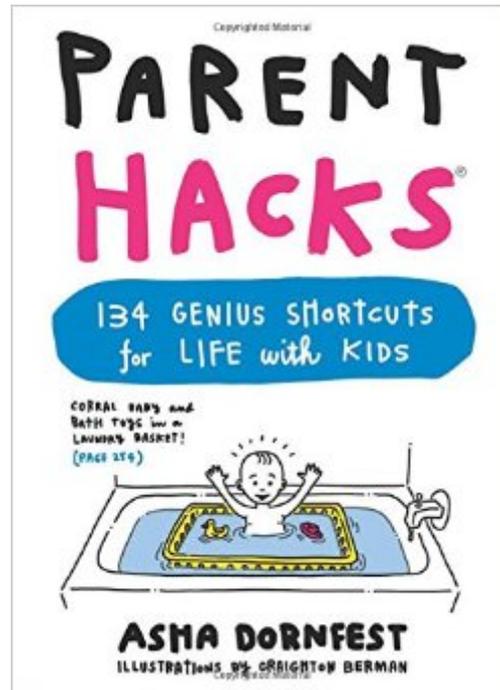


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Parent Hacks: 134 Genius Shortcuts For Life With Kids



Synopsis

Drawing from the award-winning website ParentHacks.com, here are 134 ingenious ideas for simplifying life with kids. A parent hack can be as simple as putting the ketchup under the hot dog, minimizing the mess. Or strapping baby into a forward-facing carrier when you need to trim his fingernails—it frees your hands while controlling the squirming. Or stashing a wallet in a disposable diaper at the beach—who would ever poke through what looks like a used Pampers? On every page, discover easy-to-do, boldly illustrated, unconventional solutions, arranged by category from Pregnancy & Postpartum through Sleep, Eating, Bath Time, Travel, and more.

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I must admit, when the announcement came out that one of my favorite blogs, Parent Hacks, was becoming a book, I wasn't sure how the format would translate. I pre-ordered the book of course but didn't have any particular expectation about it. A blog is almost like one of those tear away calendars - if you check out a given day as it passes, you get a story or bit of information and then move on. A book based on a blog runs the risk of stitching those pages together as a mere repackaging. That is not the case with Parent Hacks. You can read it all the way through, pick it up here and there, and the major surprise is that it is great for kids and adults. My 5 and 7 year old love flipping through and are engaged by the illustrations as well as the ideas. In full disclosure, a few of the ideas are ones I submitted as a member of the Parent Hacks community via twitter, blog comments, and other social media platforms. Another layer here is that Asha Dornfest has managed to be incredibly gracious and give so much credit to her illustrator and the contributors. Even the inside of the cover includes

names of people who submitted hacks or supported the community. She is your curator for these suggestions and that shouldn't be downplayed because she has always embraced, both online and in this book, a spirit of inclusive parenting that is the antithesis of "the mommy wars." Put another way, there are lifestyle and other blogs (not knocking them, they have lovely pictures or suggestions, etc.) that have this tone of prescribing takes on parenting but Parent Hacks is about not only making do with what you have but multitasking your way to easier approaches.

Parent Hacks' web site came into being just as I was embarking on parenting, and I've been fortunate to be in the online conversation for around a decade. When Asha mentioned there being a book-- I didn't know what the experience would be for a reader. I have 10 years of the community's discussion floating around in my head and it seemed like it might be drinking from the firehose to get it all at once. Then Asha asked me to help whittle it down. As we went through the hacks, I sometimes misted up to think of how these hacks played out in my kids' earliest years: I remembered sharpie-ing my cell phone number on the stomach of my toddler as we went to the Georgia Aquarium alone-- with me very pregnant and feeling far less than agile. Great memories built by a community of wonderful, thoughtful people led by a warm genius with a gift for facilitation and writing. There's something about these hacks that bring the reader to find new solutions to troubles that arise around them. This book knocked my socks off. It approaches readers with pragmatic and lovely illustrations. It's like a beautifully made meal dropped delivered by a friend after a sleepless and stress-filled night. It gives you something really useful, but it also lets you know that you're not out there alone. It lets you see that somewhere, someone else has needed to improvise a diaper or clean barf out of their car, or has lost their kid's favorite stuffed animal. It also reminds me, that-- as parents-- we can be a larger team and work to help each other out. I love this book, and plan on sending out copies as baby shower gifts. It's so great that my oldest, now 10, keeps carrying off our copy because he finds it "really funny."

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