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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Social-clinical psychologist Mogel concentrates on the hidden blessings of raising teenagers in this engaging follow-up to *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*. Intermingling wisdom and guidelines from Judaism and adolescent psychology, Mogel compares the teen years to the journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. As kids wander in the "desert" of adolescence, she advises parents to offer counsel and guidance, demonstrate empathy without entanglement, and resist the urge to intervene or rescue. In chapters peppered with true-to-life examples and humor, Mogel examines the blessings of a B minus, staying up late, hangovers, breaking the rules, and a variety of other teen topics, urging parents not just to look on the bright side, but to help kids benefit from the learning opportunities inherent in difficult situations. Some of her advice may be challenging for readers to follow: for instance, she recommends that parents refrain from broaching the subject of college until grade 11. She also encourages parents to let teens learn from their own mistakes and to respect their yetzer hara (aggressive impulse), while seeking balance with a sense of teshuvah (repentance). Mogel's compassion and authenticity will ring true with parents of all faiths facing the tumultuous teen years. (Oct.) (c)

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Review

"Wendy Mogel's book is filled with reassurance...A blessing indeed."

--Lisa Belkin, *The New York Times*

"Wendy Mogel...is the voice that every parent dreams of finding while wading through the confusion of childrearing today: calm, knowing, empathetic and informed both by professional knowledge and personal experience."

--Judith Warner, author of *Perfect Madness* and *We've Got Issues*

About the Author

Wendy Mogel, Ph.D. is a clinical psychologist, parent educator, keynote speaker for educational and religious organizations and schools, and the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*. She lives in Los Angeles. Please visit her website at www.wendymogel.com.

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