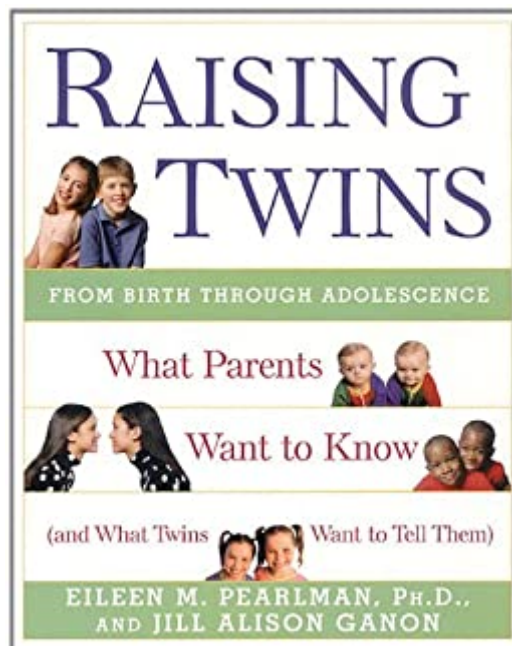


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# Raising Twins: What Parents Want To Know (and What Twins Want To Tell Them)



## Synopsis

Raising Twins guides you through the physical, emotional, and cognitive developmental differences and challenges specific to twins. Straightforward and reassuring, this book addresses the key issues that impact twins from babyhood all the way through adolescence: Sharing and comparisons  
Competition and rivalry  
The "secret language" of twins  
The good twin/bad twin myth  
Teen-specific issues like dating and applying for college  
And much more including lively, candid discussions with twins and their parents

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## Customer Reviews

it was ok..... for a new first time mother it needed more pictures and additional advice in another book, almost too much info for a new mom.

I found a few points in this book helpful, but after you get through the first twenty pages it just repeats itself for the next two hundred or so pages. Not many parenting tips aside from treating you twins as

individuals.

This book is what I call "fluff". I did not get much out of it other than very light grazing the surface of many issues. Just filler.

Very informative and lots of tips and useful strategies for raising twins.

I have 3.5 yr old fraternal twin girls and there wasn't anything particularly unique or interesting in this book. I have yet to find an illuminating book about raising healthy twins and the unique challenges of two siblings the exact same age.

This isn't a bad book for parents of fraternal twins, but I found nothing in it that dealt with the issues that can arise with identical twins. I am still trying to find a book that deals more specifically with raising identicals.

While there are dozens of good books in the market on giving birth to twins, this new reference book breaks ground in offering valuable advice on the delicate task of raising twins. Peppered with many, many interviews with twins of all ages, the authors of this book have put together an easy-to-read, fascinating and useful guide on raising twins from adolescence through young adulthood. Highly recommended to all parents of multiples (not just twins)!

This book has several things going for it, and one major strike against it. \* The "What Twins Want to Tell Them" subtitle refers to the numerous interviews with twins sprinkled throughout the book. I am reminded of a one-credit course I took on the politics of East Asia when I was in college. The course had a succession of guest speakers, and midway through the class, my classmates pointed out that we finally got one who was Asian. In other words, it's all well and good to hear from the "experts", but interviews with actual twins give a much-needed perspective. \* The book takes a developmental approach. For various ages, it first explains what a child can normally be expected to do at that particular age, then it revisits the topic to tell you how twins may differ. It sounds obvious, but I found this approach to be unique among the books I've read, and it was a really good way to understand what to expect. \* Tied in with the previous point, the book goes into a lot of detail to explain why twins need certain things. In my review of Double Duty, I questioned the advice not to refer to your kids as "the twins" and suggested it was not that different from referring to any set of siblings as "the

kids". Raising Twins, on the other hand, explained that twins in particular struggle with differentiating themselves from their "co-twin", so it can be particularly important to use their individual names, in a way it might not for singleton siblings. \* The book addresses twin development all the way through high school, which is somewhat unusual for a book about twins. Most such books handle the first year, or the first few years, and, I suppose, assume that parents who survive that long can handle things for themselves. I was interested to read how the twin relationship continues to play a role, even for teenagers. Alas, the last positive point is also a negative point. Because the book describes development spanning a period of eighteen years, there is very little about each specific age. If I wanted to know a lot about six-month-old twins (I do! I do!), there was just one tidbit, although a very interesting one. (Children at this age may start to use transitional objects to comfort themselves when separated from their mother. For a twin, this object may actually be his or her sibling.) I can't imagine lugging this book around for eighteen years, only to pull it out every six months and remember what advice it has at this point. For this reason, I cannot give the book my fullest endorsement. Twinometer: 8/10.

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