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# What Would You Do?





## Synopsis

Gives advice on what should be done in confusing, ambiguous, dangerous, or unexpected situations at home, school, or out on your own.

### **Book Information**

Paperback: 184 pages Publisher: Learning Works; 1 edition (January 1, 1991) Language: English ISBN-10: 0881601969 ISBN-13: 978-0881601961 Product Dimensions: 9 x 0.4 x 8.3 inches Shipping Weight: 12.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.2 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (16 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #104,296 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #17 in Books > Children's Books > Growing Up & Facts of Life > Health > Safety Age Range: 8 - 12 years Grade Level: 3 - 7

#### **Customer Reviews**

This book gives clear, concise descriptions of how a child or young adolescent might handle the unexpected--embarassing, frightening or even life threatening situations. Each situation is briefly stated on a single page in large type. The next page gives clear instructions on how to get the situation under control and when to call for help. Some of the situations include: dealing with an electrical blackout, being followed by a stranger, finding an injured animal, and what to do when a friend appears to have sustained a head injury. I showed this book to children of varying ages. It elicited interest from children as young as six and as old as high school. One bright six-year-old buried himself in the book, sounding out the hard words because the information made him feel empowered. Older children picked and chose which situations they read but liked the straightforward approach. This book would be good for a general population of children and young adolescents. However, it would be especially helpful to children who have social skills deficits.

This book is part of our school's family peace backpack along with a video, popcorn, and info on how to get along. There is an error on page 116 of the 1990 version. It mentions that you should put petroleum jelly on ticks to make them get off you. It does not work, the tick has plenty of oxygen, it will not suffocate. It may delay a person using tweezers to get the tick off and the person could get a disease from the tick. I have not seen the 1991 version to see if this has been corrected. Thank you

There are many helpful tips packed into this book designed to make a kid's life better. With over 70 scenarios given with step-by-step instructions on how to deal, it's worth having around. Irritating situations like forgotten lunch money and bullies are covered, along with life threatening ones like medical emergencies. Adults can review these with kids in advance to help prepare them if they pop up. The back contains safety checklists and information worksheets for parents and there's a simple glossary of terms for the little ones.

As a parent always searching for the best ways to challenge my daughter and her friends, I have been pleased with the entire "What Would You Do..." series. It's not what I would characterize as a book your child would sit and read cover to cover. Instead, it's one that invites conversation by presenting it as a question at a time -- over dinner, in the car, or whenever you want to provoke thought and conversation. While not every question may appeal to your child, you may select from the many questions posed to have delightful, and sometimes meaningful, conversations about the zany and often difficult choices we make in life.

This is a good tool for a special education teacher or Speech language pathologists' bag of tricks. It works great with small groups of students and can be adapted for classroom discussions. It is especially useful when working with children who have pragmatic difficulties.

I thought this book would be helpful to teach my son how to cope with "tricky situations". I knew the book was old, but I was sure I could compensate for whatever was out of date. When the book arrived, I went through it, removing the pages that gave inappropriate, outdated advice. I removed so many pages that the book was worthless. The first aid advice was to clean cuts with iodine or rubbing alcohol (now known to cause further damage). The advice if someone touched you in a way that made you uncomfortable was to avoid this person. I don't have the book in front of me, so I don't have direct quotes, and my memory of what I read is not exact.

This is a great book to have to broach uncomfortable topics and situations with your child. It presents a situation and then has recommendations for what to do. We read the situation with our son and then have an open dialogue - what does he think? what would HE do? Then we go over the

recommended actions with him and why. It makes us feel better to have him prepared. There's lots of good examples and it's a good tool to use with your kids.

I thought it was good book, giving guidence to kids in some common and not so common situations. However, I believe some parts are more appropriate for older kids.

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