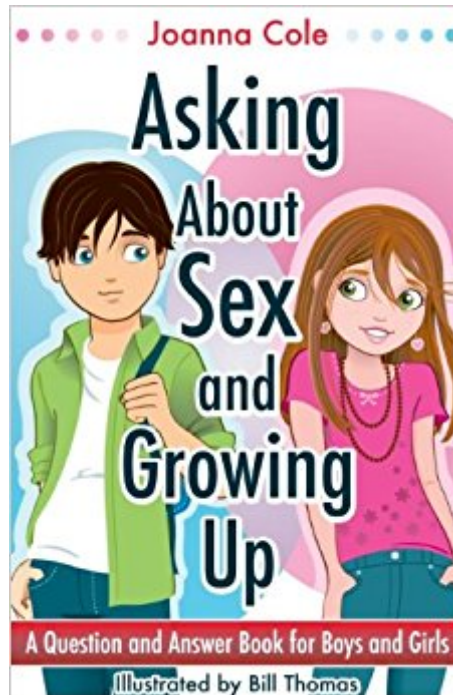


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# Asking About Sex & Growing Up: A Question-and-Answer Book For Kids



## Synopsis

What do you want to know about sex? Information about sex is everywhere. But what you learn from TV, movies, the internet, and friends is not always a healthy or accurate view of sexuality. Now revised and updated with current facts, Joanna Cole's *Asking About Sex & Growing Up* is the perfect book to provide answers to questions about sex. Writing especially for preteens, the author uses a question-and-answer format to offer straightforward information on a wide variety of subjects related to sex and puberty.

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

Out of the huge pile of "sex ed" books that I scanned through, this one was the best for my family's needs. It is comprehensive: it hits almost every sex-related question that a kid could think of. I also liked that it was realistic--kids hear about things like homosexuality and masturbation and "the pill", etc. and I liked how she addressed them. (But the previous reviewer is correct: if you are very conservative in your views, you probably will not like her coverage of the more controversial items.) I also liked that it's for both boys and girls, because I'm sure they wonder about what the other gender is experiencing as they mature. Also, it has some illustrations, but there aren't lots of silly cartoons. A pre-teen isn't going to think this is a "kids book"--they'll take it seriously. Bottom line: if you are terrified about having "the talk" with your kid, this book does a nice job of covering "the

facts", then you can encourage questions and discussion afterwards.

This is an excellent reference. To those one star reviewers I must say, thank you. When I read their ignorant reviews I knew it was the right book. I was not disappointed. There is no soft porn in this book, only facts. Masturbation is real, it happens. Children should know that it is normal and should not be shamed by anyone. I think that if a person knows his/her own body and what it is capable of before they are in the heat of the moment intimately they are less likely to keep going. If they are already aware of what sexual feelings and an orgasm feels like they are less likely to give in when presented with the choice of having sex. It is proven that lack of sexual education leads to having sex at an earlier age, increases in teen pregnancy, and increases in STDs. Buy this book.

I bought this book because it had good reviews, However, I pre-read it to make sure it was appropriate for my 12 year old son and 14 year old special needs daughter. I was astonished by the content let alone disgusted with the Author. Right off the bat I noticed this book was similar to soft porn. It literally is very explicit and detailed. while reading this book I actually thought to myself what kind of parent , who wrote reviews before me thought that this was an acceptable piece of information for their 9-14 year old child to read.1) it practically TEACHES your child how to masturbate efficiently. also it teaches kids to masturbate when they are angry, upset, anxious and any other emotion so basically when your child is feeling any emotions they should just haul off a whack one off until they feel better? WOW2) it practically gives explicit direction into how to have sex " grinding your hips together until the MAN GETS OFF" funny here because i didn't know sex actually ended when the man got off and I was shocked to see a woman wrote this which brings me to the sex subject on why there is a section on "why would a girl let herself get pregnant"? really? am I the only one to see a problem with this? a girl LET herself get pregnant? So, I guess this book will teach your children that its the girls fault if she becomes pregnant because the rocking of the boys hips until he gets off has nothing to do with it!!!!!!!3) the the age I see appropriate for this book is 16 and over and I use appropriate very loosely. the author should be ashamed of herself for writing such a sexist book in the first place and I'm a nurse and am usually very explicit but this book is inappropriate for 9-14 year olds

I'm a therapist and was looking for a good book to refer parents to use to help facilitate discussion about sex between themselves and their kids. I think this is a really informative book, and would help make that awkward conversation a little bit easier.

My daughter is 11 and just starting middle school. This book briefly covers a lot of topics. It wasn't too wordy, so she didn't mind reading it. I read it first to make sure I agreed with the content. When my daughter finished the book, I had a couple of topics that I wanted to add my own opinion to, like abortion, but otherwise, it was perfect.

definitely helped me and my 10 year old daughter get through some difficult conversations. used appropriate terms and was easy to read.

I purchased this book for my shy but curious 11 year old son who wasn't really able to tolerate conversations on the subject. Covers a wide variety of topics and answers the questions in a matter-of-fact but age appropriate way without pushing agendas or preaching politics (except maybe that they are too young to be having intercourse...which I agree with). The language and content is consistent with terms and subjects that kids actually hear about and use - thus it seems to have offended some reviewers - but the way the language is addressed seems appropriate and reasonable. I find nothing offensive about this book as it's very down to Earth and answers questions about almost every topic of sex that kids can, and will, hear about. Definitely a good conversation starter for parents to weigh in with their own values on the subject.

I reviewed several chapters with my son and this helped tremendously. I used the illustrations as a back drop of my conversation after having read it first myself.. He was accepting and asked really good questions. I plan to review more chapters a few at a time to cover all the topics. While I was concerned about being able to effectively communicate with my son as a parent, it surprisingly flowed well and was attributable to the organization and scope of this book. The scope and depth as well as answering questions from a child's point of view was very helpful to me.

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