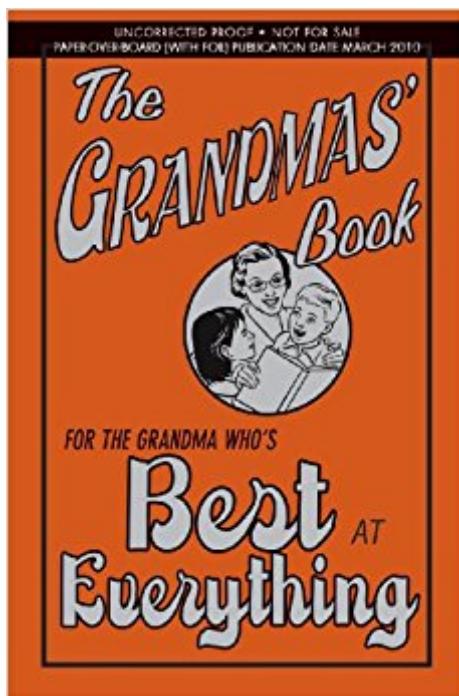


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The Grandmas' Book: For The Grandma Who's Best At Everything



Synopsis

The perfect gift for Grandmas everywhere! A lighthearted celebration of the joys of being a grandmother, this book is full of amusing anecdotes, practical tips, and fun activities. The perfect gift for Mother's Day, birthdays, or any day!

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Customer Reviews

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Other than the person who wrote that it was a great gag gift, I can't fathom the high reviews for this book! The retro-looking cover with foil highlights is neat, but that is where the appeal of this book ends. It is a poorly illustrated mix of mundane information, such as: Bland statistics - "More than 1/3 of grandparents spend the equivalent of three days a week caring for their grandchildren" and "There are around 56 million grandparents in the United States." (Does anyone find this fascinating???) Really lame safety tips - "Never leave an iron on near a child" and "Never open windows wide enough for a child to crawl out." (I'm a fan of keeping kids safe, but this isn't what I was looking for in a gift for a wonderful grandparent!) Tips for getting along with the parents. Here, you'll discover that while the author feels all little boys like toy guns, you should ask their parents before buying them. Also, the grandparent should apparently avoid weighing in on diaper training, feeding practices, bedtimes, and other parenting practices so as to "never undermine the

confidence of a new mom or dad". (Nothing makes a great Grandma gift like a book that says, "Shut up", right?) Tips for having grandkids visit. Here, you'll find a number of pages of "helpful" lists of foods children like to eat ("bread, cheese, tuna fish, jam..."), essentials for baby care ("diapers, wipes, ointment, bottles...") and ideas for older children ("toys, games, books, clothing...") The rest of the book is a similar, random mix of articles. A set of four recipes - lemonade, chicken nuggets, chocolate chip cookies, and fruit muffins - is followed by mini biographies of "glamorous grandmas" that focus on vague descriptions of their strict exercise and health regimens. Apparently, you can be a beautiful grandmother by NOT eating chocolate chip cookies or drinking lemonade. Whole pages are devoted to games such as "Granny May I?" and crafts such as a construction paper card that says "Mom" in glitter. There are a few times when the author is clearly trying to be funny, but much of the content is so obvious or so condescending that the book offends far more than it humors or inspires. I don't believe I have EVER known a grandmother for whom this would be an appropriate gift! I'm disappointed in this title, and never would have purchased it in person.

This was bought as a gift for my mother. She opened it and couldn't stop reading. Some parts are funny and some parts give great tips such as crafts and activities.

She is reading it we gave it to her for Xmas . Not sure how great is is. It's cute gift idea.

My mom is not the pictured grandma so I got this as a gag gift. It is a fun book though!

Funny! Great for all the best grandmas out there. Oma

I bought this for a dear friend that just became a Grandma and she loved it. So much nice information.

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