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A nationally syndicated columnist with the Rocky Mountain News, Cameron gained national attention with the publication of 8 SIMPLE RULES in hardcover, becoming a regular contributor to Time's "Your Family" column and a featured story on CNN, CBS's The Early Show, and in People magazine. The reason is simple: he expresses something very true in a very funny way, examining just what happens when Daddy's little girl becomes a teenager. Beginning with the warning signs (#5: Your car insurance suddenly costs more than the car), the book covers dating (Rule #2: Keep your hands and eyes off my daughter's body or I will remove them), the telephone (seemingly wired to her nervous system), braces (the costliest metal on earth), the first job, and more. "Cameron's take on the angst felt by every father of a teenage daughter is witty, wise, and excruciatingly on the money" (Charles Shyer, writer and director, Father of the Bride I and II).

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## **From Reader Review 8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter: And other tips from a beleaguered father [not that any of them work] for online ebook**

### **Lauren says**

Absolutely the most hilarious book I've ever read.

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### **Rosie Nguy?n says**

I don't understand. I really don't. What are the techniques of humor that this man uses in his book? Made me burst into laughter. Hum hum hum. I have to work it out.

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### **Wendy says**

I know, I know, I give way too many 5-star reviews, but this book legitimately earned it. I was laughing from beginning to end. If you have a teenager, have had a teenager, if you ever once were a teenager, you can appreciate the comedy in this book, mostly because the finer points of the book are SO TRUE. And sure, they're funny NOW but back then, not so much!

I've started to realize that my father was a saint for putting up with a hormonal teenage girl (me) and my menopausal mother at the same house. How we managed to not blow up the house is beyond me. I've also realized that I took it way too easy on my parents when I was a teenager. I never violated curfew or had raucous parties when they were out of town for the weekend (mostly because...well...they never were out of town for the weekend). My parents never had to lecture me about getting my homework done (nor did I ever ask them for their assistance. I actually wanted to DO WELL in my classes. :P And if you think I'm being harsh on my parents, they'll corroborate that statement. I've seen their HS report cards.) I certainly never dated any of the unwashed miscreants that went to my school, which alleviated most of the issues from this book.

Maybe I need to invent a time machine and go back a decade or so and give it another go and really give my parents a headache or two.

But that would mean I'd have to go back to being a TEENAGER again. I think I'll pass.

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### **Huma Rashid says**

Hilarious and endearing.

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## **Samantha says**

A humorous “survival guide” on what you need to know when raising teenage daughters. This book will definitely make you laugh though it’s probably longer than it needs to be.

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## **Jennifer says**

I'm not even done yet, and it's hilarious! Must read for parents of teenage daughters--

Thankfully my teenage girls aren't this dramatic!!

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## **JG says**

Reading this book was a very emotional experience. I read it a few months into my first year of college, away from home, and it made me miss my dad terribly.

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## **James says**

W. Bruce Cameron's columns have always been a cross between Dave Barry and Erma Bombeck. That is, a tongue in cheek "How can this be happening to me?" attitude, applied to the daily chore of raising teenage girls. His humor or guffaw level is also somewhere in between, that is, his observations are funnier than Erma, but I've never gotten the fall down on the floor belly laughs that Dave can sometimes produce.

I've been reading this guy's net column for years. Since when his kids were kids, and he didn't have a syndicated column yet. In fact, his career could be described as another blogger made good. And like many bloggers, his best stuff is compacted into articles that you can easily read in about 2 minutes. So I was absolutely delighted to find out that he was coming out with a full length book.

The book is kind of a funny how to manual and running commentary on the care and feeding of two teenage daughters and a pre-teen boy. There is the expected chaos, the hormones, the constant state of crisis of the teenager's mind set, the physical changes, and the heart warming helplessness of the formerly protective parent no longer sure of what or how to protect his children.

The story covers details down to bathroom and sleep habits. His observations are always amusing if not always fall down funny. From the kid's perspective, his behavior might actually justify their behavior.

