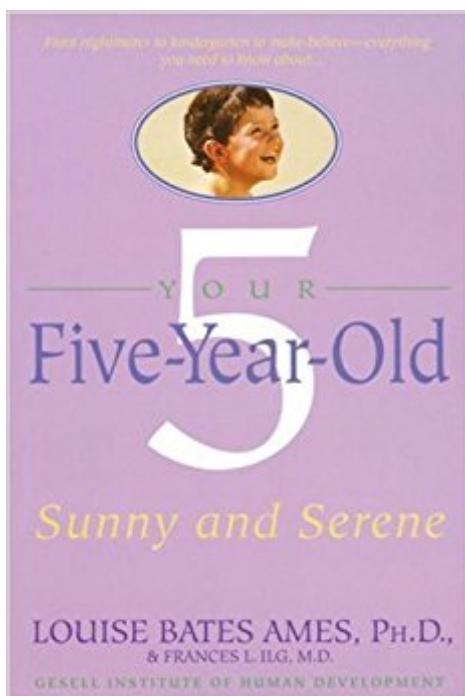


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# Your Five-Year-Old: Sunny And Serene



## Synopsis

A five-year-old is a wonderful, fun-loving, exuberant child. But what's going on inside that five-year-old head? What stages of development does a child this age go through, and what should parents know that can help their five-year-old handle this impressionable year? Recognized authorities on child behavior and development, Drs. Ames and Ilg answer these and many other questions, offering both invaluable practical advice and enlightening psychological insights.

Included in this book:

- Characteristics of age Five
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- The child's mind
- School
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Louise Bates Ames and her colleagues synthesize a lifetime of observation of children, consultation, and discussion with parents. These books will help parents to better understand their children and will guide them through the fascinating and sometimes trying experiences of modern parenthood.

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## Customer Reviews

Louise Bates Ames is a lecturer at the Yale Child Study Center and assistant professor emeritus at Yale University. She is co-founder of the Gesell Institute of Child Development and collaborator or co-author of three dozen or so books, including *The First Five Years of Life*, *Infant and Child in the*

Culture of Today, Child Rorschach Responses, and the series Your One-Year-Old through Your Ten- to Fourteen-Year-Old. She has one child, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Frances L. Ilg wrote numerous books, including The Child from Five to Ten, Youth: The Years from Ten to Sixteen, and Child Behavior, before her death in 1981. She was also a co-founder of the Gesell Institute of Child Development at Yale.

As usual, I love the approach taken in these books. I've been reading these "X-Year-Old" books since my son was three and I found him to be in a particularly difficult phase of development. Now that he's five (and definitely "sunny") I simply enjoy the insight into the developmental milestones. Dr. Ames does a fantastic job of making parents feel comfortable and aware of the stage that their child is in. My only dislike of the book is the approach that children who are introverted need to be accepted, but still pushed to extrovert more. I am, myself, an introvert and quite satisfied with my approach to life so pushing my child unnecessarily seems silly. Secondly, there's still an emphasis on physical punishment under certain circumstances, which simply doesn't line up with my parenting style. That said, the book is still a useful guide to the amazing five-year-old.

I love reading about the disequilibrium phases on the internet, and it has really helped me with parenting. Decided to try a book. It is written a long time ago, and has a bit of an old feel to it. However, I have still taken on a few great points which have helped me form a steely resolve with some issues I have had recently. I'm neither positive, nor negative about this book. Worth a try for people who like to read, have an open mind to older ideas, and can pick the bits of advice that suit them. There is mention of smacking in this book too, which I found a bit of shock - like I said, I'll take the tips that suit me and my beliefs.

I found this book reassuring. My five year old boy has had some trouble adjusting to the Kindergarten environment and I was worried he might be diagnosed with ADD or ADHD. After reading this book I realized he is just an average Five, just a bit on the immature side. Great book!

Why did I wait so long to actually read this book? My twins are nearly 5 and a half. These books are so reassuring - just get the book for your child's age - you won't be disappointed. E.g. Who knew? It's actually developmentally normal for 5 year olds to be a bit obsessed with violence in their imaginary play or storytelling :)

I have looked everywhere for this book. It was a great help to me when my girls were little. I purchased one for my daughter who has a five year old and one for me so I can be understanding when my Grandson has concerns.

Your Three-Year-Old: Friend or Enemy All of the books in this series should be in each parent's library. I used them to help me understand my children (1979, 1982, 1983) and have purchased copies for my own daughter. We are also educators in our family and think that early childhood and elementary school teachers would find this series very useful. The books are clearly written and describe the norms simply but eloquently. The books are easy reads. I received my series in superb condition - hardly even looked used. Thanks to [Amazon](#) and its re-sellers for excellent service and keeping me informed of the progress of my order.

My mom has 45 years experience as an rn, a lot of it in pediatrics as she has a master's in early childhood development. she recommended this series to me and it is AMAZING. easy read, very informative. very relevant.

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