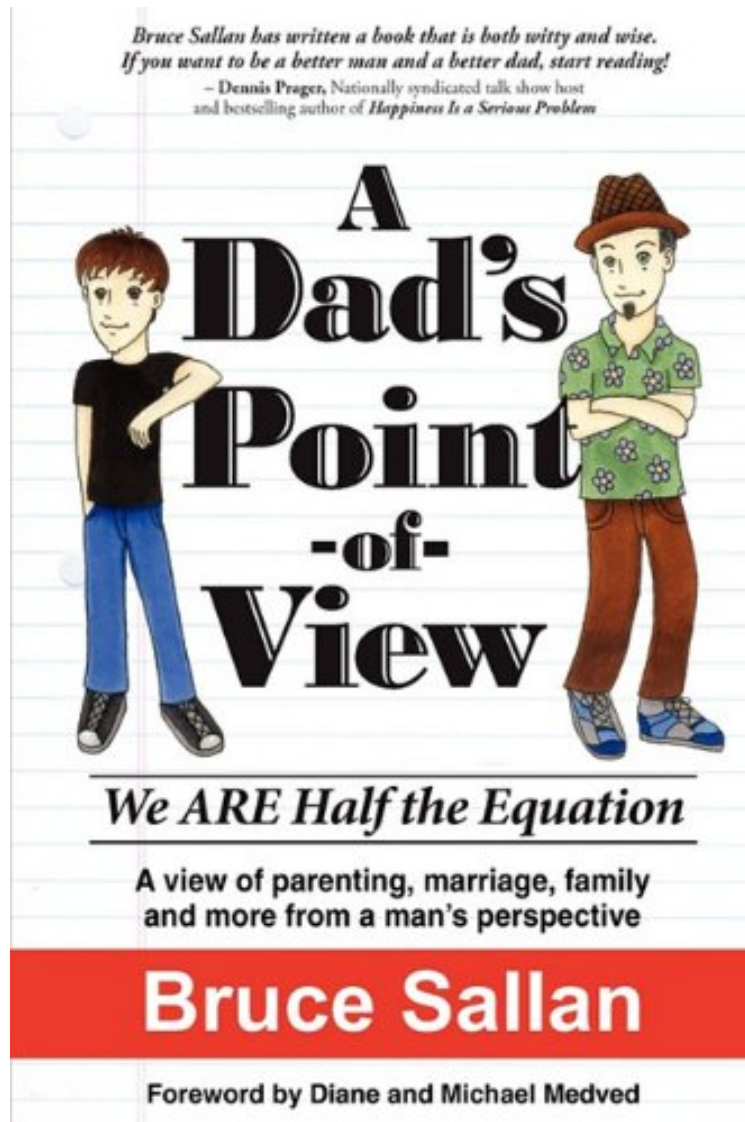


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Dad's Point of ViewBy Sanford E. JacquardI finished A Dad's Point of View. It's a "must read" book for anyone interested in the development of the teenage character; it is also very informative for single parents as it is written from personal experience rather than from formal study. Bruce Sallan writes on page 219, "I know my column is from my personal perspective, and often about my persoanl life." So it is, and that makes it so valuable. We are really reading a personal diary.A few comments about ideas expressed in the

