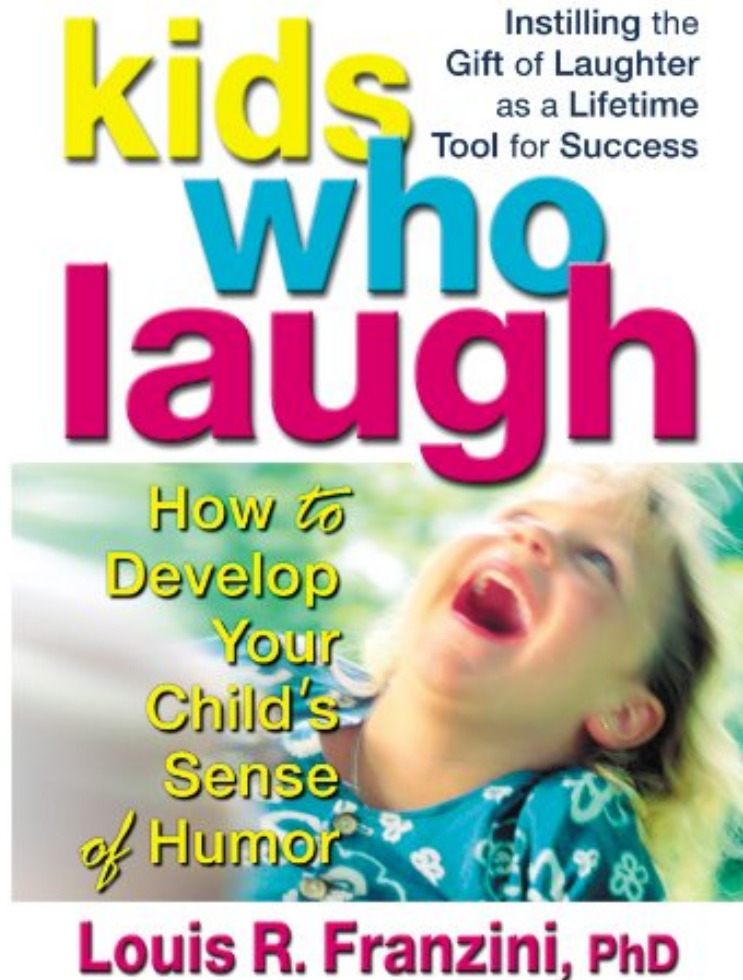


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While some children are born with an innate sense of humor, for most kids, humor is a learned behavior. Kids Who Laugh is the first book to examine the psychology of humor in children and explore the many benefits that this characteristic has to offer, including self-confidence, coping skills, creativity, self-control, and more. Most important, it offers the actual tools that parents can use to give their child the gift of laughter.

From Library Journal Centenarians often claim that "a sense of humor" contributed to their long lives. People who can laugh can also better endure life's ups and downs, find pleasure, cope with stress, and make life fun for those around them. Developing a sense of humor in kids takes effort, says clinical psychologist Franzini, but it's worth it. Describing how essential it is to nurture a sense of humor, Franzini gives specifics on what's amusing to infants, preschoolers, and older children. Peek-a-boo, for example, is great fun for infants, while second graders think the forbidden (e.g., the word underwear) is hilarious. The author distinguishes between hurtful and healthy humor, and he shows how to use humor in the classroom (while discouraging class clowns). Franzini has served as the president of Laughmasters and Toastmasters International Club. His is a thorough and convincing book. Perhaps readers obsessed with getting their child into the right preschool or moving up the social ladder will take a second look at their priorities. Linda Beck, Indian Valley P.L., Telford, PA Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. "Describing how essential it is to nurture a sense of humor, Franzini gives specifics on what's amusing to infants, preschoolers, and older children...a thorough and convincing book." (Library Journal) About the Author Louis R. Franzini received his PhD in clinical psychology from the University of Pittsburgh. Currently, he is a professor of psychology at San Diego State University in California, where he has taught for over twentyfive years.