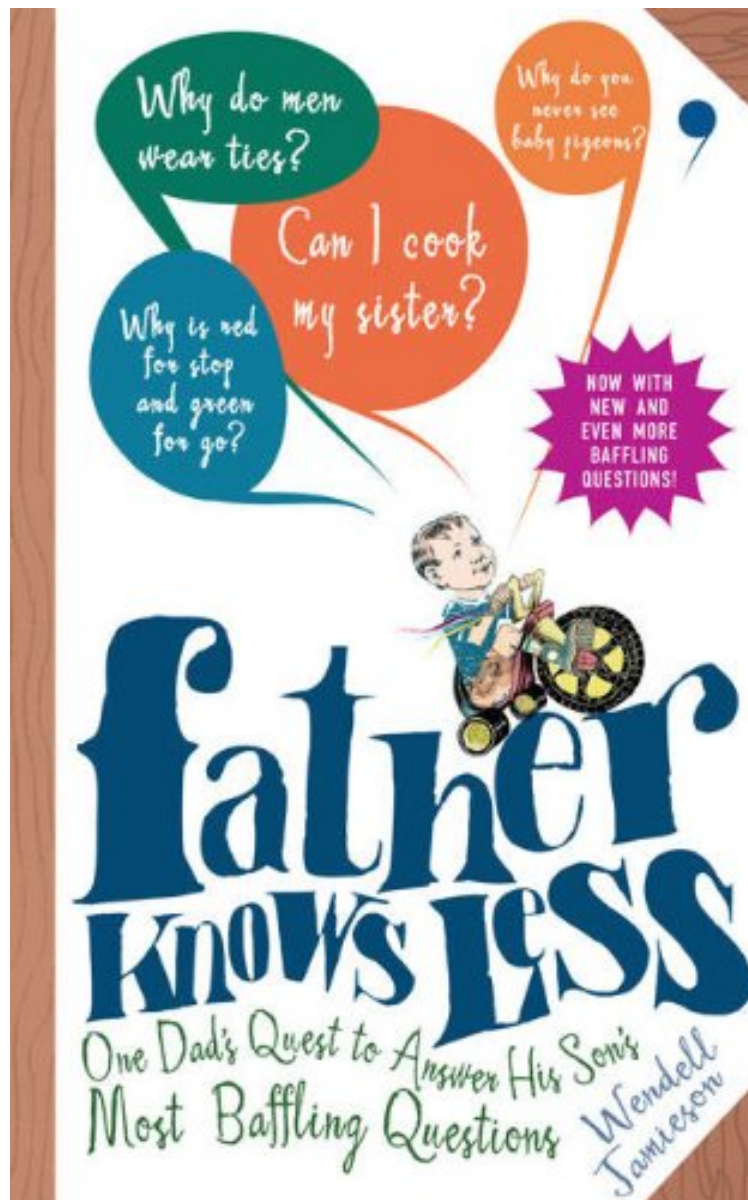


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Wendell Jamieson : Father Knows Less: One Dad's Quest to Answer His Son's Most Baffling Questions before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Father Knows Less: One Dad's Quest to Answer His Son's Most Baffling Questions:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Keep the Questions ComingBy M.A. De NeveI have saved a 2004 Mort Crim article from the Detroit Free Press. Crim's premise is that kids aren't afraid to ask important questions. He proved his point with letters a Sunday School class sent to god. "God, are you really invisible or is it a trick?" This author, Wendell Jamieson's premise is that kids ask all kinds of questions. He set out to find as many answers as possible. He collected questions from his own son, Dean and from the youngsters of friends and from other sources. Kids questions are not hard to find. Ask any parent. The answers are what makes this book interesting. Some answers showed great imagination. When a father was asked why the tooth fairy didn't show up with some money on Christmas Eve, he answered that it was because Santa ran over the tooth fairy. The answer was not very satisfying to the child, but it showed a father with a sense of humor, and I am sure it became a treasured memory. There are other imaginative answers; others are factual or thoughtful. Why did the Beatles split up. The obvious answer to many of us is Yoko Ono. Jamieson sent a query to John Lennon's widow. He wasn't expecting an answer, but one came. She said it was because the Beatles grew up. I love learning and I learned lots from this book. The whip was probably the first man made object to travel at the speed of sound, 760 miles an hour. The book includes information about trains and dinosaurs even what happens if an airplane flies into a volcano. Most answers come from experts. Jamieson's mother, a gold smith, even answered a question about happens to the shavings when gold objects are created. You don't have to be a parent or a teacher or a child to enjoy this book which includes interesting essays from the author between each set of questions. I believe there are no dumb questions, but not all answers are good ones. . One expert wrote that before the Civil War, 25 to 30 percent of Americans owned slaves. I don't believe the number was that high. So sometimes we all get the answers wrong. But let's keep asking.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Father Son Learn from Each OtherBy Walter J. Jamieson Jr.Bright father's equally bright son peppers him with questions from the age of three. Father, passing on the opportunity to make up goofy answers, gets serious, real answers from experts in each field for his son and friend's and neighbors' and others' children as well. There are a lot of bright, inquisitive kids out there, a lot of facinating answers and very amusing stories in between. As charming as "Marley and Me" but funnier, and ultimately more interesting because it's about humans.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CustomerSo helpful book to anybody who are Dad like me

