



Savvy Auntie: The Ultimate Guide for Cool Aunts, Great-Aunts, Godmothers, and All Women Who Love Kids, Melanie Notkin, HarperCollins, 2011, 0061999970, 9780061999970, 256 pages. Savvy Auntie is the first go-to source for taking delight in the Savvy Auntie lifestyle, based on the popular website and written by America's foremost expert on modern Aunthood, Melanie Notkin. Whether she's an Auntie by Relation or Auntie by Choice, a Long-Distance Auntie or a Gay Auntie, America's fastest growing segment of women, the PANK (Professional Aunt No Kids), needs guidance and advice when it comes to the kids she adores. Why should their parents know all the secrets? Savvy Auntie empowers sophisticated, educated, and independent aunts to connect with their inner-Savvy Auntie by sharing everything she needs to know from the minute she discovers her sister or friend is expecting, to confidently lending a hand with a newborn niece or nephew, to keeping up with the walking, talking growing-oh-so-fast bundles of energy, while coping with the occasional meltdown—including her own. Notkin provides a wealth of essential information and insight on child development, health and well-being, and spending 'QualAuntie' time with nieces and nephews. Plus she shares tips for baby showers, baby booty, birthdays and big kids. Notkin also addresses the ultimate concern for the modern aunt: to have children or not, and if so, how? She offers savvy advice on living life to the fullest no matter the choice or circumstance. Chock full of sidebars, fun facts, and helpful anecdotes from every day Savvy Aunties, Savvy Auntie is the indispensable handbook for Aunties of all ages, and for every single, married or partnered woman navigating the ultimate celebration of life: children. .

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You'll be blown away by Melanie Notkin's expertise on America's cool aunts, who are over-loved yet overlooked by marketers. If you want to gain the hearts and dollars of these kid-loving, high-spending women, SAVVY AUNTIE is a must read. (Mary Lou Quinlan, CEO of Just Ask a Woman, author of What She's Not Telling You)

Here's a Jewish mother's secret: having aunties around to love our kids and give us the support we need is priceless. Melanie's book honors our sisters and friends and I can't think of anyone more deserving. (Jill Zarin, Real Housewife of New York and Co-author, Secrets of a Jewish Mother)

Savvy Auntie is not only hugely informative, it's great fun to read. Give it to all to your girlfriends--they'll thank you, and so will all their lucky nieces and nephews. A great gift for anyone who loves kids. (Melissa Kirsch, author of The Girl's Guide to Absolutely Everything)

With this savvy guide, Melanie has changed the way we will begin to look at women and family in America. She's identified the one thing all women - straight, gay, married, single, or partnered - have in common: an unconditional love for the children in our lives. (Jenny Stewart -- Entertainment Journalist, Voted "10 Amazing Gay Women in Showbiz")

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While it's true that i may not be an aunt (blame it on my chromosomes), I am a very proud uncle who always thought i was pretty savvy. Then i read Melanie's book, and realized how much more there was to learn! This book is great for anyone who has the good fortune of having nieces or nephews (either by relation or by choice) in their lives and who want to know how to build a better relationship with them. I can't wait to put int practice what this book has taught me; whether it's how to talk to them as they grow up, how to spend meaningful time with them, how to teach them and how to better learn from them as well.

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In every family, an aunt plays a different role. She may be a fully integrated family member who is involved in the daily activities of her nieces & nephews, perhaps filling a void where parenting is absent. Or she may just sweep in for the big holidays, spreading her love and cheer, only to disappear again until the next celebration. But the majority of aunties probably fall somewhere in between...and that is where this gem of a book can really help.

An aunt is a hybrid of sorts- mom, sister, best friend, and confidant. To thrive in her role, she needs to be armed with practical child-rearing knowledge (even though she may not have her own), and yet keep the "auntie spirit" alive so that her nieces and nephews do not view her as simply an appendage to their mother.

Savvy Auntie: The Ultimate Guide is chock full of advice and humor for aunties struggling to identify their role with their nieces and nephews. Aunts seeking clarity will find it in this extremely helpful, well-organized, and easy-to-read guide. Finally, they will feel validated, appreciated, and understood!

"Savvy Auntie" by Melanie Notkin is more than a book-it's a movement. I first came across Ms. Notkin on Twitter under the handle @savvyauntie. I started following her right away, as I consider myself a savvy auntie. I loved the way she celebrated my unique situation as a PANK (professional aunt, no kids). I finally felt like there was a cool group that I belonged to and in that group it wasn't weird that I was married, in my mid 30s, and didn't have kids.

In "Savvy Auntie" Ms. Notkin defines the "auntisms" used in the book and online. You're instantly in the know about the auntie lingo! There are fun facts sprinkled throughout the book as well. There are several pages regarding the early stages of aunthood, even before the baby is born. She gives great ideas on how to help the expectant parents and advice on what to expect with a newborn

baby-even how to hold or swaddle a baby for those of us who are rookies or have never been comfortable with brand-spanking-new humans!

As I was reading this book, I even began to develop my own ideas about things to do with/gifts to give to my great-nieces. The book is quite the motivator! Since I became an aunt at such a young age (8 years old), now that my niece and nephew have kids of their own, it's like becoming a DebutAunt all over again! Back then, the babies were fun for me to take to show-and-tell at school, but that was about it. These days, I'm very close to them as adults and hope to have the fun with their kids that I missed out on with them. "Savvy Auntie" not only gives me great ideas, but it serves as a way for me to define the "kind" of aunt I want to be.

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