

Natural Childbirth Bradley Way Revised

Covers issues that more than 150,000 attendees of the nation's largest fatherhood program, Boot Camp for New Dads®, have found important, including tips for work/life balance, finances, getting hands-on with your baby, what's going on with the new mom in your life, what men bring to raising children, what raising children does for men and more.

This handbook succinctly describes over 500 common errors made by nurses and offers practical, easy-to-remember tips for avoiding these errors. Coverage includes the entire scope of nursing practice—administration, medications, process of care, behavioral and psychiatric, cardiology, critical care, endocrine, gastroenterology and nutrition, hematology-oncology, infectious diseases, nephrology, neurology, pulmonary, preoperative, operative, and postoperative care, emergency nursing, obstetrics and gynecology, and pediatric nursing. The book can easily be read immediately before the start of a rotation or used for quick reference. Each error is described in a quick-reading one-page entry that includes a brief clinical scenario and tips on how to avoid or resolve the problem. Illustrations are included where appropriate. Offers accounts from women who gave birth without medication, and provides information on different natural birthing methods as well as insight into the joys and concerns of the practice. For more than twenty-five years, *Mothering* magazine has captured an audience of educated women who appreciate its "we'll inform, you choose" approach to parenting. *Having a Baby, Naturally* reflects this spirit with straightforward, uncensored information about pregnancy and childbirth, addressing common concerns and questions in a compassionate, nonjudgmental style. Written by Peggy O'Mara, the longtime publisher, editor, and owner of *Mothering* magazine, it synthesizes the best theories and safest practices used in natural childbirth, including recommendations from the World Health Organization, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Throughout, O'Mara reinforces her belief that each woman's pregnancy and birth experience is a one-of-a-kind event. She covers such topics as: Nutrition, diet, and exercise Emotional self-awareness during and after pregnancy A trimester-by-trimester guide to what is happening in your body and your child's Birth choices -- offering suggestions, not "rules" Pain medication alternatives Birth locations, from hospitals to home birth Relieving morning sickness with natural remedies Prenatal testing Breastfeeding Prematurity and multiple births Balancing work and family The father's role during pregnancy and beyond Difficult subjects, such as birth defects, miscarriages, and postpartum depression, are also treated with sensitivity and candor. Finally, a book for the thinking woman who believes in her own inherent capacity to make smart, informed decisions about her pregnancy and birth, just as she makes in other areas of her life. *Having a Baby, Naturally* is a celebration of childbirth and an accurate and objective guide to helping women fortify their spirits, develop trust in their bodies, and make the best possible choices to protect their new baby's health.

My Sociology reconceptualizes intro sociology for the changing demographics in today's higher education environment. Concise and student-focused, *My Sociology* captures students' attention with engaging stories and a focus on non-dominant populations. Rather than introducing students to theory and history at the beginning of the text, the book integrates the necessary information throughout to keep students engaged.

Baby Designed by God pulls the blinders off and informs any parent who dares to know the truth about natural, God-given methods of pregnancy, birthing and raising healthy children. *Baby Designed by God* is a book that will empower and enlighten mothers and fathers from all backgrounds and belief systems that our bodies were wonderfully and magnificently made and have the ability to heal and be whole from the inside-out. Through revealing and dramatic birth stories that are intertwined throughout the book, including both of Dr. Amanda's homebirths, it will increase the reader's knowledge, perspective and faith on the subject of hospital and home

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birthing options, raising drug-free children and natural pregnancy.

This benchmark collection of cross-cultural essays on reproduction and childbirth extends and enriches the work of Brigitte Jordan, who helped generate and define the field of the anthropology of birth. The authors' focus on authoritative knowledge—the knowledge that counts, on the basis of which decisions are made and actions taken—highlights the vast differences between birthing systems that give authority of knowing to women and their communities and those that invest it in experts and machines. *Childbirth and Authoritative Knowledge* offers first-hand ethnographic research conducted by anthropologists in sixteen different societies and cultures and includes the interdisciplinary perspectives of a social psychologist, a sociologist, an epidemiologist, a staff member of the World Health Organization, and a community midwife. Exciting directions for further research as well as pressing needs for policy guidance emerge from these illuminating explorations of authoritative knowledge about birth. This book is certain to follow Jordan's *Birth in Four Cultures* as the definitive volume in a rapidly expanding field.

