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Guy Delisle knows all the worst parenting techniques

Guy Delisle, the author of *Jerusalem: Chronicles from the Holy City* and *A User's Guide to Neglectful Parenting*, shares hilarious new comic strips that pay tribute to all the ways parents can drive their kids crazy, and vice versa, in *The Owner's Manual to Terrible Parenting*.

Slipping grammar lessons into bedtime stories, being challenged by difficult toys, and pretending to forget you even have a son: it's all in a day's work for Delisle. In *The Owner's Manual*, Delisle doesn't hesitate to make a slightly bumbling, fictionalized version of himself the butt of the joke, though his children often contribute zingy repartee and laugh-out-loud insight in the stories on display here.

The Owner's Manual is the perfect antidote to frustrating car rides filled with "Are we there yet?" and epic battles over homework. Delisle's effortless pacing and witty punch lines reign supreme here, making each vignette zip along to its conclusion.

The Owner's Manual to Terrible Parenting Details

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Marc-André says

Simple et drôle. C'est un cadeau de ma copine qui est enceinte. Certain gags font vraiment mouche, alors que d'autre sont un peu prévisible. Je n'ai pas les deux autres, mais j'ai le goût d'acheter de le premier.

J says

Pretty much all the stuff I do and say in comic form. How could I rank myself illustrated any less than five stars?

Mark Victor Young says

Publishers beware the books that have words like "terrible" in the title. It's just too easy. But really this was just okay. A couple of smiles from some material that looked like it came out of a sketchbook or something. Or maybe old restaurant menus? But it doesn't have the virtuosity of Crumb's similar stuff, so I ask "What's the point?"

Palimp says

Los hijos han crecido, pero las ganas de tomarles el pelo de su padre siguen igual. Anécdotas que demuestran que los padres, a veces, también les hacemos diabluras a los niños.

Sam Quixote says

The Owner's Manual to Terrible Parenting is the third book in Guy Delisle's series of humorous sketches as a "bad" parent after A User's Guide to Neglectful Parenting and Even More Bad Parenting Advice - and unfortunately the schtick is starting to get old. It's still enjoyable, it just feels a little played out at this point.

Like when he throws his butane lighter onto some hot coals to make it explode and stress out his son, or when he teaches his daughter to say "son of a bitch", or when he eats three teaspoons of mustard to impress his son, etc. - it all seems contrived, like he's doing it to get a story for his next Bad Parent book because he's run out of his funniest material.

In one comic his son even calls his dad on it: when Delisle's teasing his son about the moon crashing into the Earth one day, his son says he should write this scene down quickly so he can include it in his next book - which he does!

The Owner's Manual... is definitely not a bad comic, it's still got some cute and enjoyable moments and Delisle's skill as a cartoonist means he can tell a perfectly good story with seemingly minimal effort - not drawing or writing too much in each frame to create some elegant strips. But it also feels like he's scraping the bottom of the barrel for this kind of book and I hope he tries something different, like maybe a long form fiction, instead of continually churning these out every other year.

Chris says

Another great little book in this series. Showcasing the hypocritical (do as I say, not as I do), unintentionally scaring the bejesus out of kids with reality and cynicism, and just general goofiness of parenting. Very very quick read, minimal artwork. Good stuff.

Laura says

Guy has written several of these little short quick cartoons about his life as a stay at home father to his two children. His wife works for Doctors without Borders, which is why his other books are about his travels as the traveling spouse.

Like his two other books about parenting, this is cute and very true to life. In fact, I have felt the same way about plane travel as he does in one story where his son asks him if he is afraid of flying, and he said he was more afraid of something happening if he died alone, then if the whole family died together, and the son says "wait, you want us all to die", not getting it at all.

Cute, quick read. If you have read any of his travel stories from North Korea or Israel, I would highly recommend them, though these are a cute, quick read.

Klaartje says

Echt grappig en herkenbaar. Een aanrader voor elke zichzelf relativerende ouder.

Zioluc says

Brevi bozzetti umoristici e si suppone autobiografici su un papà moderatamente diseducativo. Delisle è simpatico ma non sempre strappa la risata come vorrebbe. Personalmente trovo molto più gusto nel segno grafico di qualche espressione buffa dei bambini che non nelle battute.

Dividerlo in 3 volumi con una vignetta per pagina è chiaramente un espediente spremisoldi da disprezzare.

readage 📚?? says

Not hilarious by any means but just cute enough

Mohammad Al-bahar says

A hilarious parenting book, that is honest and funny at the same time, it shed light on how to deal with children in a positive and a humorous manner

David Schaafsma says

This has a similar title to what I think is DeLisle's somewhat more successful A User's Guide to Neglectful Parenting. DeLisle does books that explore different cultures--China, Korea, others, but I am guessing the first parenting book might have proved to be his most successful, building on his snarky sense of humor and a more popular topic than Korea. This is essentially UGNP volume two, and is more carefully developed, a series of strips, and maybe better artistically, more polished, whereas the first one seemed fresher, more spur of the moment, just more surprising, and funnier. But I am guessing if you are a parent, and maybe particularly a father, as I am, you will still like this stuff. I really do. He's funny and is clearly a great parent, in a hilariously "bad" way.

Serena says

I picked up this graphic novel thinking the simplistic comics might provide a few laughs for someone who works with kids all day. It started strong with a funny bit on teaching grammar in the middle of an exciting passage from Harry Potter, and quickly went downhill from there. I should have picked this up from the name but a lot of the comics actually ARE about terrible parenting, which is not a bit funny to me. Happily, the whole things only took about 30 minutes to read, and my partner, who was reading over my shoulder, was able to finish a whole book for the first time in a while. :)

Clodjee says

Le guide du mauvais père 3 c'est du pareil au même, très similaire aux deux premiers volumes. Mais comme on en redemande toujours chaque nouveau volume est le bienvenue. Cette fois il s'agit de dix-neuf petites histoires d'une dizaine de pages (6 à 18 pages) où un père un peu égoïste et amoral abuse psychologiquement ses enfants de son humour tordu, parfois sans vraiment sans rendre compte.

Comme je l'ai déjà dit pour les deux premiers volumes, c'est un petit bijou fort amusant mais trop bref, car à deux illustrations par pages ça se lit très rapidement. C'est donc une BD légère qui offre une lecture agréable et amusante. Parfait pour l'autobus ou la salle d'attente.

Voir mon commentaire complet sur <http://clodjee.blogspot.ca/2015/07/le...>

Melodie1974 says

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Toujours aussi rigolo, mais un peu moins "effet nouveauté" que le tome 1. J'adore Delisle alors je lirai tous les autres quand même.
