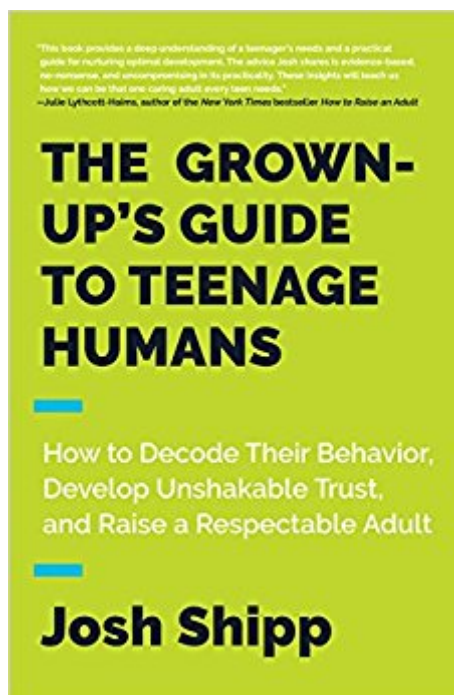




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# The Grown-Up's Guide To Teenage Humans: How To Decode Their Behavior, Develop Unshakable Trust, And Raise A Respectable Adult



## Synopsis

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“This book is the training manual you never got. A must-have resource for parents, teachers, or anyone else who has to deal with teens.” (Ellen Rakieten, Executive Producer of OPRAH)

“The success and impact of my work originates with teachers and other caring adults who invested in me during my formative teenage years. Josh Shipp’s book arms caring adults with the principles, insights, and inspiration they need to help teens they care about succeed.” (Jack Canfield, co-creator of The Chicken Soup for the Soul® Series and author of The Success Principles)

“I’ve devoted my career to helping business leaders skillfully navigate situations where the stakes are high, opinions vary, and emotions run strong. Never is that more true than when you’re a parent. Josh’s data-backed insights give parents the words to say and the mindset to embody for this crucial window of influence with our own kids.” (Joseph Grenny, coauthor of New York Times bestseller Crucial Conversations)

“Raising an accountable adult is challenging but possible. Josh Shipp presents practical solutions to help parents and other caring adults be as effective as possible, even in the most difficult situations. You will acquire new strategies to provide teens with the skills and confidence they need to be successful!” (John G. Miller, author of QBQ! The Question Behind the Question and Raising Accountable Kids)

“As both a Mom and professor, I found this parenting book to be a breath of fresh air. Josh skillfully combines heart, humor, and research-backed strategies to reclaim harmony with the teenage human in your life.” (Kimberly Allen, PhD, Department of Youth, Family, and Community Sciences at North Carolina State University)

“An essential guide to understanding and positively influencing adolescents. This book is equal parts inspiring and genuinely helpful for every parent, youth worker, educator, or anyone involved with teens in any capacity.” (Salome Thomas-EL, award-winning principal and author of The Immortality of Influence)

“As a Dad I appreciate how practical Josh’s insights are. This book provides effective and practical ways to handle even the most squirm-worthy moments of the teenage years.” (Doyin Richards, fatherhood advocate and contributor to UPWORTHY and Parents Magazine)

“Research keeps telling us that committed adults make a difference in the lives of teenagers. Now, Josh Shipp tells you how to be that adult. The Grown-up’s Guide to Teenage Humans is a must-have resource for anyone who has a heart for the next generation.” (Dave Ramsey, best-selling author and

nationally syndicated radio show host) “The world needs this book. Few have the insight or ability to share life changing words like Josh does. Here he provides a look at how we can all help shape the lives of the people most important to us. He does so in typical Josh Shipp fashion: with equal parts humor and heart.” (Brad Montague, creator of Kid President)

“Teenagers pose unique challenges for parents, teachers and caregivers. This book is an essential read, providing a unique pathway to best understand, connect with and guide us in nurturing healthy, resilient teens.” (Gene Beresin MD, MA, Executive Director of The Clay Center for Young Healthy Minds and Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School)

“This is an invaluable guide to understanding, influencing, and genuinely helping the teenager in your life. Josh offers uncompromisingly practical tips to restore trust, build mutual respect, and expertly help them navigate adolescence successfully.” (Rosalind Wiseman, New York Times best-selling author of *Queen Bees and Wannabes* and founder of Cultures of Dignity)

“This book provides a deep understanding of a teenager’s needs and a practical guide for nurturing optimal development. The advice Josh shares is evidence-based, no nonsense, and uncompromising in its practicality. These insights will teach us how we can be that one caring adult every teen needs.” (Julie Lythcott-Haims, author of New York Times bestseller *How to Raise an Adult*)

“An accessible primer for helping parents understand and guide their kids through the often confounding adolescent years. Shipp addresses an array of typical problems faced by adolescents, each one accompanied by simple and logical action steps.” (Publishers Weekly)

“Shipp commands our attention as he gives us advice about dealing with our teenagers|How to create trust and mutual respect is the meat of this book|The Grown-Up’s Guide to Teenage Humans resonates deeply and contains some amazing stories|Sometimes it’s a simple idea that leaves you with goose bumps: A kid’s life can be transformed by a caring adult who’s just a little bit more bullheaded than the kid.” (New York Times Book Review)

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