HypnoBirthing is a celebration of life - through mindfully embracing a natural delivery you can discover a closer connection with your unborn baby. Birth can be joyful if you have confidence in yourself and your instincts. Marie Mongan shows you how to take control of one of the most important events of your life. Pain does not have to be the accompaniment to birth. The fear of pain can keep the body tense and closed, but *HypnoBirthing* will help you to let go of this fear. Once you have learnt how your body works, you can apply relaxation techniques to work with your body rather than against it. These simple methods for relaxing the mind during birth will provide you with the skills to make birth feel safe, calm and empowering. Using the *HypnoBirthing* method will lead to a happy and comfortable pregnancy and provide a life-changing experience for the new family. Embracing *HypnoBirthing* helps to shorten birthing and recovery time. Better and earlier bonding with the baby helps babies sleep better and feed more easily in their first weeks.

The engaging and eye-opening story of how we and our ancestors entered the world. Through the frigid, blurry January weeks after George was born, I found myself suddenly housebound with time to ruminate - though not time to cook or take a shower. When George was peaceful, my mind returned to that nagging question: why is birth so hit and miss after all this time? I needed to put into perspective my own experience. I needed to know what other women, in other cultures, in other times had done. *Birth* is a book that will open the eyes of even the most informed experts on the subject. Cassidy looks at every aspect of childbirth - from fathers and mothers to doctors and widwives across the centuries - with admirable objectivity in a work that is utterly gripping, occasionally shocking and essential reading for the human race.

Based on a survey of two thousand women and responses from readers of the first and second editions, this complete and accurate guide enables women and their partners to take control of the childbirth experience. Diana Korte and Roberta M. Scaer, both long-time La Leche leaders, analyze today's childbirth options and help readers to choose among them – to find "Dr. Right" (or a midwife), and perhaps a labor assistant, too, and to pick a hospital, birthing center, or home birth. They describe the pros and cons of medications, fetal monitoring, induction of labor, and other medical interventions during birth, and they tell readers how to avoid an unnecessary cesarean section and ensure that all their wishes are followed. In chapters such as "If You Don't Know Your Options, You Don't Have Any," "The Obstetricians Black Bag of Interventions," and "How to Have a Normal Vaginal Birth (and Avoid an Unnecessary Cesarean)", Korte and Scaer are refreshingly frank but never dogmatic; they want their readers to decide for themselves what's best for them.

This book provides a comprehensive approach to treating perinatal and postpartum

depression. It brings together the evidence-base for understanding the causes and assessing the treatment options, including those that can be used while breastfeeding. Inleidend studieboek op hbo-niveau.

Nurturing Massage for Pregnancy is one of the most comprehensive books available for massage students and licensed massage therapists who treat pregnant, laboring, and postpartum clients. The author is a highly skilled perinatal massage instructor who is also a registered nurse, childbirth educator, and doula. Written in clear and direct language, this useful guide offers step by step instructions for hundreds of techniques useful during the pregnancy, labor, and postpartum periods, including general techniques and those specific to common complaints. While focused on general Swedish massage, the book also integrates myofascial release, lymphatic drainage, acupressure, and reflexology, as well as complementary bodywork methodologies such as the use of breath and visualizations, stretches, hydrotherapy, and aromatherapy. Contraindications and precautions are examined thoroughly, health intakes forms are discussed with sample forms pictured, and case studies help highlight concerns and considerations. Video clips are available online for viewing specific technique demonstrations.

The classic guide to an unmedicated childbirth, fully revised for the twenty-first century—with updated information and attractive new illustrations and photos throughout. For women birthing vaginally, 90% of Bradley births are drug-free! The Bradley Method®, used and praised by women for almost seventy years, prepares you for drug and surgery-free childbirth and puts you in control by providing the tools to navigate evidence-based care. Certified childbirth educator Susan McCutcheon, one of Dr. Bradley's first students, now makes this natural approach to childbirth more accessible than ever. You will learn:

- Exercises and nutrition to get your body ready for birthing
- To defuse fear by understanding all aspects of laboring
- How to involve your partner as a birth coach and a fully engaged participant
- What's driving the induction epidemic and how to avoid an unnecessary induction
- What's driving the cesarean surgery epidemic and how to reduce your risk
- How to get the information you need to make informed decisions about your birth

