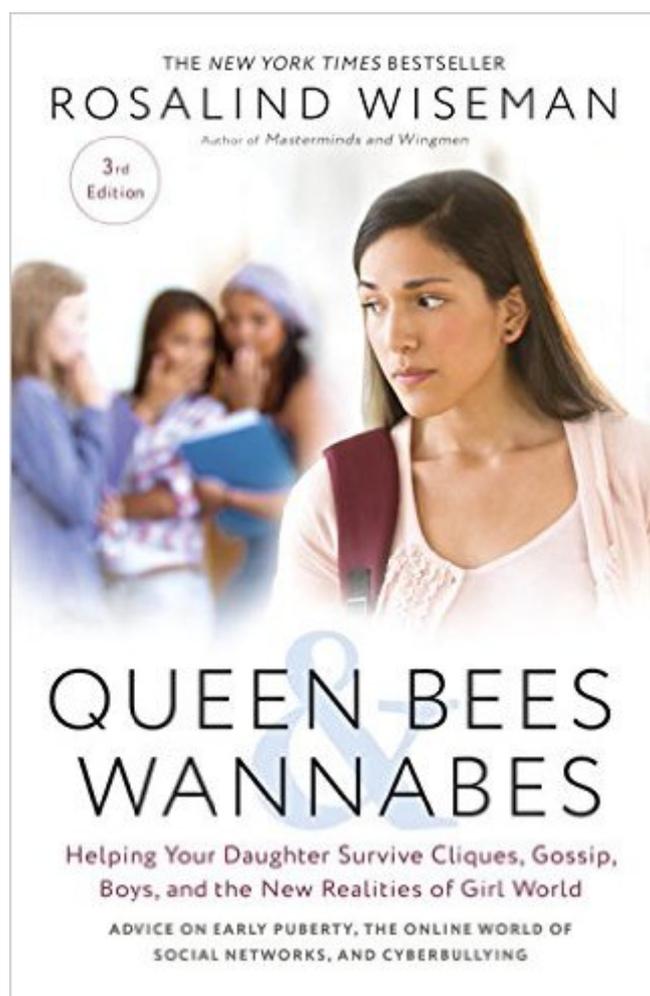


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Queen Bees And Wannabes, 3rd Edition: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boys, And The New Realities Of Girl World



Synopsis

My daughter used to be so wonderful. Now I can barely stand her and she won't tell me anything. How can I find out what's going on? There's a clique in my daughter's grade that's making her life miserable. She doesn't want to go to school anymore. Her own supposed friends are turning on her, and she's too afraid to do anything. What can I do? Welcome to the wonderful world of your daughter's adolescence. A world in which she comes to school one day to find that her friends have suddenly decided that she no longer belongs. Or she's teased mercilessly for wearing the wrong outfit or having the wrong friend. Or branded with a reputation she can't shake. Or pressured into conforming so she won't be kicked out of the group. For better or worse, your daughter's friendships are the key to enduring adolescence—as well as the biggest threat to her well-being. In her groundbreaking book, *Queen Bees and Wannabes*, Empower cofounder Rosalind Wiseman takes you inside the secret world of girls' friendships. Wiseman has spent more than a decade listening to thousands of girls talk about the powerful role cliques play in shaping what they wear and say, how they respond to boys, and how they feel about themselves. In this candid, insightful book, she dissects each role in the clique: Queen Bees, Wannabes, Messengers, Bankers, Targets, Torn Bystanders, and more. She discusses girls' power plays, from birthday invitations to cafeteria seating arrangements and illicit parties. She takes readers into "Girl World" to analyze teasing, gossip, and reputations; beauty and fashion; alcohol and drugs; boys and sex; and more, and how cliques play a role in every situation. Each chapter includes "Check Your Baggage" sections to help you identify how your own background and biases affect how you see your daughter. "What You Can Do to Help" sections offer extensive sample scripts, bulleted lists, and other easy-to-use advice to get you inside your daughter's world and help you help her. It's not just about helping your daughter make it alive out of junior high. This book will help you understand how your daughter's relationship with friends and cliques sets the stage for other intimate relationships as she grows and guides her when she has tougher choices to make about intimacy, drinking and drugs, and other hazards. With its revealing look into the secret world of teenage girls and cliques, enlivened with the voices of dozens of girls and a much-needed sense of humor, *Queen Bees and Wannabes* will equip you with all the tools you need to build the right foundation to help your daughter make smarter choices and empower her during this baffling, tumultuous time of life.

