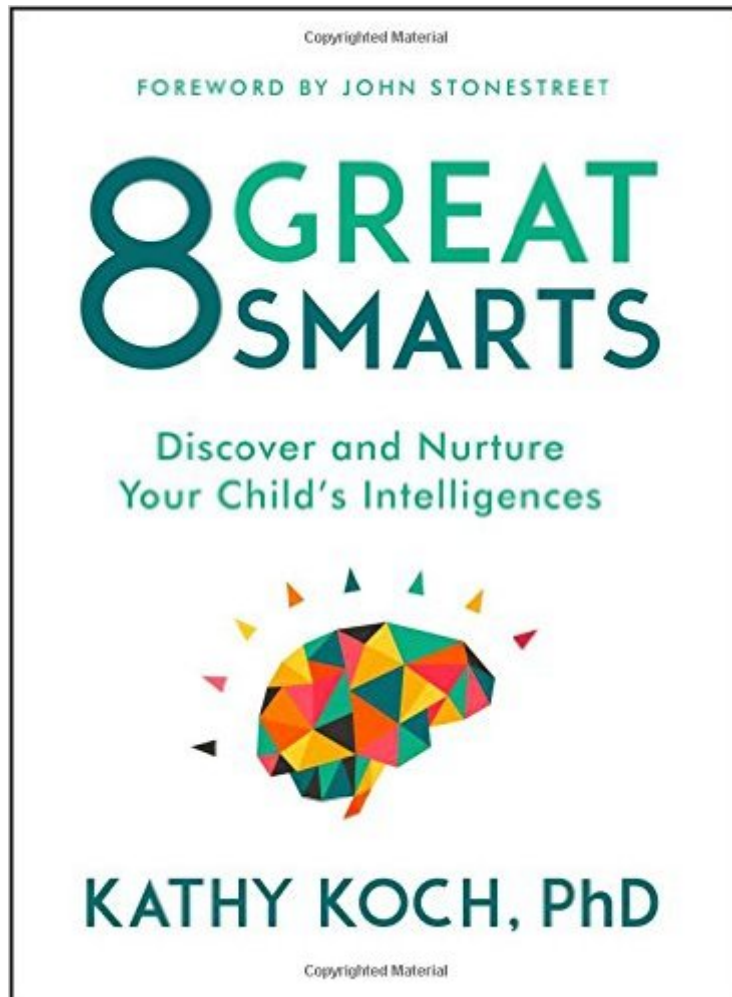


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# 8 Great Smarts: Discover And Nurture Your Child's Intelligences



## Synopsis

Your child is smart, but does he or she believe it?"Smart" is a power word. Children who believe they're smart excel more in school and approach life with greater confidence. But children who don't can struggle to apply themselves. Do you wish your child could see how smart he or she is? Find hope in 8 Great Smarts. You'll be empowered and equipped with new language and creative ideas for how to: Accept and affirm your child's unique smarts Motivate your child to learn and study with all 8 smarts Reawaken any "paralyzed" smarts Redirect misbehavior in new, constructive ways Guide your child spiritually, relationally, and to a good career fit Dr. Kathy Koch loves seeing children flourish and helping parents make it happen "and it's never too late to start. Now is the time to help your child be all that God designed him or her to be. For children of all ages, this application of the theory of multiple intelligences is a revised edition of How Am I Smart?

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We heard Dr. Kathy speak at the Fort Worth Homeschool Convention, and I was impressed enough with what she had to say that I ordered her book while I was sitting in the session. We generally think of people as "smart" if they're book-smart, but that's a really poor way of looking at things. There are many other areas that people can be smart in, and most people are smart in several of them. When you understand the different areas, what motivates people who are smart in those areas, and how to nurture their learning, it's very helpful. I highly suggest this book to all parents, and to anybody who thinks they aren't "smart". I bet you really ARE! You just don't know it.

Dr. Kathy Koch explores the variety of ways someone can be smart in the new edition of her book *8 Great Smarts: Discover and Nurture Your Child's Intelligences*. This book does a great job of bringing Dr. Howard Gardner's concepts of Multiple Intelligence to a level understandable and applicable to all. Dr. Koch spends several chapters introducing the concept of various smarts and then delves into each of the 8 smarts individually. Throughout the book she gives many examples of how student lives have been changed by realizing they are smart in various areas as well as how this information has changed adults as well. This is an updated edition of the previous 2007 publication titled *How Am I Smart: A Parent's Guide to Multiple Intelligences*. The major differences seem to be new examples that incorporate more social media and other technology that has become even more common place. A new companion website exists which contains a free smarts assessment available via the passcode contained in the book. This book was an easy read but gives good ideas of how to find the different ways in which children are smart and suggestions on how to encourage them. I recommend this book for parents of young children who are in pre-school through early elementary. While there is some worthwhile information for parents of older children, it is definitely aimed for parents of youngsters.

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Every kid is smart...just in different ways. This book explores eight different intelligences and how to spot them in your children. When we know how our kids think and learn, we can better help them, teach them, and support them. We all have bits of these different intelligences, but we each have different areas of strength. Dr. Koch says that as parents we can encourage growth in our children, and we can also stifle growth. She also says that too much technology can prevent our kids from becoming good thinkers or being "smart." I already knew about different learning styles, but this book goes beyond learning styles. It talks about how these different intelligences affect our learning styles and how we relate to others. For example, she talked about body smart people need to physically move to process ideas. So, if a kid is doodling while you are talking, it doesn't mean they aren't listening. The doodling actually helps them to listen better and process ideas. The book also has a code to do an online survey to help discover how your child thinks best. After reading the book, it's pretty easy to figure out your child's intelligences. I still took the test for my older daughter just to see what it was like. The test told me what I already knew...my oldest daughter is people smart. I

think this book would be helpful for parents to understand their children better...and even understand themselves better. I received this book for free in exchange for an honest review.

I really debated on whether to read this book or not because you never know what you're going to get when it comes to books like this. I am so glad that I did because I needed to read it just when I did. Needless to say, I see my children in a whole new light and it has made a tough week not as tough. It's helped me to see their little personalities in a whole new way. We homeschool so I definitely learned a lot about how to change my schooling. I am really excited to apply what I've learned about my picture-smart daughter and my nature-smart son. I even learned some things about myself that made me realize that I'm not strange and that others are just like me! I also must express my thankfulness to Kathy Koch. I am a music therapist and I loved that in one chapter she actually listed music therapy as a career! There are not many people who know what that is or even will include it in a list of careers. Thank you so much! I think not only should every teacher and every homeschool parent read this book, but I really think every parent would benefit from this book. You will begin to see your child in a new light and look for those different ways that they learn. You will see their learning as a joy instead of a struggle. Thank you for shedding light on my children's intelligence! \_\_\_\_\_ I received this book free from Moody Publishers in exchange for my honest opinion of this book.

This book really opened my eyes to the world of smarts around me. I bought it to help a particular grandchild. And it opened my eyes to difficulties I've had with my husband. Because I am word smart and he is not. It's helped me relax.

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