book follow. Bruce writes some interesting information, for example on pages 188, 110, and 223, then as the reader is about to digest the thought the phrase, "just kidding" appears. That cancels the otherwise interesting message. On page 188 it had to do with his ethnic background, his own, his wife's and his children's. On page 220 we read, "in all seriousness," after Bruce tells us about the relationship between his children and himself as he is growing older, and the importance of his dogs' affection for him, "I still have my dogs." On page 223, Bruce tells us about his challenges in learning the social media which he punctuates with "I am not kidding." In fact, the book is a book of learning, a didactic text. "Accept my friend who he is and not who I wish he were" is an example of some of the lessons Bruce offers. "Having expectations usually leads to being let down" is another lesson one reads more than once in the book. I am impressed by some of the footnotes where old songs are listed with the date of their appearance and the names of the artists who made them famous. In connection with the notion of "shame" Bruce writes, "There was a 1960 song called 'My Boyfriend's Back,' "by the Angels, that had the lyric, 'He's gonna save my reputation.' Doesn't that feel quaint in comparison to the lyrics of Lady Gaga or any of the hip-hop and rap artists today?" The problem with this thought is that I for one have never been able to understand the lyrics of modern rap music, or to appreciate the noise. A final example of the lessons we learn from this book is "If not Now, When?" and then we read "a fitting close to my first book" page 210. That means that there is a second book coming; we expect it with anticipation hoping to continue to learn from Bruce Sallan's rich and profound experience. Sandy Jacquard 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Bruce Sallan: A Dad's Point of View By Howard J Fox As the author of a book about men, I egotistically wondered what would I learn from yet another book? And to my surprise, I learned a lot. There are many men who are concerned about their roles as fathers and Bruce Sallan delivers the messages they want and need to hear. His radio shows and columns provide a much needed forum for fathers on parenting sons. And thank you for repeating the truth: There is NO such thing as quality time, there is only quantity time. A man can't do his job by being super-entertaining-dad on limited occasions. If a man wants to raise his sons, he must devote more of his time than seems possible and not be afraid to also be "consequence" dad. But beyond the many lessons, what I found different about this book was how clearly it showed the love this man has for his sons (and his wife). There are so many books about the right and the wrong things to do, but throughout the lessons and experiences and the many personal foibles so honestly revealed by the author in this book, the love shines on every page. Heck, who says men can't express their feelings? Great job, Mr. Sallan. Howard J. Fox The Truth About Men 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining Insights into Life as a Dad By Barry B Bruce Sallan opens a window into the life of his family and, in doing so, both entertains and enlightens. Bruce captures us from the start as a good story teller with good stories to tell. Not "just" a dad but one of the stay at home variety, a role that many men don't understand yet envy, which gives some of his stories a unique perspective. Fundamentally, though, it's the story of a family, from its beginnings and through its ups and downs from - well - a dad's point of view. While reading A Dad's Point of View I was reminded of the quote "any man can be a father, but it takes a special person to be a dad." Bruce Sallan IS truly a dad!

In this fun, witty, and inspiring book by Bruce Sallan, national columnist of A Dad's Point-of-View and renowned radio show host, you'll get the man's perspective on issues such as: * Being the best parent, man, and husband you can be * Dealing with a second marriage, blending family traditions, and raising strong families * Surviving the teenage years * Being a single and SAHD (Stay-at-home-dad) In A Dad's Point-of-View: We ARE Half the Equation, Parenting Layman Bruce Sallan, offers advice, insight, and a reality check on family-related subjects as well as the bigger issues of life, morals, and faith. He shares real stories that are sure to have you saying out loud, "I know exactly what you're talking about, Bruce!" Written from a man's perspective, though just as compelling for women, it takes you inside the life of one dad, one man, as he deals with everyday life and more. After reading this book, you'll know you aren't alone in your parenting journey and feel more confident in knowing it truly is possible to raise respectable young men and women in today's society.

"Sallan, a columnist and radio show host, offers a collection of wisdom and humor on parenting, relationships and shifting social norms, all from a man's perspective." -Kirkus s "He writes about his experiences with self-deprecation, honest self-analysis, humor and heart." -D.E. Weber "I found myself shaking my head often going, been there, done that!" -Diana Ennen From the Back Cover Kirkus :Sallan, a columnist and radio show host, offers a collection of wisdom and humor on parenting, relationships and shifting social norms, all from a man's perspective. In these collected columns, Sallan wrestles with parenting teens as a single dad and later as a remarried one, marital issues, quality versus quantity time, friendship and more. He does it from the trenches of morality, faith and responsibility, as he tries to convince parents to stop being their kids' friends, while still accepting sons and daughters for who they are. Don't expect your kids to have similar interests to your own, Sallan says, and don't attempt to live vicariously through them. Personal anecdotes drive his musings home and create an enjoyable mix of advice and lighthearted, relatable reading. Despite the title, the book isn't just for dads; moms will have plenty to learn, too. Rarely preachy, the resonating voice is one of an insightful man who's been through enough in his relationships and parenting years to remain confident yet humble. In "There's No Such Thing as Quality Time," he says you can't schedule moments for

your kids to open up to you--instead, you have to make sure you're spending enough time with them so that you'll be there when they're ready to talk. In "Do Women Need Men?" he claims that, despite the feminist slogan concluding the contrary, women do in fact need men, just as men need women. He wraps up with a motivational column titled "If Not Now, When?" which will help safeguard against living a life full of regret. Even if some people might disagree with his ideas, Sallan's columns could motivate readers to inspect the often-overlooked aspects of daily life, to consider relationships from a new angle or to examine a parenting style and then make changes as each reader sees fit. Individually packaged morsels of wisdom that provide plenty of food for thought.