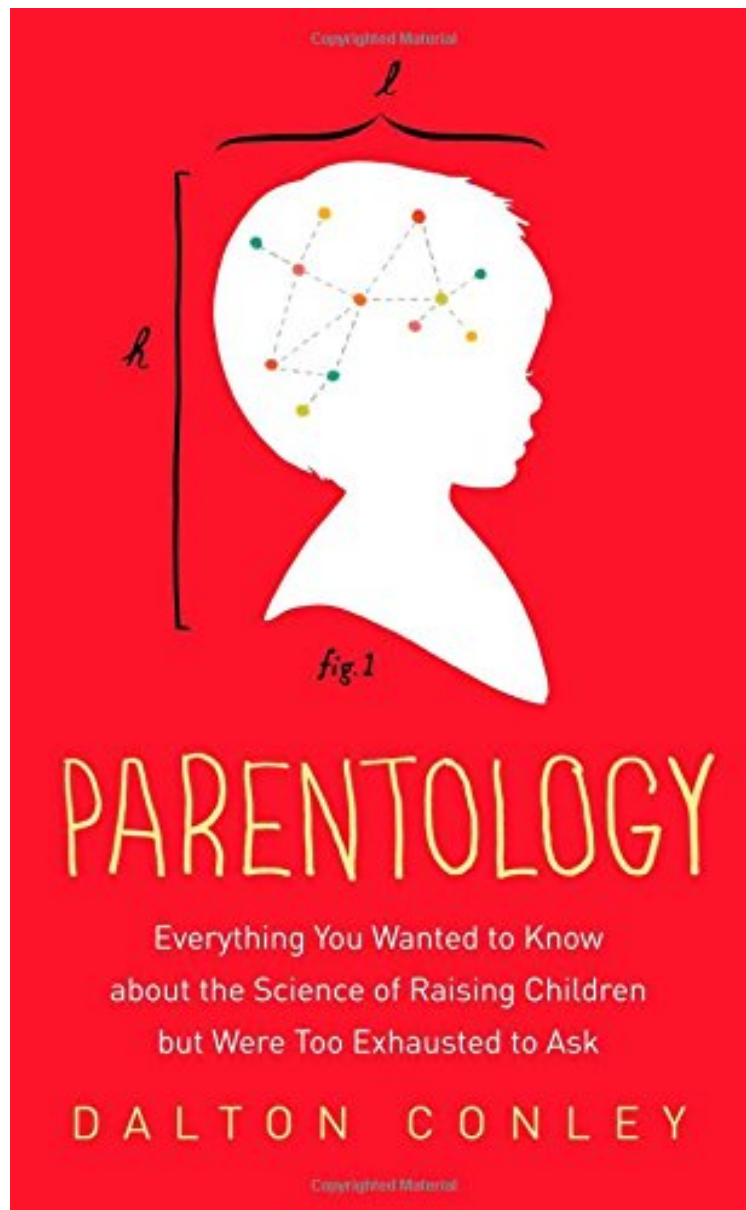


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By Ian Marshall I had heard the author, Dalton Conley, along with his children on the Freakonomics podcast a couple of years ago. It turns out that the release of this book coincided with the 20-week mark of my partner's pregnancy, so as an expectant father and a scientist I thought this looked interesting. This is a very personal story of the author's own parenting experience and how he has dealt with the various challenges his children have presented - his strategy involves digging into a lot of original research on various childhood-related topics. He doesn't give clear instructions to other parents, nor does he claim that his approach is the best, but he tells his story in a very personal, relatable, and entertaining way. If you're looking for a straightforward list of parenting do's and don'ts then this isn't the best place to look, but if you want to get inside the mind of someone who has thought deeply about his role as a parent in a unique way then this is a good book for that.
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Dalton Conley is a genius
By Mom with Ph.D. Great story! Dalton Conley is a genius. Word of caution. This is more autobiography (I can only give 5 stars to anyone who puts their heart into narrating their children's childhood) than parental guide. This book has the wrong title. It should have been called: "How I raised my kids and navigated the New York health care and school system."

An award-winning scientist offers his unorthodox approach to childrearing: "Parentology is brilliant, jaw-droppingly funny, and full of wisdom...bound to change your thinking about parenting and its conventions" (Amy Chua, author of *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*). If you're like many parents, you might ask family and friends for advice when faced with important choices about how to raise your kids. You might turn to parenting books or simply rely on timeworn religious or cultural traditions. But when Dalton Conley, a dual-doctorate scientist and full-blown nerd, needed childrearing advice, he turned to scientific research to make the big decisions. In *Parentology*, Conley hilariously reports the results of those experiments, from bribing his kids to do math (since studies show conditional cash transfers improved educational and health outcomes for kids) to teaching them impulse control by giving them weird names (because evidence shows kids with unique names learn not to react when their peers tease them) to getting a vasectomy (because fewer kids in a family mean smarter kids). Conley encourages parents to draw on the latest data to rear children, if only because that level of engagement with kids will produce solid and happy ones. Ultimately these experiments are very loving, and the outcomes are redemptive—even when Conley's sassy kids show him the limits of his profession. *Parentology* teaches you everything you need to know about the latest literature on parenting—with lessons that go down easy. You'll be laughing and learning at the same time.

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