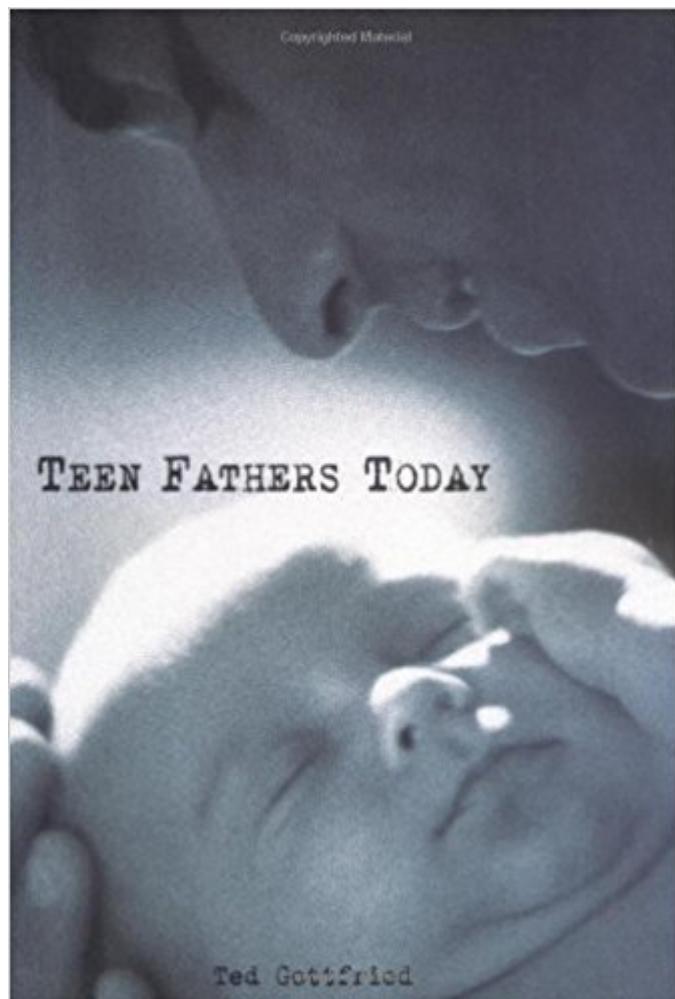


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# Teen Fathers Today



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Gr 8 Up-Many accounts of teens, sex, and consequences seem to focus mainly on the young woman, leaving young men in the cold as far as finding out the facts. Gottfried focuses on teen fathers in America and their role in the child-rearing process. He brings to the table the myths associated with teen fatherhood and then explains realities, bringing in the emotions of those involved. The book offers real-life stories that complement the discussions and gives practical information such as how to accept the fact of becoming a dad, dealing with the reactions of parents, realities of pregnancy and birth, and taking responsibility for one's baby. It also talks about day-to-day life with the child and the mother, and the struggles that can be encountered on all ends. The author discusses frankly the harsh realities of teen fatherhood and the burdens it presents for the future, both in terms of getting an education and the financial implications. This title duplicates much of the material in Gail B. Stewart's *Teen Fathers* (Lucent, 1997) and Margi Trapani's *Reality Check: Teenage Fathers Speak Out* (Rosen, 1999) but it is a worthy purchase where there is a need for more titles on the topic. Nicole M. Marcuccilli, Glenview Public Library, IL  
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A very good book. Which needs to be present to ALL teen dads.

I purchased this book for a teen student of mine who will soon be a father. Here's what he had to say: The book *Teen Fathers Today*, gives you some information about being a teen father. It gives real life situations of teen mothers and teen fathers. I liked how they gave some sort of info that helps you raise a child. I am a seventeen year old and about to have a baby in five months. I read the book because my teacher thought it might help me out a little. The book really did. It explains the role that the dad has on the baby's life. What I liked about the book is it covered some helpful topics like caring for a baby and financial issues. It also made me think of how good a father I could be to my offspring. I didn't like the way it talked about unhealthy relationships a lot. It kind of said that most relationships don't work out with teens because of the sex drives teens have. I disagree because every relationship is different. Overall, the information is a good source to help you out and teach you a little of how teen fathering is going to be. In my opinion, teen fathers should consider reading this book.

This is an excellent book not only for teen fathers but every father to be. I found Gottfried's writing style to be both a fast read and extremely full of good information. Glad I bought the book- it has answered a lot of my questions and has given me insight on what to do as well as things to come. I know that there is limited information out there for teen fathers but Gottfried hits one home with this book!

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