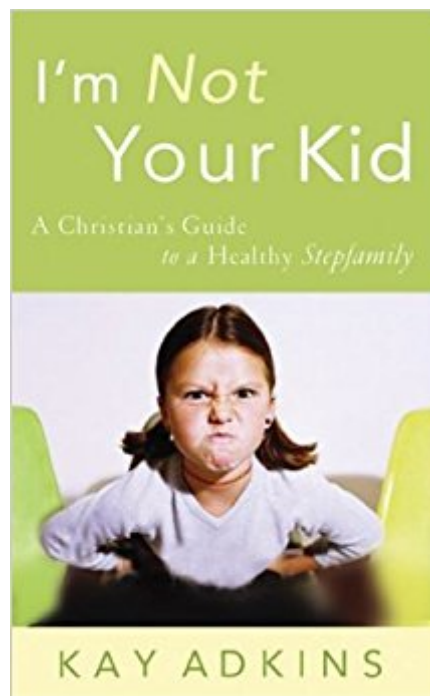




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Eye-opening and inspiring, this book is a comforting prayer, a wise instruction manual, and a heart that understands all rolled into one. You'll find the author's gentle words and honest experiences coupled with clear guidance for the mountain of challenges stepparents face. It's a definite keeper for your library. Early on in the book, Adkins tells us "there are no perfect marriages, because there are no perfect people." We fail, we harbor "great expectations" when we try again, and we struggle under the weight of guilt and fear that threatens to destroy us. "God's grace, however, keeps the door open to establish the Christian family." Yes, even the stepfamily, she tells us, because God uses imperfect families every day. With Biblical references, Adkins reminds us that a stepfamily entrusted to God can overcome hardship and grief to build something wonderful, just like families thousands of years before them. "Believers in stepfamilies have the same awesome opportunity to become agents of grace and redemption." What a comfort! The author discusses the complicated lives stepfamily members lead and how "weeds of the past" such as bitterness and guilt can threaten the family. Then she gives us "weed killers" we can start applying today to help ourselves and those around us. She shows us the difference between destructive and constructive thinking and how we can make choices to be dependable and responsible regardless of others' choices. She stresses the importance of family rules and gives us valuable insight into what discipline is and what it isn't. Perhaps my favorite part of the book is Chapter 9: Proactive Stepparenting.

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