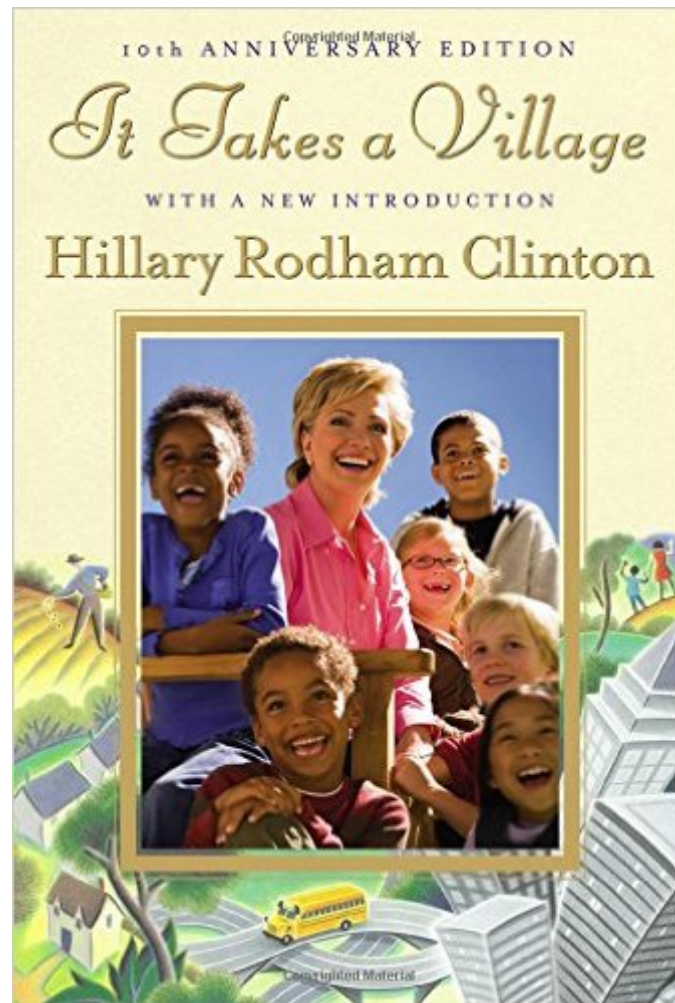


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# It Takes A Village, Tenth Anniversary Edition



## Synopsis

2016 Democratic Nominee for President of the United States In celebration of the tenth anniversary of *It Takes a Village*, this splendid edition includes photographs and a new Introduction by Hillary Rodham Clinton. A decade ago, then First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton chronicled her quest "both deeply personal and, in the truest sense, public" to help make our society into the kind of village that enables children to become smart, able, resilient adults. *It Takes a Village* is "a textbook for caring.... Filled with truths that are worth a read, and a reread" (The Dallas Morning News). For more than thirty-five years, Senator Clinton has made children her passion and her cause. Her long experience "not only through her roles as mother, daughter, sister, and wife but also as advocate, legal expert, and public servant" has strengthened her conviction that how children develop and what they need to succeed are inextricably entwined with the society in which they live and how well it sustains and supports its families and individuals. In other words, it takes a village to raise a child. In her new Introduction, Senator Clinton reflects on how our village has changed over the last decade "from the impact of the Internet to new research in early child development and education. She discusses issues of increasing concern "security, the environment, the national debt" and looks at where we have made progress and where there is still work to be done. *It Takes a Village* has become a classic. As relevant as ever, this anniversary edition makes it abundantly clear that the choices we make today about how we raise our children and how we support families will determine how our nation will face the challenges of this century.

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## Customer Reviews

My leanings are more right than left but I would take issue with anyone who actually read this book (not just decided to berate the title because you don't like the author) and didn't conclude that Hillary Clinton is every bit a proponent of "family values" as the most right-wing republican. Mrs. Clinton gives the reader a compelling portrait of her vision for America's Children. To all the rocket scientists who'se reviews made the bold statement "It takes a Mother and Father to raise a Child" you are completely missing the point and obviously didn't read paragraph one of the book. In no way does Clinton devalue parental roles she simply acknowledges that at other people have effects on a child's well being. Children rely on safe neighborhoods, good teachers, readily available health-care and many other facets of "The Village" to be raised properly. Within the book Ms. Clinton introduces a whole litany of social programs some of which I agree with (better health education and diets in school's to combat obesity, required marital counseling, ) and some of which I don't (socialist medicine and Charter Schools--the former will never fly in this country and the latter are proving to be a flop). Reasonable people can disagree, and while I don't see eye to eye with Clinton on some issues her objective is noble and her writing is enjoyable. FOr the record if Chelsea is any indication--Hillary Clinton is an excellent Mom. There's little middle ground in this country when it comes to Hillary---I've heard the most vile and disgusting things uttered about her and I've seen her almost worshipped. I like to think I can be part of that middle ground--a right-winger who appreciates the intelligent passionate argument that she brings to the table.

For those of you who lambasted this book for being a Socialist manifesto, may I recommend you actually read it (as opposed to lie about reading it and going on to write a review based solely on your political and religious convictions)? I was very impressed with how good of a book this is, and I disagree that Hilary had a one-track political agenda in mind when she wrote it. It is obvious from her language and insights that she deeply cares about the welfare of children in America and worldwide, and far from picking a topic that she knew would galvanize public support (say, immigration, health care, social security, etc etc), she makes the bold statement that the best judge of each culture is the welfare of its children. Sadly, that kind of agenda is not going to win her any votes. The irony of that fact of life is exactly her point. She repeatedly says that she does not think it is up to the state to care for children, but rather, it is up to all of us to see that we, as a culture, ensure that our children are well-cared for. She refers to her own upbringing and the community she grew up in, and says that while she doesn't think it makes sense to try to bring back the '50s, as life in the modern world is radically different, we can try to instill some of the benefits of the community

way of life of that era into our modern day hustle and bustle. Her point is that orphans and children of abusive parents left by the wayside often develop into criminals and abusive adults that our own children have to deal with. That is NOT a political diatribe, but an observation anyone with common sense agrees with. Those of you who purport to be all about 'family values' need to stop jumping up and down and yelling about your family values and give some thought to what 'family values' actually means. It does not mean that everyone needs to believe what you do to raise a family right. It means that you need to value the family and its development for it to grow and coexist healthily. Read and think, before you attempt to review. Don't lie and use the book review as your political soapbox. It's deceitful and just plain pathetic.

This isn't a book by some left-wing nut-job. This is a very practical and middle of the road book. I listened to the audio cd.....read by Clinton. Well, she's not the best reader. Her voice tends to go a little robotic. I mean, there are people that do this for a living.....hire them. But, the message and reasoning in this book I found to be quite good. Highly recommended. And, if you're someone who loves or hates it just based on the author; then feel free to keep your thoughts to yourself. If you're able to forget who wrote it, I bet the VAST majority of people would actually agree with the things said within.

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