"The Bradley Method's simple objective, through relaxation, breathing, and visualization, is a birth free of the interventions frequently offered to women in the different stages of childbirth: fetal monitors, drug-induced labor, anesthesia, episiotomy, and Caesarean section. (Its) other defining feature, the husband's active participation in the delivery, is critical to this overall goal of an intervention-free birth."—Mothering

Mosby's Dictionary of Medicine, Nursing & Health Professions has been acclaimed by students and educators for its clarity, comprehensiveness and currency. Now in its third revised edition, a thorough revision of this definitive reference for the Australian and New Zealand region enhances the classic Mosby Dictionary features and offers all of the following:

- Over 39 000 clear, precise entries, plus encyclopaedic entries of significant terms
- Over 2000 high quality images and the apt use of tables to demonstrate and clarify
- More than 30 medical and health specialties represented
- A detailed colour atlas of anatomy, enhancing the comprehension of anatomical terms
- Local spelling conventions and phonetic pronunciation guides throughout
- Fully revised etymologies
- Comprehensive entries for numerous drugs
- Valuable appendices, including normal laboratory values for adults and children, units of measurement,

nutrition guidelines, assessment guides, immunisation schedules, infection control and herb-drug interactions ONLINE FEATURES: Access to all online resources

Regionalised spellchecker Printable colour atlas of human anatomy Image collection offers all images for online viewing 5 comprehensive appendices

Intimate and intensely personal, the forty-five first-person narratives contained in *Real Birth: Women Share Their Stories* offer readers a window into the complex and emotionally exciting experience of childbirth. Women from a full range of socioeconomic backgrounds and circumstances recount the childbirth choices they've made and the ways those choices have played themselves out in the real life contexts of their everyday lives. Readers meet women from all over the country who speak to us directly—no interviewer intrudes, no judgments intrude, and no single method of childbirth is advocated. Instead, these women offer us their candid experiences, presented clearly and unflinchingly. Medically reviewed by physicians Dr. Richard Randolph for the first edition and Dr. Deborah Morris for this second edition, *Real Birth* offers readers a plethora of correct information as well the kind of real scoop that other books and health care professionals are often reluctant to reveal. The result is a well-grounded book that reaches across the boundaries of childbirth literature. *Real Birth* is introduced by Ariel Gore, journalist, editor, writer, and founding editor/publisher of *Hip Mama*, an Alternative Press Award-winning publication about the culture of motherhood. Also included are an extensive glossary of medical terms, a thoroughly researched selective bibliography, and a list of resources of interest to pregnant women and new moms.

As women continue to bear children, all parents should ask the following question: how can a woman fulfill her unique responsibility as mother to her child when prevailing parenting practices deny the importance of breastfeeding and maternal care? Dr. Kawasaki, a pediatrician and stay-at-home mother of two, offers compelling reasons for parents to think seriously about the unique role women play in their children's lives, particularly in early childhood. She argues that the priceless benefits of breastfeeding and hands-on maternal care help to ensure the optimal growth and development of children. "This is exactly the book that needed to be written—now—when the folly of day care is beginning to be seen, even by those who most strongly advocated it. As more and more people are able to reject a lifestyle based on the values of consumerism: envy, selfishness and greed, this book will be a beacon back to values that matter." Elliott T. Barker, M.D., D. Psych., FRCP(C) President, Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

The increased attention currently being paid to women's reproductive health issues has produced a corresponding interest in the role that communication plays in promoting better health care. Groundbreaking and comprehensive, this book is the first systematic examination of the major types and forms of messages about women's reproductive health - medical, social scientific and public - and the degree to which these messages compare with and contradict each other. Within the broad framework of communication, a range of women's health issues are examined in this book from political, historical, technological and feminist perspectives. The issues examined include: abortion; infertility; drug and alcohol use in pregnancy; childbirth; AIDS; menst

A revised and updated guide to the Bradley Method of natural childbirth utilizes the teamwork approach to help fathers work with mothers to provide a joyful

birthing experience that eliminates drugs, shortens labor, lessens complications, and promotes healthy newborns with a blend of prenatal exercise, nutrition, and psychological preparation. Original. 27,500 first printing.

