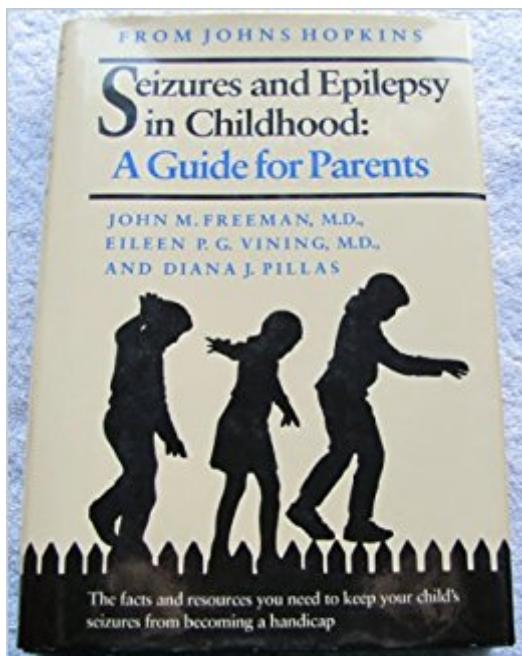


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# Seizures And Epilepsy In Childhood: A Guide For Parents



## Synopsis

The award-winning *Seizures and Epilepsy in Childhood* has already become the standard resource for parents in need of comprehensive medical information about their child with epilepsy. Now this highly praised book has been thoroughly revised and updated to reflect the latest approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy in childhood, including the use of the ketogenic diet as a treatment for children who either do not respond to traditional drug therapy or who suffer intolerable side effects from medications. In addition to providing up-to-date information about new diagnostic techniques, as well as drugs, diet, and surgical treatments, the authors have included a new chapter addressing the special needs of children with epilepsy regarding routine health care. And as they did in the book's first edition, the authors encourage children with epilepsy to actively participate in school activities and sports, and stress the importance of helping children with seizures and epilepsy to live as normal a life as possible. Praise for the first edition, winner of the 1991 Epilepsy Foundation of America's National Book Award "I have wanted a book like this for a long time. To my knowledge, this is the first book combining complete scientific accuracy with a caregiver's compassion and understanding."--James A. Autry, former chairman of the board, Epilepsy Foundation of America "Optimistic in tone and broad in scope, this is a book for the parent who has a lot of detailed questions."--National Spokesman "The book is rich in substance and detail. There is a warm, compassionate tone. At the same time, there are no-nonsense facts and figures."--Humane Medicine --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Written by associates of the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions who are also board members of the Epilepsy Foundation of America, this professional guide seeks to dispel fears and myths concerning epilepsy, as well as to help parents better understand the nature of seizures, the diagnosis, and ongoing therapy. The book builds on a tradition of comprehensive care for children with epilepsy and their families begun at Hopkins in the 1930s. Recommended for health sciences collections and public libraries with a demand for this kind of material.- James Swanton, Albert Einstein Coll. of Medicine, New YorkCopyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"Optimistic in tone and broad in scope, this is a book for the parent who has a lot of detailed questions, who wants to know exactly why, who wants to be able to communicate on a more equal level with health professionals, who wants to know what professional terms mean, what the treatment entails, and why things are happening as they are." -- National Spokesman

I can't begin to describe the grief and fear and utter isolation I felt when my daughter had her second seizure. I remembered that knowledge is power, and I needed to feel powerful. This book gave that to me and so much more! Suddenly terms made sense and I wasn't alone anymore. The section on family coping is amazing: it's as though the authors have reached inside your mind and put down every emotion you've gone through and some that are yet to come. There are case examples throughout that are uplifting, and yes, sometimes a little frightening, but very helpful to read and very enlightening. Most importantly, the book is positive throughout without minimizing what you're dealing with. My only complaint(and this goes for all books, websites, etc) is the use of percentages to illustrate how uncommon different seizure types are, or how many kids outgrow, etc. We already know our kids beat the odds, we don't need to be reminded, and frankly those numbers that in the beginning were a comfort, now are depressing. Again, if a child in your family has seizures, YOU MUST HAVE THIS BOOK!!!

I'll never forget how terrified I was when my son had his first seizure. I was sure he was going to die, and even his coming out of it just fine and his doctor's positive prognosis did not take away that sense of dread. This book did. Remarkably reader-friendly for a medical book, it really does tell you everything you wanted to know about seizures and seizure disorders, and does it in the most reassuring and calming way imaginable. A wonderful resource.

Book is a little outdated, although not much to choose from in this area. Not an easy read, made more a physician.

will buy next time . Received as described. for my best friend, This is the first "larger product" in our kitchen collection. Thus far (one week), it is sharp, performs well for chopping and slicing, and has excellent balance and weight. Time will tell how it retains its edge and resharpen. just fine,

This book contains the answers to most, if not all, of your questions regarding how seizures and epilepsy will affect your child and family. It will also help you know which questions to ask your child's physicians. It is a most complete work. In five sections it describes why seizures occur, diagnosing, treating, coping, and living with epilepsy. Please do yourself a great favor and purchase this book. It is written in language a parent will understand without previous medical knowledge and also it is written with compassion and optimism. I have recommended this book to my family and friends who wish to understand more of how epilepsy is affecting my son's life. You won't be disappointed, buy it today!

After hours of internet searching and bookstore browsing with not a whole lot of usable results, finding this book was great. It is clearly written, easy to understand, and covers all of the different causes for seizures, as well as medications and some discussion of the physiology of seizures. I am ordering another copy for my daughter's preschool teachers, who want to be as educated as they can be so that they are prepared for potential seizures at school.

When my 13 year old son had his first seizure, I completely freaked out. When he had a second seizure, I completely lost it and became full of anxiety, fear, and anger. But after reading this book, I found great comfort knowing that all the emotions I had were "normal". The book is also easy to understand, and covers a lot of information which has helped me to become more informed regarding seizures and epilepsy.

Excellent first book after you have received the diagnosis on your child. Good overview. After absorbing this information, you will want to move on to books that deal with the specific type of epilepsy with which your child has been diagnosed.

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