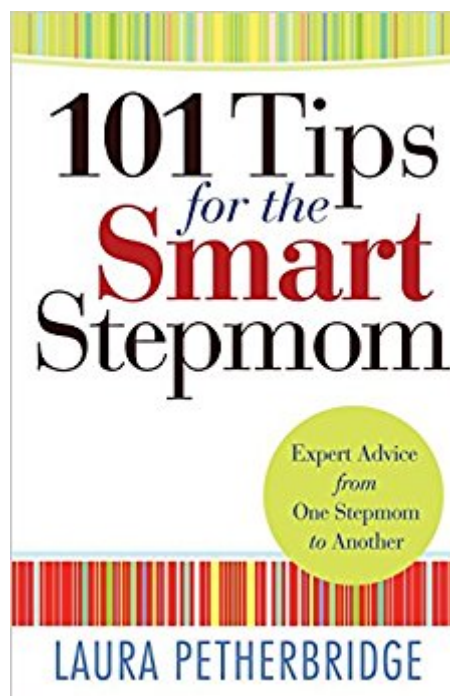




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# 101 Tips For The Smart Stepmom: Expert Advice From One Stepmom To Another



## Synopsis

Parenting expert and seasoned stepmom Laura Petherbridge gives practical, topically arranged advice for the busy stepmom, sharing tips on navigating drama and handling everyday issues.

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**Practical Ideas You Can Use Today** In this down-to-earth book, Laura Petherbridge offers real answers from someone who's walked in your shoes--and not only survived, but thrived as a stepmom. Here you'll find compact solutions arranged by topic, such as parenting, coping with the children's biological mom, finances, and dealing with the holidays. You will learn how to better understand your blended family what to do when you feel like an outsider ways to navigate the drama keys to gaining the respect of your stepkids These bite-sized tips are perfect for a busy stepmom, offering at-a-glance advice you can use today--and see change begin. "Provides wisdom, help, and hope for any woman dating, engaged, or married to a man with kids." --Brenda Ockun, publisher, StepMom Magazine "Laura Petherbridge is the best author and speaker I know for stepmoms." --Ron L. Deal, director, FamilyLife Blended "A best-selling author of The Smart Stepfamily and The Smart Stepdad" "Laura Petherbridge has written a book that every stepmom should read. Don't miss it." --Carol Kent, speaker and author of Unquenchable: Grow a Wildfire Faith That Will Endure Anything "The role of a stepmom is vital--but sometimes difficult. Laura Petherbridge offers time-tested tips and words of wisdom and encouragement to help a stepmom walk with love through the maze of blended-family living." --Pam Farrel, coauthor of Men Are Like

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Laura Petherbridge ([www.TheSmartStepmom.com](http://www.TheSmartStepmom.com)) is an international speaker, author of *When "I Do" Becomes "I Don't": Practical Steps for Healing During Separation and Divorce*, and coauthor of *The Smart Stepmom*. She has been featured on FamilyLife Today, HomeWord, and the Crown Financial Ministries' radio broadcast. Laura is featured on the DivorceCare video series, used by over 12,000 churches worldwide, and has taught on divorce recovery at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando. Laura and her husband, Steve, reside in Lady Lake, Florida.

I am extremely annoyed that the publisher and author have not labeled this book for what it is - a religion based book about parenting, marriage and step-parenting. IF you are a religious person - specifically a Christian - you will no doubt find this book extremely helpful. If you are NOT looking for a book on step-parenting that relies heavily on Christian faith-based resolutions - get a different book. The advice is sound and the book is relatively well written, but I don't appreciate there being absolutely NO indication this is a faith-based book.

This book is great! I am a stepmother to three children plus I have two children of my own. This book focuses on specific situations broken down into simple tips and suggestions. If you are a stepmother with no children of your own, Laura has tips for you. If you are a stepmother with children of your own, like me, Laura has tips for you. If you are a stepmother and the biological mother is not in the picture, Laura has tips for you. She even gives perspective in one section from the dad's eyes. The book isn't very long, which is nice because she is to the point with what she is trying to tell. This method seems to stick in my brain better. I've never had big issues with my stepchildren but I've definitely struggled with the ex wife and the difference between our household rules. This ends up affecting how I discipline the children in my own house. The book has given me a different perspective to think about including the kids, my husband and whether I like it or not, the ex. My ultimate goal purchasing this book was less stress caused by our blended family and I think I'm on my way to better the situation. It all takes time and helpful suggestions like these. Laura mentions her other book that is more in depth on these subjects that I definitely plan on buying when I'm done with this one. It's called *The Smart Stepmom: Practical Steps to Help You Thrive*.

This book is an easy read and really allowed me see my personal perspective as a new stepmom of two teenage girls. The content is realistic, practical and most importantly supported by scripture.

Thank you for writing this book and allowing me to see that my emotions are real and that I'm not alone on this journey.

great read

A good source of encouragement for those facing the difficult challenge of being a step parent. Very practical suggestions.

Lots of great helpful information for blended families.

Love it, it's very useful. Seems to hit the exact areas needed most help with.

This book was a helpful and honest insight into blended families as I begin my journey into step parenting. I highly recommend it and will be looking for more books by this author.

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