Reassuring guide for expectant mothers to wide range of pain control options.

Are You an Impatient Woman's Wanting to Get Pregnant? I'll show you how I got pregnant NATURALLY at 44!!! Stop Spending Money on Expensive Procedures and Learn 20 Simple Natural Birth Tips Learn Powerful Natural Fertility and Childbirth Techniques: How to Find the Right Man to Be Your Baby Daddy.How to Stop Stressing and Get the Results You Want.How to Surrender and Let Nature Take its Course.How to Find the Right Place to Deliver Your Baby.How to Have a Healthy Pregnancy.How to Create a Strong, Healthy Child.How to Deliver a Healthy Alert Baby.How to Create a Serene Environment for Birth.How to Find Your Inner Feminine Power.How to Create the Mindset You Need to Deliver Naturally.How to Find the Right Midwife.How to Find a Great Doula.How to Feed a New Baby.How to Avoid Post Partum Depression.How to Have Excellent Milk Production.How to Navigate the New Waters of Motherhood.How to Find Support When You Have No Family Nearby.How to Gather Supplies Needed for a New Baby.How to Keep Positive During Your Pregnancy.How to Recover from a Natural Birth.You can have the family you've always wanted! The first book of a 3-part Series of New Motherhood for Women Nearing or Over 40. If you are trying to conceive naturally and considering natural childbirth either in the hospital or the Bradley way, if you are pregnant for the first time over 40, a first-time new mother, and want information about home birth, water birth, supplies, conception tips, this is an excellent pregnancy gift or book on pregnancy and delivery for a new first-time mother. 45 and PREGNANT is a 3-part journey that starts with an unexpected middle-aged pregnancy followed by a woman's decision to have a home water birth with no drugs, and wraps up with what transpired beyond the delivery. Beginning with a serendipitous love story that led to the sudden pregnancy, Liz Angeles ventures from terror to triumph and provides a plethora of information for anyone considering a natural birth. Her comical memoir spanning a 5-year period includes many healthy pregnancy options and natural parenting tips. Her revealing details and personal choices promise to educate, entertain and inspire.

Punk, politics, and parenting: a guide for moms (and dads) who want it all.

Scholars from diverse disciplines explore the nature of intuition and its practical place in the social, behavioural and physical sciences.

Spiritualiteit rondom zwangerschap, bevalling en de eerste weken.

Zwangerschap is een tijd van lichamelijk en spiritueel ontwaken, en het is belangrijk om daar bewust mee om te gaan. Door naar de wijsheid van het eigen lichaam te luisteren wordt moeder en kind rust, evenwicht en geluk gegeven. Door de intuïtieve band met de baby te versterken krijgt het de best mogelijke start. Met o.a. tips voor het stimuleren van de zintuigen van het ongeboren kind, het verminderen van stress van moeder en kind, voeding, massage, visualisatie

en meditatie.

Pregnancy is filled with many joys and much wonder. But this miraculous journey can also be accompanied by a good deal of fear and anxiety. Will my pregnancy be difficult? Will my labor be painful? Will I be a good mother? While Hypnosis for a Joyful Pregnancy and Pain-Free Labor and Delivery will not be able to provide answers to all of the unknowns, this unique and innovative book can teach you how to lessen the common complaints of pregnancy and ease the pain of childbirth. Step-by-step, you will learn how to use hypnosis to induce a state of calm and comfort during any stage of the journey. Hypnosis is a natural form of anesthesia, providing the added bonus is that you may get to fully experience the joy of childbirth, without the use of an epidural or narcotics. Discover: -Are you a good candidate for hypnosis...will it work for you? -Creative scripts for inducing a hypnotic state. -How to put together a birthing team, including finding a qualified hypnotherapist. -Tricks to treating morning sickness, heartburn, excessive weight gain, insomnia, leg cramps, and other discomforts of pregnancy. -When things don't go as planned; what to do if anesthesia is necessary. Isn't it time you learned about all of your options? Hypnosis for a Joyful Pregnancy and Pain-Free Labor and Delivery arms you with what you need to know to make the best decision for you and your unborn baby.

A practical, expansive guide to natural parenting features plentiful advice and instruction on how to raise intelligent, welladjusted children the natural way. Original.

