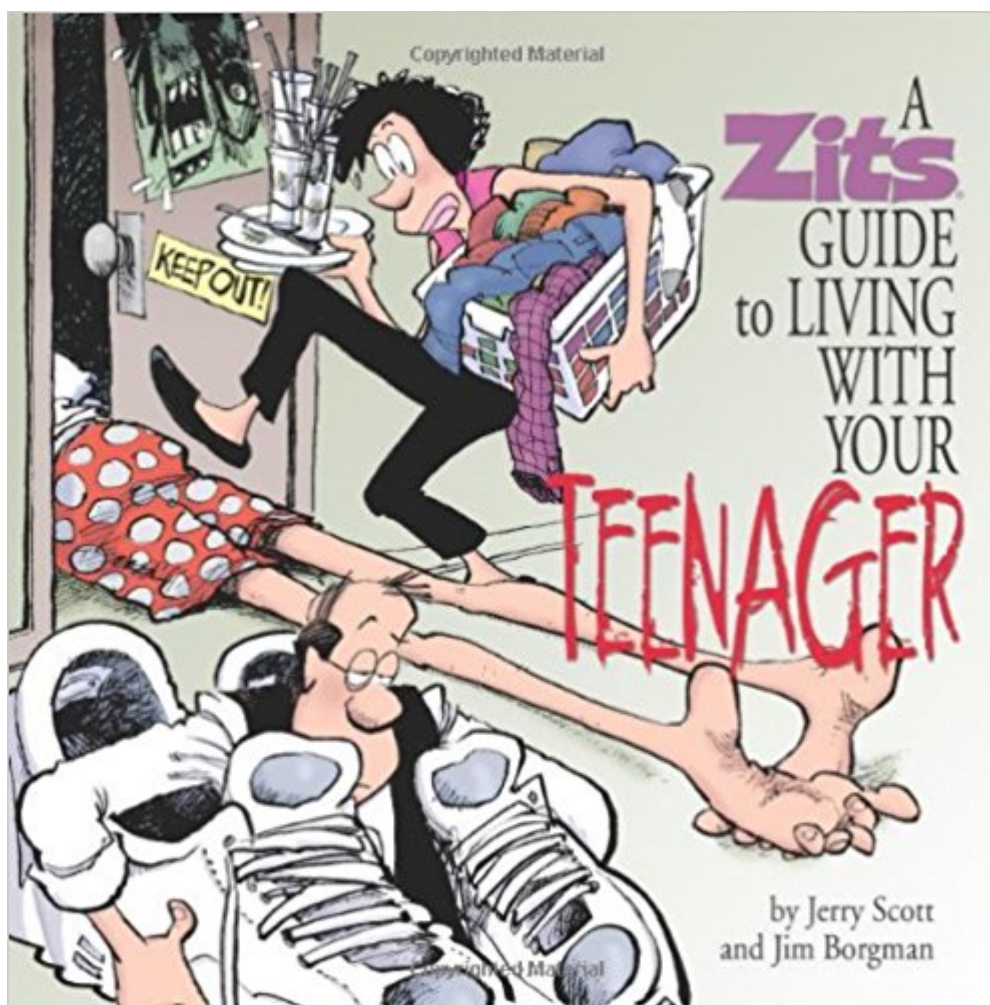


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# A Zits Guide To Living With Your Teenager



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

Co-creator Jim Borgman and his wife are the proud parents of five children. He has also won a Reuben Award and a Pulitzer Prize. Both he and Jerry have LOTS of experience with teenagers. Jerry Scott is the co-creator of the award-winning comic strip *Zits*. He lives in central coastal California. Jerry's work on *Baby Blues* has delighted fans and wowed the cartooning world since he launched the strip with Rick Kirkman in 1990.

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The Review: This pocket-sized anthology of selected Zits comic strips spanning its almost thirty-year history are depictions of the various challenges that a parent will face when they come into contact with a most vexing animal: the teenager. It's an interesting comic strip. ComicWorm had been reading Zits as a teenager and now as an adult. In a lot of ways, he can still relate to the sixteen/seventeen-year old Jeremy Duncan. The feelings of confusion, isolation, and wariness about the future are just as relevant to a twenty-something as to a teenager. Those feelings never really go away, you just develop better techniques at handling them. This may also explain the rise of Young Adult fiction and why so many adults read it. Those books, as well as this comic strip, deals in themes that are relatable, no matter what side of the adolescent bridge you are on. Also because the comic strip is just so darn funny! The artists never miss a chance to take full advantage of the fact that this a cartoon and utilizes it to the fullest potential. Exaggerated faces, exaggerated proportions, exaggerated scenarios are a whole lot of exaggeration to be honest. That is what makes the whole escapade so darn entertaining. Funny enough to laugh at but still grounded enough to add some solace. To let the reader shake their head and say: "been there, done that."  
The biggest flaw ComicWorm has with this book is that honestly it is far too short. Some of the first books ComicWorm has ever owned have been newspaper comic anthologies and there are among his favorites. What ComicWorm especially likes are the little snippets of creator commentary that are found in special editions. While not precisely built in that same manner, there are still many nuggets of insight that enrich and add a little subtext to the comic strip.  
Final Verdict: People have long written off newspaper comics as pointless drivel devoid of meaning. They fail to recognize the incredible wisdom and wit that can be found in admittedly bite-sized portions of art and writing. This little book can serve as perfect gift for a parent of a teenager or someone who just loves comic strips.  
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This book is a very funny look at the parental hazards involved when living with a teenager. The book is small enough to be easily portable, but large enough that you don't strain your eyes trying to read the fine print. (It fit into my purse.) The pages are slick and pleasant to the touch, and the colors are bright and vibrant. All of my friends have enjoyed reading this book, especially the ones who are currently living with teenagers. This book provided me with a very pleasant introduction to the "Zits" comic strip. Now that I've been exposed, I'll be looking for additional books to add to my collection.

Now that I have a teenager of my own, I can relate to Zits more than ever! This is a cute little book, especially good to give as a gift to parents of a "new" teenager. Please note this is NOT a typical full-size Zits collection, full of a couple hundred comic strips. This is a small, hard-covered book with about 40 comics, each in color with a caption underneath. My husband and I both laughed out loud at several of the comic strips.

The questions ("how would you describe the plot" etc) are not appropriate for this collection of comics. This is hilarious! Not only is it funny, but it reminds me that everything is okay; tells me why my teenager does something; reassures me when I am frustrated! LOVE this book!

An amusing source of advice from one parent (the author, a non-professional in the field of giving advice on how to deal with teenagers) to another (me, the reader.) My child is a "tweener", showing some signs of what is listed.

very creative

Mr. Borgman has obviously experienced the thrill-a-minute roller-coaster ride that is life with Homo sapiens teenagerus. He just nails it all. I recommend this collection and his other folios to anyone who is a teenager, will be a teenager, was a teenager, and especially to those of us who are currently in the trenches of raising a teenager.

If you have teenagers, almost EVERY page will make you giggle and realize you are NOT alone in teen parenting. This books is a quick read, but amusing!

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