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Clint Edwards has no idea what he's doing raising the son and two daughters he has with his loving and ever patient wife, Mel. The truth, of course, is that no parent knows what he or she is doing--not even Mel--and that's part of the fun as well as the horror. The short chapters either recount specific stories from the front lines ("The Day We Caught Our Kids Looking At Their Butt Holes," "She Sent Me to the Store for Feminine Hygiene Products") or take the form of lists--numbered observations, warnings, or words of wisdom ("5 things I Never Should Have Said To My Pregnant Wife," "10 Contradictions That Make Me Want to Run From My Minivan And Into The Woods"). Edwards is invariably funny, wry, and self-deprecating. Parenting and marriage, as he describes them, are humbling, in both the worst (lots of poop and vomit) and best (personal growth) ways. If you are a parent, husband, wife, or thinking about any of these roles, this book is for you. It will make you laugh. It will make you think. It will make you cry. Sometimes all three at the same time.

## **This Is Why We Can't Have Nice Things: (Parenting. Marriage. Madness) Details**

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## **From Reader Review This Is Why We Can't Have Nice Things: (Parenting. Marriage. Madness) for online ebook**

### **Alyssa says**

This was a hilarious read. As a new parent, it made me feel better about everything from middle of the night feedings to silly arguments with my husband. My husband will be reading it now too.

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### **Kylie Hastings says**

#### **My life, in a book**

This book is SO honest and real. It captures the sad alongside the hilarious just like real life, and sugar coats nothing. I HIGHLY recommend everyone read this one.

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### **Staci Lynn says**

#### **Love the honesty**

I laughed out loud several times because it was so relatable. Moments that I've asked myself if other people did or thought things such as me were in this book. A validation that I'm not crazy and we're all the same just trying to make a living. Great read!

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### **Brendan Hatton says**

#### **Some very funny bits**

This book has some cracking humour, and some interesting insights about married and family life. Some attempts at humour not so good and gets a little repetitive. The Kindle formatting makes some (small) sections unreadable. Not a bad read overall

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### **Alex says**

This book had me laughing louder than was socially acceptable on public transportation. I actually had to put it away a few times because I was attracting dirty looks.

This book is great for anyone and everyone over the age of 25 whether you've got kids, want kids, or have no interest in breeding the little creatures. Really down-to-earth, relatable story telling.

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### **Kyle Whitehouse says**

Just finished this book & I feel like I spent the day with Clint, over a cup of coffee or a well-earned stiff drink or two. His honest, hilarious story-telling makes me smile, and think, and then just give in to it... it's real life he's capturing. I suppose we all live it, but Clint has the gift of not moving past it too quickly, of taking note and sharing it in a way that we can all see it, too (& laugh, cry, and swear a little right along with him).

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### **Karen Johnson says**

What sets this book apart from other parenting books is that it's written from a dad's perspective -- but he gets it. He's done the stay-at-home parent thing. He knows what his wife goes through. He tells the reality of marriage and parenthood. Clint Edwards describes the days of wondering why in the hell you had all these kids. He talks about the moments of worrying if you and your spouse going to make it through. By the end of his book, you'll have laughed, cried, said "been there", and you'll be in love with Clint, Mel, and their three kids and wish they were your neighbors.

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### **Guadalupe Garcia says**

#### **Loved it. Humorous**

Reminded me a lot of my own family life, made me appreciate moments and made me laugh about the frustrating ones!

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### **Isilme says**

Some of the chapters were so funny and relatable I cried from laughing. I also liked the fact that it shows parenting through a father's eyes. A great read!

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### **Cherise says**

#### **Great collection of stories of family, kids, and marriage**

Witty and thoughtful, Clint does a great job capturing the messy, hard, and real moments that accompany marriage and children.

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### **Marilyn says**

This is an honest, fairly well-written, often clever father's account of family life. I was touched, tickled, and mostly entertained, but I tired of the potty mouth language and the repetition of uncomfortable language.

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Good editing would have cleaned that right up.

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**Kerri1975 says**

Very funny and very real

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**Mike says**

I love this book! Clint is an amazing author I have been following for a while. Clint is a great example of the new age of fatherhood, being involved all while keeping his sense of humor. Like Good Morning America said, he just gets it. This book is a fantastic collection of Clint's amazing articles.

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**Jennifer Jarrell says**

**Very Humorous!**

It's nice to read a book that breaks down the truths of parenting with a dash of humor! Finally, I don't feel like a complete failure as a parent knowing I'm not alone in caving in to the kids' demands just for the sake of an hour of peace and quiet! The author is brutally honest about the challenges of parents, but he reminds the reader it's all worth it once you receive a hug or an "I love you" from your irritable "threenager"!

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**Jen says**

**Great book!!**

Fantastic book- funny and real!! I really enjoyed the book. It was very funny and had great, meaningful stories about the reality of marriage and family.

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