HypnoBirthing® has gained momentum around the globe as a positive and empowering method of childbirth. In fact, more than 25,000 books were sold in 2014 through the author's website alone, and according to Nielsen BookScan, over 70,000 were sold through reporting retailers since its publication in 2005. Here's why: HypnoBirthing helps women to become empowered by developing an awareness of the instinctive birthing capability of their bodies. It greatly reduces the pain of labor and childbirth; frequently eliminates the need for drugs; reduces the need for caesarian surgery or other doctor-controlled birth interventions; and it also shortens birthing and recovery time, allowing for better and earlier bonding with the baby, which has been proven to be vital to the mother-child bond. What's more, parents report that their infants sleep better and feed more easily when they haven't experienced birth trauma. HypnoBirthing founder Marie Mongan knows from her own four births that it is not necessary for childbirth to be a terribly painful experience. In this book she shows women how the Mongan Method works and how parents they can take control of the greatest and most important event of their lives. So, why is birth such a traumatic event for so many women? And why do more than 40% of births now end in caesarian section, the highest percentage in history? The answer is simple: because our culture teaches women to fear birth as a painful and unsettling experience. Fear causes three physical reactions in the body—tightening of the muscles, reduced blood flow to the birthing muscles, and the release of certain hormones—which

increase the pain and discomfort of childbirth. This is not hocus-pocus; this is science.

Thoughtful planning so mom and her supporters are ready when the baby is! A midwife helps expecting mothers decide how natural they want their labor to be, what birthing methods are available, and the type of professional they want present. It helps women weigh factors, prepare mentally, make important decisions, and plan ahead for successful delivery and beyond. ?Only book covering the spectrum of natural birthing methods, and has a medical authority's vetting ?Expert author is a certified professional midwife and certified hypno-birthing childbirth educator ?Covers all aspects of natural birthing, from planning before women become pregnant through breastfeeding

Using fathers' first-hand accounts from letters, journals, and personal interviews along with hospital records and medical literature, Judith Walzer Leavitt offers a new perspective on the changing role of expectant fathers from the 1940s to the 1980s. She shows how, as men moved first from the hospital waiting room to the labor room in the 1960s, and then on to the delivery and birthing rooms in the 1970s and 1980s, they became progressively more involved in the birth experience and their influence over events expanded. With careful attention to power and privilege, Leavitt charts not only the increasing involvement of fathers, but also medical inequalities, the impact of race and class, and the evolution of hospital policies. Illustrated with more than seventy images from TV, films, and magazines, this book provides important new insights into childbirth in modern America, even as it reminds readers of their own experiences.

The long-awaited revised edition! It's no secret that breastfeeding is the normal, healthy way to nourish and nurture your baby. Dedicated to supporting nursing and expectant mothers, the internationally respected La Leche League has set the standard for educating and empowering mothers in this natural art for generations. Now their classic bestselling guide has been retooled, refocused, and updated for today's mothers and lifestyles. Working mothers, stay-at-home moms, single moms, and mothers of multiples will all benefit from the book's range of nursing advice, stories, and information—from preparing for breastfeeding during pregnancy to feeding cues, from nursing positions to expressing and storing breast milk. With all-new photos and illustrations, this ultimate support bible offers • real-mom wisdom on breastfeeding comfortably—from avoiding sore nipples to simply enjoying the amazing bonding experience • new insights into old approaches toward latching and attaching, ages and stages, and answers to the most-asked questions • strategies for moms who choose to breastfeed for a short time or who plan to nurse for a year or more • reassuring information on nursing after a C-section or delivery complications • recent scientific data that highlight the many lifelong health benefits of breastfeeding • helpful tips for building your support network—at home or when back at work • nursing special-needs infants, premies, multiples, and how to thrive no matter what curveball life throws • guidance on breast health issues, weight gain, day care, colic, postpartum depression, food allergies, and medications Plus—Internet references for further information, including La Leche League support sites and groups. Mothers bringing babies into a new world want sustainable, healthy, positive ways to help their children blossom and thrive. There is no better beginning for your baby than the womanly art of breastfeeding.

