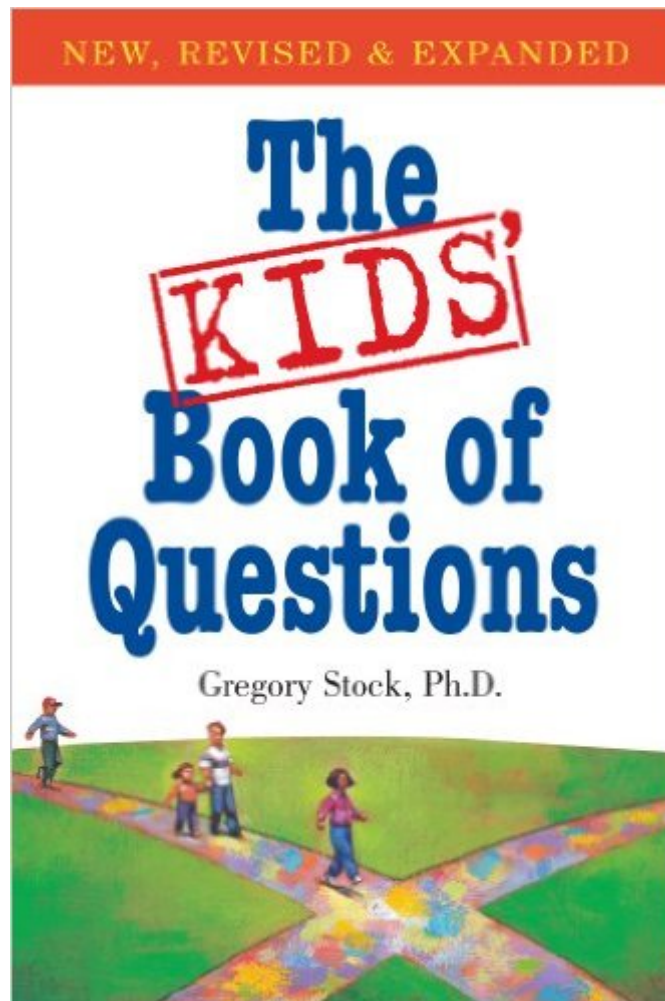


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# The Kids' Book Of Questions: Revised For The New Century



## Synopsis

Now more than ever, parents are told how important it is to talk meaningfully to their kids. This is the book that makes it happen. A revised and expanded second edition, *The Kids' Book of Questions*, with 634,000 copies in print, makes it easy to ask hard questions and fun to answer them.

Questions to challenge, questions to provoke. Questions to entertain and expand young minds. Questions about right or wrong, about fears and hopes, ethics, religious beliefs, about why parents act the way they do--even about ruling the world. Updated to include questions on subjects that have arisen since the book's original publication in 1988--from the internet to issues like school violence and terrorism--the book is a sure way to prod young people into discovering who they really are and what they really believe. There are inquiries into values: "If you knew you wouldn't get caught, would you cheat on a test by copying someone else's answers?" Intriguing fantasies: "If you could email any famous person and know they'd read and answer your note, who would you write to and what would you say?" Philosophical queries: "Have you had any personal experiences that lead you to believe in God?" Provocative scenarios: "After being given a truth pill, what would you say if you were asked to describe your family?" Kids, and parents, will be amazed to find how far one little question will lead.

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Age Range: 9 - 18 years

Grade Level: 2 and up

## Customer Reviews

We took this book on a long car trip two years ago when my kids were 10 and 12. We spent hours talking and laughing about the questions and our answers. The book asks many humorous questions such as "If you could be invisible for a day, what would you do?", or "What was the most embarrassing thing that ever happened to you? Are you embarrassed now by the same things that used to embarrass you?". But mostly, the book asks insightful and thought-provoking questions such as, "What are you most proud of having done? What would make you even more proud?", or "Some adults have a lot of trouble enjoying themselves. If you were asked to give them some advice about how to play and have more fun, what would you say?", or "Do you think boys or girls have it easier?". This book has been in our car for 2 years. The kids still pick it up frequently to ask questions to their carpool on the way to school, or to ask questions to their friends on the way to sports practices. And they especially love to hear their parents' answers!

This book is a wonderful resource for classroom teachers. It prompts real non-biased conversations about choices, ethics, and problem solving surrounding issues such as popularity, telling the truth, money, sports, and much more. When there is time to fill, we pull out a Kids' Question. (Of course, the questions must be preapproved by the teacher due to the sensitivity of certain topics and content.)

I bought this on impulse for a long car trip, along with other books and toys, but this was the major hit! Our kids (8 and 10) took turns picking numbers and discussing the chosen questions; they kept at it for over an hour and wanted more later. They still wanted to use it on another trip two months later. As parents, we were astonished that they were so interested in talking about serious problems with us and each other as long as it was within the format of the book. Please tell me there'll be a sequel!

I've used this book with my own kids, and I've used it in my classroom. It was enjoyed by so many students that I hate to say it, but one student walked off with it at the end of the year. I work in a school where a lot of the kids are at risk, and this book was wonderful as a tool to help them examine their attitudes, their fears, and their feelings about things. It takes a little time to look through and evaluate what would be good for your classroom. That's a subjective thing anyway, and you have to know your students, but over all, I find this book to be worthwhile and fun at the same time.

My kids and I spend Sunday mornings taking hikes and having long discussions about life, religion,

school, etc. We take this book along on our hikes as our springboard for discussion. I read the questions out loud and let the kids answer them, and sometimes add on my own opinions when they're done. It gives me a chance to chime in about what I think is important and it keeps us talking. I think these conversations also help build empathy, understanding, and listening skills, as well as helping us to all remember to think before we speak. Some of the questions are lighthearted and some are more serious, and none so far have proven to be offensive to my family's ethics. My kids enjoy the questions, especially my nine-year-old son, and look forward to our hikes & talks all week long. I'm thrilled to get glimpses into my kids' heads on topics that are well worth discussing but might not otherwise come up in conversation.

We use these questions to spur fun conversations in our after-school program. Kids from very diverse age ranges get interested in providing answers for these questions, and we've spent a lot of time laughing and enjoying the funny answers some of the students give! I've sat down with a table full of kids ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade and they were all engaged in the activity and laughing together. Quick warning: Some of these questions are much less for KIDS and are more for TEENS. I do not suggest giving this to a young reader to read on their own. I highly suggest that a parent or other responsible adult screen the questions first to make sure they are appropriate for the age range. Some of the questions touch on sensitive subjects such as death, nudity, and even kidnapping. Don't let that turn you away from this book!!!! Just be aware that it is best read to kids by an adult who can save the more sensitive topics for teenagers.

I use this in my public speaking class to start discussion groups. It's pretty good, and far more appropriate for my students than "The Book of Questions." Some questions are a bit elementary for my high schoolers, but that's okay.

Just a flat out good conversation starter!! It has done wonderful things for bonding my kids and I together. Kids tend to ramble on for a long time about 1 thing that happened in their day but these can help keep the conversation flowing!

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