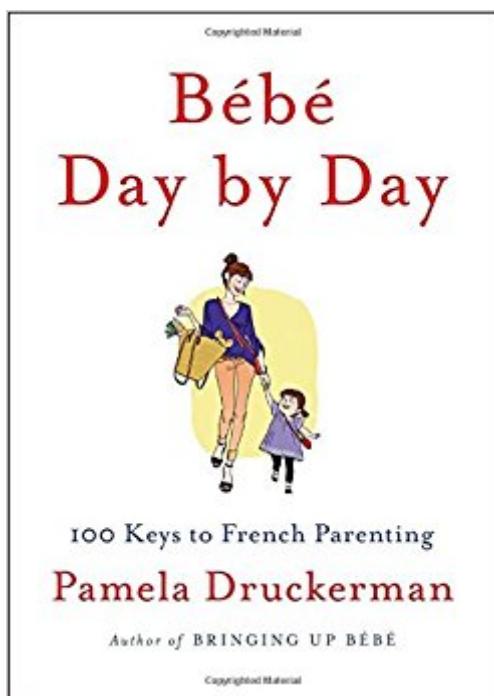


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# BÃ©bÃ© Day By Day: 100 Keys To French Parenting



## Synopsis

À la carte wisdom from the international bestseller *Bringing up Bébés* In **BRINGING UP BÉBÉS**, journalist and mother Pamela Druckerman investigated a society of good sleepers, gourmet eaters, and mostly calm parents. She set out to learn how the French achieve all this, while telling the story of her own young family in Paris. **DAY BY DAY** distills the lessons of *BRINGING UP BÉBÉS* into an easy-to-read guide for parents and caregivers. How do you teach your child patience? How do you get him to like broccoli? How do you encourage your baby to sleep through the night? How can you have a child and still have a life? Alongside these time-tested lessons of French parenting are favorite recipes straight from the menus of the Parisian crêche and winsome drawings by acclaimed French illustrator Margaux Motin. Witty, pithy and brimming with common sense, **DAY BY DAY** offers a mix of practical tips and guiding principles, to help parents find their own way.

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â œMarvelousâ |Like Julia Child, who translated the secrets of French cuisine, Druckerman has investigatedâ | the essentials of French child-rearing.â •--NPR

Pamela Druckerman is a former staff reporter for The Wall Street Journal, where she covered foreign affairs. She has also written for The New York Times and The Washington Post, and appeared on the Today Show and NPR's Morning Edition, among many other outlets. She is the

author of the international bestseller, *Bringing up Bébé*, and *Lust in Translation*, which was translated into eight languages. She has a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia, and lives in Paris.

Why should you buy this book when technically, the author isn't presenting anything new that wasn't already mentioned in "Bringing Up Bebe"? Well, because your in-laws probably aren't going to bother reading B.U.B. This crystallizes the philosophy of the first book, and can easily be read in an hour or two. You can highlight the most important of the 100 keys so that it becomes a very handy reference guide to help keep you grounded in the midst of the daily grind. The accessibility of it is definitely worth the price. Do I agree with 100% of what the author says? Nope, but that's okay. I'm suspicious of anyone who says they unerringly subscribe to an author's views, anyway. I won't get into what I disagree with, because really, I might diverge from the author on some particulars, but what's important here is that the author eloquently makes the case for traditionalist parenting. Where else can we find this kind of treatise in a culture that is supersaturated with attachment parenting? Grant a lot of freedom within a firm set of boundaries. Raise a child who always asks permission of parents who try to say yes as often as they can. Create routines that offer a comforting rhythm for the child but are not slavishly adhered to if circumstances change. A child can learn to sleep through the night and develop a taste for a variety of foods. Treat the child as a member of the family, not the center of the family. Give the child real responsibilities that contribute to the family so that he feels useful. Teach your child self-control by asking them to wait and not immediately rescuing them from their frustration. Respect a child's autonomy and independent play time. These maxims have fallen by the wayside in American homes for the past thirty years, but thanks to this book, I have a resource that offers a glimpse into the calm home of loving, assertive parents who say, "C'est moi qui décide," or in English, "It is me who decides."

I read and loved Druckerman's *Bringing Up Bebe* and was excitedly awaiting the arrival of *Bebe Day by Day*. After reading it, here's what I thought: the book is pretty much a shortened version of the prequel. Great for when you need a quick reminder or reference, which is exactly what the author meant for it to be. If you are hoping this book contains more new ideas/ info/ tidbits of the French ways of parenting not included in *Bringing Up Bebe*, you'll be disappointed. All in all, still a great, quick read. I'm keeping mine.

Adore this book! The entire time I was reading I was either laughing or thinking "Oh I need to

remember this". Even my husband said "That's so smart, we're doing that" to about 25 things she said. I'm sure this book will be read a few more times before our baby arrives next month. I also know what I'm buying new moms!

surprisingly I learned quite a bit from this book!! it is very simplified which is perfect for me since I am a working mom with tons of extra activities out side of work, with VERY little time to read. but all in all it taught me some very fundamental things that I soon started to incorporate into my parenting and am very grateful to learn. VERY GOOD INFO.

I didn't feel like reading an entire book on this subject (as a new mom, who has the time!?) so I picked this up instead, curious about the "French" perspective. It was really a fun read and confirmed some of the common sense techniques that I'd been already doing or planned to do. If you, like myself and so many others, are slightly obsessed with all things French...this is a great buy. It also offers a non-judgemental, common-sense approach to parenting which I liked.

After reading the original book, "Bringing Up Bebe," I absolutely love it and knew I wanted my husband and any caretakers to read. However, getting someone to read a full book that they don't really want to is tough. This was perfect because it so cleanly laid out the ideas from her original book in a short and sweet way. I love the ideas the book lays out and so many make perfect sense to me. Great, quick read for self or to share! I would definitely recommend!

I read "Bringing Up Bébé" and loved it. This condensed version of it doesn't disappoint. The author states it's not a doctrine. This book presents a balanced perspective on how the French approach parenting. Most importantly, it emphasizes the value of mutual respect between parent and child and the view that all members of the family have rights. The chapters and sections are concise, sweet, and light. It's a great read and for only \$1.99 (Kindle edition), you have nothing to lose!

Love this book! The tips are well written and easy to remember. Pamela has discovered French parenting, which is really what American parents used to be like. I was raised like Pamela says how the French kids are raised. It's a good reminder of what to do - and what not to do, such as doing what American parents do nowadays to raise loud, obnoxious kids. A must-read!

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