The New York Times best seller, trusted by millions of dads-to-be—completely revised and updated! The Expectant Father is the best-selling pregnancy guide for men, with more than 1.5 million copies sold. This reassuring month-by-month overview gives you the tools you need to support your partner, prepare for your baby's arrival, and take care of yourself during this exciting time. It concludes with two special sections: one on labor and delivery, guiding you through the big day; and the other on what comes next, covering the first few months after the baby's arrival. This new edition of The Expectant Father is updated from cover to cover with the latest information on fertility options, delivery options, navigating pregnancy in a

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post-COVID-19 world—and much more. It incorporates the expertise of leading OB-GYNs and researchers, and the real-life experience of hundreds of dads and moms. Illustrated throughout with stress-relieving cartoons, *The Expectant Father* is a friendly and readable companion for dads-to-be seeking confidence, guidance, and joy. (Moms will love it, too!)

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This comprehensive, indexed volume includes short, one-page listings of pertinent facts about a particular movement, its founder, how it claims to work, scientific evaluations done, and its potential dangers. Some topics covered are angels, visualization, shamanism, hypnosis, new age medicine and martial arts.

In this book, we have hand-picked the most sophisticated, unanticipated, absorbing (if not at times crackpot!), original and musing book reviews of "Natural Childbirth the Bradley Way: Revised Edition." Don't say we didn't warn you: these reviews are known to shock with their unconventionality or intimacy. Some may be startled by their biting sincerity; others may be spellbound by their unbridled flights of fantasy. Don't buy this book if: 1. You don't have nerves of steel. 2. You expect to get pregnant in the next five minutes. 3. You've heard it all.

Designed to meet the needs of today's students, *Lowdermilk's Maternity Nursing, 8th Edition — Revised Reprint* addresses the fundamentals of maternity nursing with a concise, focused presentation of the care of women during the childbearing years. Integrating considerations for family, culture, and health promotion into the continuum of care, it also addresses community-based care to emphasize that nursing care takes place in many settings. *Maternity Nursing* focuses on childbearing issues and concerns, including care of the newborn, as well as wellness promotion and management of common women's health problems. Critical thinking exercises present case studies of real-life situations and corresponding critical thinking questions to help you develop your analytical skills. NEW! A helpful appendix identifies text content that reflects the QSEN competencies — patient-centered care, teamwork and collaboration, evidence-based practice, quality improvement, safety, and informatics — to assist you in developing competencies to provide safe and effective nursing care. NEW! Focus on the family recognizes the nurse's need to integrate the family in the care of the mother and newborn and the importance of the role of the mother to the wellbeing of the family. NEW! Content updates throughout, including information on the late preterm infant and associated concerns such as feeding; guidelines on prioritization and delegation where relevant; and centering pregnancy, a new model of health care that brings women together in groups for their care. NEW! Evidence-based practice content focuses your attention on how to use current research to improve patient outcomes. NEW! Improved readability helps you learn more efficiently with shorter, more focused content discussions. NEW! 21st Century Maternity Nursing: Culturally Competent, Community Focused chapter combines introductory material, culture, and community into one chapter to help you focus on key content and concepts. NEW! Streamlined content highlights the most essential, need-to-know information.

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"This is truly a major contribution — brilliant, beguiling, and as broad in concept as it is deep." — Jean Houston, PhD, author of *The Possible Human* Thomas Armstrong, Ph.D., an award-winning educator and expert on human development, offers a cross-cultural view of life's entire journey, from before birth to death to the possibilities of an afterlife. Dr. Armstrong cites both clinical research and anecdotal evidence in a comprehensive view of the challenges and opportunities we face at every stage of our development. His accessible narrative incorporates elements of history, literature, psychology, spirituality, and science in a fascinating guide to understanding our past as well as our future. "I loved the tone, the pacing, the sense of audience, and especially the richness of the associations . . . It's a book that one would like to keep around — a guidebook even." — John Kotre Ph.D., co-author of *Seasons of Life: The Dramatic Journey from Birth to Death* "The Human Odyssey is superb, magnificent, astonishing, unique, engrossing, eminently readable, informative, enjoyable, entertaining, profound. What else? I could go on. I hadn't expected anything like so remarkable a book." — Joseph Chilton Pearce, author of *The Crack in the Cosmic Egg* and *Magical Child* "I have read through *The Human Odyssey*. It is in many ways impressive. I also think that it has great commercial potential. Many people will find attractive your dual focus on the scientific and the soul/spiritual dimensions." — Howard Gardner, Ph.D., The John H. and Elizabeth A. Hobbs Professor in Cognition and Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, author of *Frames of Mind* "I extend my congratulations to you for this monumental undertaking and wish you the very best for your impressive efforts." — Marian Diamond, Ph.D. Professor, Department of Integrative Biology, University of California, Berkeley; co-author of *Magic Trees of the Mind*; pioneer researcher into the effect of the environment on brain development; dissected Einstein's brain "I very much enjoyed *The Human Odyssey*. Your breadth of sources is remarkable, and you have put them all together in a smooth and integrative way. I think it will be informative for people, and also inspiring for them to make their stages of life more meaningful. Overall, this is an impressive tour de force." — Arthur Hastings, Ph.D., Professor and Director, William James Center for Consciousness Studies, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology; Past President, Association of Transpersonal Psychology "Extraordinary. I hope that it is read by many people." — Laura Huxley, widow of Aldous Huxley, founder