A big part of parenting is learning how to let go. And while my daughter is only one, I can believe having these same conversations and encountering these same situations with her. If Cameron is right, then there is nothing I can do about it, but at least I will be ready for it. It is clear that he loves his daughters, even to the point of lampooning their relationship.

My biggest complaint is that this book contains nothing new. These are all the same themes covered by the articles over the last five or so years. The book is almost like a compilation of his old columns. Like those

Dilbert compilations they put out two or three times a year that collects old strips.

Cameron also includes filler, like he tries to meet his editor's word requirement by adding "cute phrases" like "You are the father" at the end of every chapter. It doesn't really work every chapter.

But if you are looking for some light reading, or have teenage girls, this book will provide welcome relief. Whatever you do, don't judge this book by its TV spin off. It is way way better.

But if you really want the best of Cameron, sign up for the weekly columns.

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### **Brendabacha says**

Well, Bruce is actually my friend. I absolutely adored these stories. He is hysterical and even if you don't have children or remember your own childhood, you will be smiling and nodding along as you read.

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### **Tanay Kumar says**

This is one ebook, you need to get if you are having any difficulty flirting with women. You will get over your approach anxiety and wont feel so shy if you know exactly how to flirt with her.

You learn what to do on a date following step by step instructions. You learn what to say when you walk up to meet her, things that actually are proven to work. This ebook gives real examples of interactions and explains why they work.

So you learn how to walk up, what to say and how to get her attracted to you before you ask her for a date. And then he tells you what to do on the date and how to escalate a woman. Lots of greatbody language advice as well as how to look good even if you are just an average Joe.

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### **Deidre says**

Many people say that you need to purchase the audio book version. Jim and I read this as a travel book on car rides. I was reading out loud so I guess that was just like having the audio book...??? My parents were even in the car for some of it, and it had them chuckling in the back seat from all the memories of my teenage years no doubt. It might be sexist, but as a former teenage girl, I can certainly still laugh at it, as can Jim. We just bought the sequel for our next road trip. :-)

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## **Jay says**

This was really funny, even if parts of it were a little dated (no cell phones yet). My daughter isn't quite to that age yet, but my son has reached teenagehood. It's nice to learn that some of the things I've seen are more a universal condition that I was thinking they were.

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## **Lea says**

I thought this book was very funny and I've read it several times!

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## **Laura says**

My husband and I checked the audiobook out from the library when we went on a road trip. We lasted about halfway through the first cassette (yes, I said cassette), and I just had to turn it off because it was such a load of sexist crap!!!

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## **Keith Feisel says**

Funny! I bought copies for friends of mine who were in the same boat as I: having daughters who were starting to have guys interested in them... My original idea was to not allow my daughter to date until she was 30 years old, but that didn't work when it got right down to it... I know have one daughter married and another engaged. This book will help the father navigate through the rough uncharted waters of this time in his life... (And to do it with grace.)

Here are the eight rules, which ironically only take up a very small portion of the book:

1. if you pull into my driveway and honk, you'd better be delivering a package, b/c you're sure as heck not picking anything up.
2. do not touch my daughter in front of me. You may glance at her as long as you do not peer at anything below her neck...
3. Keep your pants on because no one wants to see your underwear when you come to the door to meet my daughter. (paraphrase)
4. You might have been told that sex w/o utilizing a "barrier method" of some kind will kill you.... when it comes to sex, I am the barrier, and I will kill you.
5. ...the only information I require from you is an indication of when you expect to have my daughter safely back at my house, and the only word I need from you on this subject is "early."
6. ...if you make my daughter cry, I will make you cry.

7. as you are in my hallway waiting for my daughter to appear, and more than an hour goes by, do not sigh or fidget... instead make yourself useful and change the oil in my car.

8. The following places are not appropriate for a date with my daughter: (long list given) then he concludes with: Hockey games are okay.

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