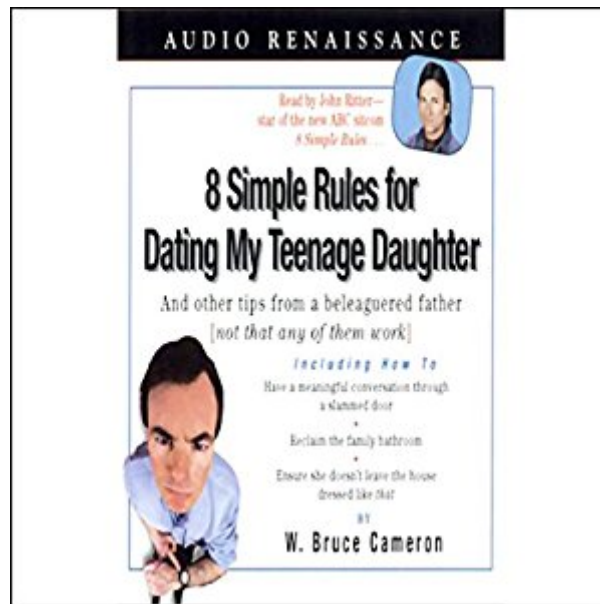


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# 8 Simple Rules For Dating My Teenage Daughter: And Other Tips From A Beleaguered Father



## Synopsis

Fathers may suspect it's not easy for their daughters to become women, but those same daughters have no idea how hard it is for fathers to stand by and watch. According to W. Bruce Cameron, "Having a child mutate into a teenager is a bit like being an airline passenger who must suddenly take over for a stricken pilot and land the plane. And in this case, the passengers are all yelling, 'I hate you! I hate you!' and slamming the door to the cockpit." Cameron has two daughters, so he is doubly aware that raising teenage girls is well, impossible. He's been through braces (the most expensive metal on earth), kissing (do they have to use their lips?), teen "logic" ("I asked if I could go out with Lindsey and you said no, so I went out with Courtney"), and, of course, dating, which leads to the 8 Simple Rules. (Rule #1: if you pull into my driveway and honk, you'd better be delivering a package, because you're sure as heck not picking anything up.) If your little girl has moved out and a teenager has taken her place, this book will help you do something you probably thought was not possible in your situation: laugh. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

I'm 14, and I bought this book as an early Father's day present for my dad. I flipped through it, and began reading it. I got hooked because Mr. Cameron is such a fantastic writer. His viewpoints are extremely funny, and interesting, because I know that my dad has felt the exact same way sometimes. This book would make a fabulous Father's day/Birthday present for any dad. Just make sure they don't take everything literally! ;-)

I guess the truth hurts. She didn't find it funny at all. I, on the other hand, laughed so hard I nearly fell off the couch. In addition to being EXTREMELY funny, I also found that this book left me with another, rather unexpected feeling: REASSURANCE. Reading his hilarious rants made me realize I'm not alone in facing this completely incomprehensible life form that so strikingly resembles the sweet little girl I've raised for the 12 previous years (but who changed so completely in the last 2). Read this book. The man knows his subject matter. His description of a daughter's unspoken rules for being dropped at the mall was just TOO accurate - even MY daughter had to grudgingly agree. And his "8 rules" made perfect sense to ME....A rare combination of truth and humor!

Having a teenage daughter of my own, I found this book to be not only hilarious but to really hit home. How you have to let your daughter out of the car early so she won't be seen with you. How you really aren't allowed to ask her friends questions on the phone. Really a great book. Excellent!!

I loved this book. My uncle who bought this book so he can better understand his daughter who is of my age, showed this book to me and asked me what I thought of it. Because my cousin is much more a rebel than me, I of course sided with the dad in the "arguments" that took place in the book. If you are a father out there that doesn't quite understand your daughter, this would be a good book for you to try. It gives tips, do and don'ts, and the most important how to handle certain situations as smoothly as possible. This book is not just like that, but it's very funny as well. If I could say one thing to Bruce, it'd be GREAT JOB! From a 16yr old.

I just couldn't stop laughing at this book. The life Bruce chronicles with his kids is absolutely hilarious. Even though it's written from a father's point of view, as a mother of a preteen daughter I could relate and sometimes I laughed so hard tears came to my eyes. Bravo Bruce Cameron! Can't wait for your second book! Debbie Farmer, author 'Don't Put Lipstick on the Cat'

I love this author's wit and style. He obviously has the art of raising teen-aged daughters down to a science. Having raised three daughters, I can attest to the fact everything in this book is true. When my second daughter was sixteen and just starting to date, she met, "Binky," the man of her dreams. Binky was a cross between a sheepdog and a mop with eyes; he ate a lot, talked very little, and had this staggering, loose, hip walk, like all his body parts weren't quite connected. Making conversation was not easy, I knew how to connect sentences; he knew three words, "cool," "awesome" and

"groovey," while at the same time continually moving "to the beat" no one else in the world could hear. Binky finally followed "the beat" to other wonders of the world. So many of the experiences the author shares with you in this book, will be ones that you who have raised teen-aged daughters will find familiar. I loved reading of "the trip to the mall," the parties, the boyfriends - this book is absolutely and positively hilarious from start to finish. Teen-aged daughters are like the ugly ducklings who turned into swans. Not ugly in the literal sense, but ugly in the sense of zits, bad hair days, telephonitis, owning three cars and not having one to drive, and the "I know it all" attitude that drives us bonkers! Finally, one day emerges this beautiful young lady and makes all the "Binky's" in the world seem worth while. Read this excellent book; you will laugh until you cry!

I am amazed that there are people out there with teenage daughters who have not read this book! This hilarious work could have been sub-titled, "I feel your pain." Not just a series of jokes, Cameron has compiled a thorough examination of all the aspects of having a teenage daughter--Dating, Braces, Phone Calls, Curfew, Prom, etc. And in the end he ties it all together with love and caring for his daughters, so that I found myself actually crying (not from laughter, as I had with all the previous chapters, but with an outpouring of emotions that I felt about my OWN father.) I cannot recommend this book more highly. You really need to read it even if your daughter (or son!) is not yet in the teen years. It is a wonderful book about families and parenthood.

Having watched the TV show every week with my 13 year old daughter (one time a week we are actually entertained together), I had an idea this would be a funny little book. But I just couldn't stop laughing. My wife would look at me like I was crazy when I read a few passages to her. Made me realize that it's truly for us dads. There is so little in the media that we can identify with as fathers of daughters that this is an oasis of "yes, there are others going through it as well, you're not alone". It helps you to understand it's nothing really personal, just the normal cycle, the way of the world. This is truly a "User's Manual". Hang onto this book during the storm, then pass it on to the next sailor as he comes up the pike. Oops, gotta go pick up my daughter at the mall now, better run....;)

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