of Children: Our Ultimate Investment, and author of This Timeless Moment, and The Child of Your Dreams "A wonderful and encyclopedic summary of human development." — Allan B. Chinen, M.D., Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of California, San Francisco; author of Once Upon a Mid-Life: Classic Stories and Mythic Tales to Illuminate the Middle Years and In the Ever After: Fairy Tales and the Second Half of Life "Absolutely remarkable. The Human Odyssey is written with lively scholarship and contains great depth and breadth, a wide range of fascinating materials, and many useful resources. It's a kind of 'everything book.'" — George Leonard, "the granddaddy of the consciousness movement" (Newsweek) and author of The Transformation and The Ultimate Athlete "The Human Odyssey provides readers with a fresh approach to developmental psychology. Dr. Armstrong has included a spiritual dimension of human growth that is lacking from most accounts but which is essential for a complete understanding of the human condition. It is a splendid, brilliant work." — Stanley Krippner, Ph.D., former president of the Association for Humanistic Psychology, author of Personal Mythology: The Psychology of Your Evolving Self, and co-editor of The Psychological Impact of War Trauma on Civilians: An International Perspective "An integral approach to human development, from birth to death, that provides practical information for all who see spirit interpenetrating all of life." — Michael Murphy, co-founder of the Esalen Institute and author of The Future of the Body, The Life We Are Given, and God and the Evolving Universe "This is a thoroughly researched and beautifully written account of the story of human development. Drawing on the most recent scientific studies, as well as literature and films, mythology and major spiritual traditions, Armstrong shows the way to a truly integrated understanding of the complexities of the human life cycle." — Ralph Metzner, Ph.D., author of Maps of Consciousness and The Unfolding Self, co-author (with Timothy Leary and Richard Alpert) of The Psychedelic Experience, which was the inspiration for the Beatles' song "Tomorrow Never Knows" "I loved this book. What a vast terrain it covers! I enjoyed the way it wove into each developmental stage a rich array of materials from Greek myths, Martin Buber, psychology, rituals, spirituality, and so many wonderful stories. As people read this book, they will be much more aware of the different stages of life and how they impact all of us personally and collectively." — Barbara Findeisen, President, The Association for Pre- & Perinatal Psychology and Health and creator of the documentary film, The Journey to Be Born, featured on Oprah - "I'm awestruck! This looks like the most important book of the century." — Jan Hunt, author of The Natural Child: Parenting from the Heart; member of the board of directors of the Canadian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children "The Human Odyssey is just that: a tour de force by one of the leading experts in whole person development. I've never before seen such a comprehensive and readable work on the many stages that we humans go through on our journey through this life." — John W. Travis, M.D., founder of the first wellness center in the United States in 1975, co-author of Wellness Workbook, and co-founder of Alliance for Transforming the Lives of Children. - "Thomas Armstrong's The Human Odyssey is an extraordinary book; an intellectual feast. Armstrong has amassed and integrated an amazing amount of information from developmental and transpersonal psychology, modern consciousness research, biology, anthropology, mythology, and art, and created an extraordinary guide through all the stages of the adventure of human life. While the rich content of this book will impress professional audiences, it's

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