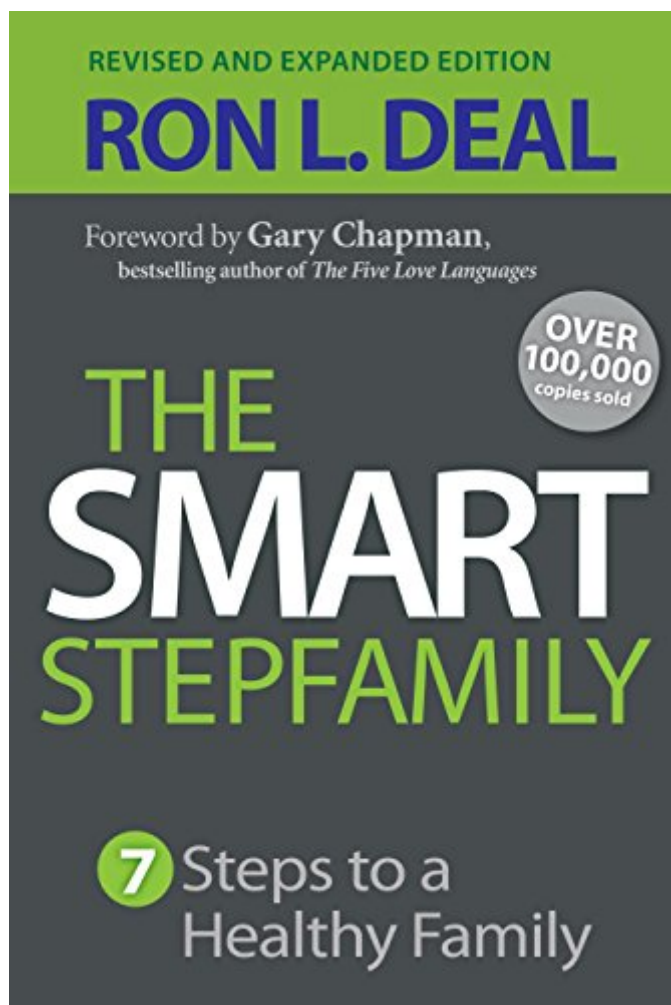


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# The Smart Stepfamily: Seven Steps To A Healthy Family



## Synopsis

Discover the Keys to a Healthy Stepfamily Leading stepfamily expert Ron L. Deal reveals the seven fundamental steps to blended family success and provides practical, realistic solutions to the issues you face as a stepfamily. Whether married or soon-to-be-married, you'll discover how toÂ Solve the everyday puzzles of stepparenting and stepchildren relationshipsÂ Communicate effectively with an ex-spouseÂ Handle stepfamily finances confidentlyÂ "Cook" your stepfamily slowly rather than expect an instant blend This revised and expanded edition has updated research and two new chapters with even more real-world advice on topics such as stepsibling relationships and later-life stepfamilies.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is an excellent guide to explain many of the challenges that arise in blended families and how to best deal with them! However, there were too many scenarios that I couldn't relate to because my blended family is a result of my divorce and my husband's previous wife dying. I would have been able to benefit more if the book would have elaborated on instances when one parent

remarries after the other parent has passed away. Most of the examples given in the book are tailored for blended families as a result of divorce only. Nonetheless, still a good read!

If you are entering into a step family, you NEED this book! It is so good at dealing with the struggles of 2nd (or more) marriages with children. It's such a hard transition, so please do yourself and your children a favor and read this book. It is also good for the ex-spouse that has to deal with their children's new step-parent. It's easy to read and very practical.

It addresses many common difficulties that are faced by blended families. It looks at them in a no nonsense way and gives varying viewpoints with strong biblical undertones to substantiate the recommended behaviors in order to find growth and success. It won't answer every question but it will make you think about perceptions and expectations as you travel this challenging road.

THIS book and the Bible should be required reading for any Christian involved in a step family relationship!!! My husband and I have only been married 4 years but we have separated twice because our pride and our habits from our previous marriages did not equip us for the challenge of being a step family. This book is dead on accurate about what you will experience, from children putting wedges between you and your spouse to non custodial dead beat parents being worshipped. The only hope is putting Jesus Christ into the leadership of your marriage. We are so sad that our church didn't discuss any of this in our pre-marital counseling and hope to be able to start a step family outreach study with this book as the centerpiece.

Good book with great information - BUT it will only work if BOTH parents read and follow the advice. Ideally, please read this book BEFORE you get remarried and start a blended family. There are so many things it is essential to know from the beginning - or even before you start dating as a single parent.

Good read

This is a very useful book for those that are part of a stepfamily. I thought my wife and I were in trouble until I read this book and realized everything in our home was going as it normally does in stepfamily situations.

Ron Deal is an expert in the field of blending families....what to avoid and how to ease into bringing two differing families into a newly established household.

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