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Customer Reviews

In a perfect world, one would wish that all parents of teen girls (and boys) would be given this book as required reading. Author Wiseman lays the groundwork for understanding the complex social dynamics that affect girls in their developing years. As the mother of a 13 year old, I saw quite a few of the dynamics listed in the book and was not only armed with knowledge but also tips on how to navigate that tricky parenting landscape. Not seeing it doesn't mean it isn't there and there seems to be a lot of denial going around by parents about 'their little angels'. The book covers a wide range of situations: bullying, sex, drugs, peer pressure, cliques, boyfriends, etc. The age group covered is puberty (around 10-11) through adulthood (18+) but discussions also concern girls as early as kindergarten (when girls first encounter complex social conditions). The author is straightforward but not clinical; the tone is conversational but isn't sugar coated nor does it pander. Countless actual situation problems by real teen girls are interspersed throughout. Wiseman draws from those situations as examples that can be used to help parents cope with similar problems with their own kids. If I had one quibble, it's that many situations are presented but not all are discussed through to solution. Often, they are there to further broaden the scope of the topic only, which was somewhat frustrating (especially if your child has experienced that particular issue). I found the book comprehensive and useful. So much of the book's content were relevant and applicable to what my teen is going through now that she is transitioning into middle school. I feel that both of us are better armed to deal with the landmines (there are many 'don't do/say this to your daughter' examples that were so helpful) that she and her parents will face. Reviewed from an advance reader copy provided by the publisher.

Being a mother of a young girl in school who is trying to find her self, i was very interested in getting this book to give it a chance. I know there is quite a bit of reading material on the subject. This is the thing that i do not like with having the stuff online to read i want to be able to take it with me to places i would not normally take my laptop. Queen Bees and Wannabes, 3rd Edition: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boys, and the New Realities of Girl World is a book that you do not want to miss. Im sorry but each and every year the girls just seem to become more and more aggressive and it isn't fair. This book covers issues that girls may be going through. This book covers so many different things like bullying. Bullying is really bad especially among the lower ages. Im glad that this writer felt a need to find a way to include bullying. The other things such as sex, drugs, peer pressure, cliques, boyfriends i feel is designed to talk to middle schooler's or high schooler's. This book is a really easy read and i think every mother or even father who has daughters should pick up a copy an give it a chance. You cant go wrong. I received a sample of this book to read from Blogging for books so i can give my honest and unbiased opinion/review.

My sister loaned this book to me a couple of years ago. She loved it; she dogeared pages and highlighted passages throughout the 400+ pages. Sadly, she forgot that I'm not great about returning borrowed books.....I lost it before I ever had a chance to read it. When I had the chance to review the 3rd edition, I knew it was something I needed to check out. It felt like God was kind of prodding this book at me, you know?My daughter is 12 years old. She has hit some social roadblocks along the way, and I know that more will come down the road. I also teach 6th grade in a middle school, so the Girl World is a daily experience for me. Plus being a girl, myself, you'd think that I have plenty of knowledge about these things. Queen Bees and Wannabees still opened my eyes to a different viewpoint and other ideas. Perhaps the biggest eye-opener for me -- the quotes from teen girls. I wondered what my own daughter would say about certain issues, and felt more comfortable using these quotes as conversation starters. Rosalind Wiseman puts it on the line, even if it's sometimes uncomfortable. As a friend would tell you straight, so does Wiseman. Perhaps the best line from the book: "Remember, it's never just about the shoes." That's going to be my mantra as I enter into this phase of mothering a daughter. I received this book in exchange for an honest review. Opinions shared are mine.

Having read the original Queen Bees book years ago, while my oldest daughter was in middle school and finding it so veryhelpful in navigating girl world during those tough years. I shared my copy with my daughter and every girl mom I knew at the time.Now having another daughter entering

7th grade and finding the social dynamics a completely new ball game with social media and online accessibility I picked up the new version of this book to make sure I'm up to date on the new world of teens. While the book contains much of the same information as the first version the information about social media and online safety is what I found most valuable. The author is once again direct and to the point offering honest input on talking to your girls about big issues. I will definitely have my daughter read this version not only because the information is real and relate-able but also because the book reinforces some of the advice or feedback I've already been sharing with her.

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