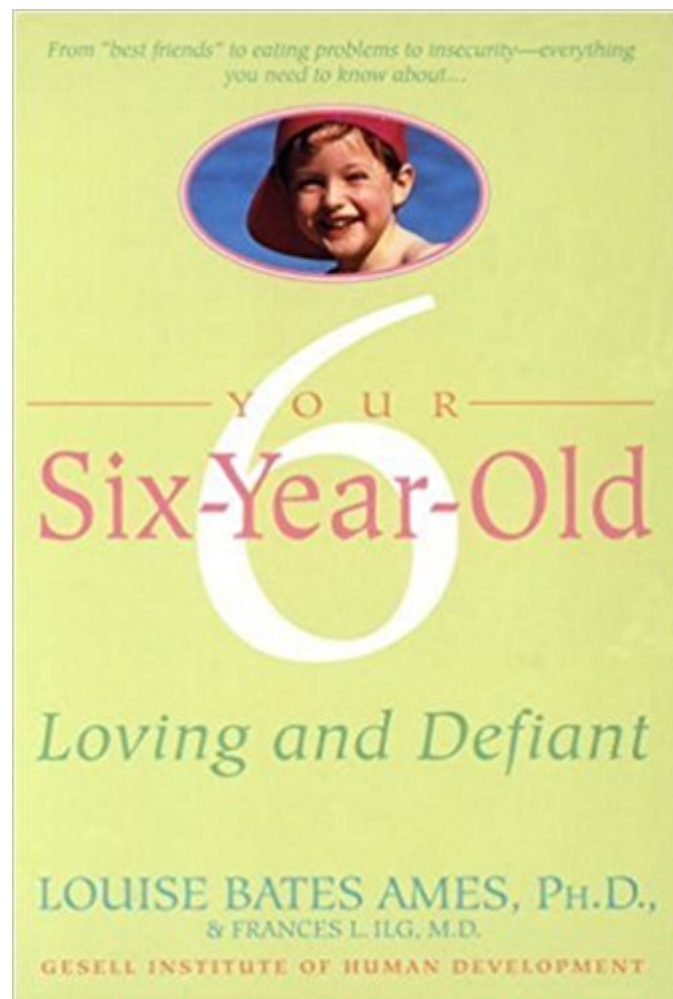




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Your Six-Year-Old: Loving And Defiant



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Some criticize these books for being out of date, but I feel the opposite--they remind me of what used to be expected of children (for decades, if not centuries) before we got crazed about testing them in kindergarten, overscheduling them and pushing them to excel at such a young age. These books help me understand my child and keep my expectations reasonable, but also give strategies for dealing with the idiosyncrasies of each age. I think they have helped our relationship thrive. My child is top of his class and a favorite of teachers, no discipline problems at all, and I think that these books have helped a lot.

in my opinion, this book is very informative. It does not necessarily have the answers as to how to correct their behavior per say, but it gives you the understanding of the six year old mind, and why they think how they do. It is up to the parent to take this information and analyze your own environment. This book gave me the ability to have a little more patience during a defiant episode, and figure out different ways to remedy situations. My son has his moments, but there is no more locking himself in rooms. Parenting definitely has its trying moments, but this age is a critical step stone for their future.

This series of books were my sanity saving go to when I was raising my two beautiful daughters in the 70's. I have recommended them to my daughter as she raises her 3 and 6 year old boys. She has found them equally informative and sanity preserving. Just when you think you can't take another minute of your child's behavior or you will lose your mind, an evening reading the appropriate age related volume will help put things in perspective. It is very reassuring to know your

child is normal and you are not crazy. I particularly appreciated their advocacy for both child and parent with little to no judgement or criticism but rather support and respect for both. Seeing things from a child's point of view was sometimes heartbreaking but made finding solutions so much easier.

Although this book is now a little dated, the information about child development is mostly current and parenting suggestions are useful. It is a concise book (essential for busy parents) and most importantly, normalises so many of the challenging aspects of parenting a 6 year old. Fabulous for enhancing a parent (or teacher)'s empathy for their charges. It also leads me to question (yet again) what our society and education system is doing in pressing early academic pressure on our kids.

If you're looking to understand WHAT you're 6 year old (or any age, for that matter, as there's 1 for each age) these series are perfect. They are small and a quick read for busy Moms and broken into chapters that summarize different parts about them. I really love how the author is not cut and dry- this is how kids should be- like some of the other "Mom for Dummies" books. She is open to every child being different but highlights characteristics that many kids have and what's probably going on in their mind, at the time. Has this book made me a better Mom.... hmmm, not sure but I feel like I have a better understanding of my child, which I guess makes me much more patient. :-)

6 is a challenging age. I ordered this book after our early child education teacher at our Waldorf school recommended it. I was struggling understanding why my child was changing so much in such a short time. This book nailed it. I understand better now, that these are normal progressions of childhood.

Good

An easy ready with some great key points on what it is to be a 6-year-old...and the PARENT of a 6-year-old. This helped put my mind at ease on some behavioral concern; definitely worth the time and expense.

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