Kids ask the darndest questions—and the answers make for a “funny and fascinating”(Publishers Weekly) book.Wendell Jamieson’s son, Dean, has always had a penchant for asking odd questions. “Dad, what would hurt more—getting run over by a car, or getting stung by a jellyfish?” “Dad, why do policemen like donuts?” “Dad, does Mona Lisa wear shoes?” Because Dad is a newspaperman and city editor for The New York Times, he decided to seek out the real answers to Dean’s questions from top experts—movie directors and ship captains, brain surgeons and stabbing victims, a Buddhist monk and a bra fitter, and even Yoko Ono. Their father-son journey for answers to the tough—and weird—questions of life is a sometimes surprising, often hilarious, and always fascinating celebration of the value and beauty of childlike curiosity.Watch a QuickTime trailer for this book.

From Publishers WeeklyJamieson, city editor for the New York Times, whose seven-year-old son, Dean, has been in full-bore question mode for the past few years, decided that the best strategy for giving Dean the answers was also to give himself a challenge. He would get each answer from a real person who knows it by heart, whose very livelihood depends on the knowledge that Jamieson would present without sugarcoating or simplification. The result is a compendium of hilariously insightful questions from kids (age seven and under) with often insightfully hilarious answers from adults ranging from a doctor discussing the difference between somatic and neuropathic pain (What would hurt more: getting run over by a car or getting stung by a jellyfish?) to a dominatrix explaining Mach 1 air speed (If you don't hit anything with it, how does a whip make that noise?). Jamieson helpfully organizes the questions by theme into chapters, although his introductory anecdotes to each, while amusing, should have been drastically reduced to make room for more questions. Too bad this funny and fascinating book is coming out in September: it makes a perfect Father's Day gift for any dad whose child has ever asked, Why is the sky blue? or Why do we have eyebrows? or What does 'sexy' mean? (Sept.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From BooklistWhen Jamieson was a little boy, he had a lot of questions. He posed these to his parents as they occurred to him, and most times his folks did their best to satisfy his curiosity. But other times they were too busy or flummoxed, and they would make things up—thing adults found funny but were confusing to a little boy attempting to understand the world. As an adult, Jamieson became a journalist, and when his own son, Dean, reached the question-asking age, he decided to research the answers to the best of his ability. He went straight to the authorities on the subjects of Dean's inquiries (including celebs such as Yoko Ono and countless doctors and professors) and dutifully recorded their answers. Jamieson compiles the queries and responses in his small gem of a book, along with some personal essays on parenting. It is perfect for anyone—young or old—who ever wondered about such things as "Is a rainbow hot or cold?" or "Do nose hairs turn gray?" and wanted to know the answers—the real ones. Eberle, Jerry a[A] small gem of a book...perfect for anyonea young or oldawho has ever wondered about such things as aIs a rainbow hot or cold?aa a"Booklist" a[A] compendium of hilariously insightful questions from

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