradshaw’s compassionate approach shows that many of us have been literally “entranced” by past experiences of counterfeit love, so we unknowingly re-create patterns that can never fulfill us. Here he provides both the insights and the precise tools we need to keep those destructive patterns from repeating in the present. And then he shows how we can open ourselves to the soul-building work of real love—and create healthy, loving relationships where we can be fully ourselves in every part of our lives.

## **Soul of Adulthood**

Revised and updated from the original, this honest and forthwright look at families of all shapes and sizes will help you down the path of healing (whether you know you need it or whether yo're just not sure). *Unlocking Your Family Patterns* combines decades worth of counseling wisdom and pastoral care insights into this one practical resource. Your past may hurt, and your family's patterns may have left emotional scars, but your future has not been laid in stone yet.

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There is hope for healing, there are lessons to learn, and there are paths toward family health. Using clinical, biblical and practical examples to help you uncover the patterns your family has lived in, this book might lead you toward the family u-turn you've been looking for.

### **Creating Love**

Ellyn Satter's *Secrets of Feeding a Healthy Family* takes a leadership role in the grassroots movement back to the family table. More a cooking primer than a cookbook, this book encourages singles, couples, and families with children to go to the trouble of feeding themselves well. Satter uses simple, delicious recipes as a scaffolding on which to hang cooking lessons, fast tips, night-before suggestions, in-depth background information, ways to involve kids in the kitchen, and guidelines on adapting menus for young children. In chapters about eating, feeding, choosing food, cooking, planning, and shopping, the author entertainingly helps readers have fun with food while not eating unhealthily or too often. She cites current studies and makes a convincing case for lightening up on fat and sodium without endangering ourselves or our children. The book demonstrates Satter's dictum that “your positive feelings about food and eating will do more for your health than adhering to a set of rules about what to eat and what not to eat.”

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