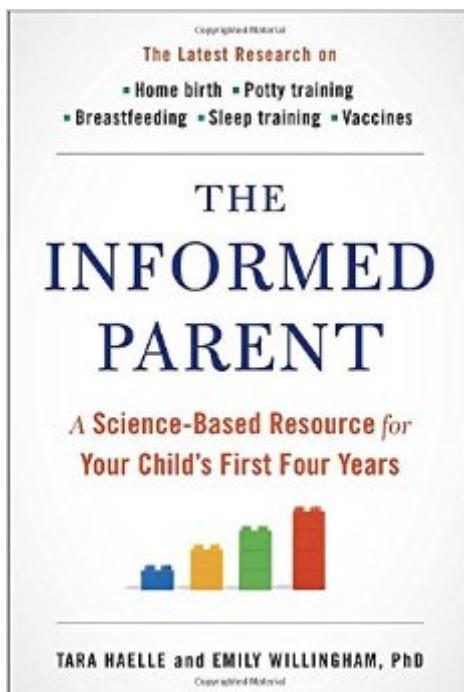


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The Informed Parent: A Science-Based Resource For Your Child's First Four Years



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Note: I received a pre-release copy of this book, on which this review is based. It is possible that there have been some editorial or other changes in the released version. There are innumerable myths and tropes about raising children. My mother used to tell me to not go into the pool until 30 minutes (or some random number) after I ate; and she always told me I'd catch the flu or a cold if I didn't put on a jacket during winter. Of course, neither are science based, and neither are "facts." But those were innocuous little myths. I don't like being all that cold, so putting on a coat isn't the worst thing ever. Unfortunately, some myths about parenting and raising children are dangerous. The whole "vaccines cause XYZ" myths that have infected the internet have caused some drops in vaccination, especially amongst those who should know better. And this is where this book becomes a valuable tool for "science based parenting." Tara Haelle and Emily Willingham are notable science authors who have focused on topics that are important today. Dr. Willingham has written extensively about autism, I don't think I'm exaggerating to say that she is one of the top science journalist with respect to autism and autism related issues. Ms. Haelle writes extensively about parenting issues, from vaccinations to breast feeding. Both use extensive citations and scientific knowledge in their writing. What they write often represents the best thinking in a field. Not that I advocate for the Argument from Authority, but when an authority uses real scientific evidence, the authority becomes the expert. The Informed Parent continues their writing tradition. Yes, the book is "science-y."

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