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Given's "Parenting is easy: You’re probably just doing it wrong" (Book Review)

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Anyone who has children will be able to relate to the humorous pictures in the book *Parenting is easy: You’re just doing it wrong*. The idea for this book came from author Sara Given who found the stock images of parents and children and the idea of motherhood to be a joke. She soon launched a Tumblr that offered parenting flops and funny kid moments that showed the reality and not the fantasy of what all parents hope life with their children will be. In her 176 page book, there are pictures of the stock photos of women smiling with their perfectly round exposed bellies, the joys of the delivery room, toddlers happily eating their vegetables, families enjoying games around a laptop and more. Along with each picture, there is a caption with sarcastic and funny comments that are sure to bring moments of sudden outbursts and polite chuckles when flipping through the pages. One of the best images shows a mother on the phone, conducting business on her computer and holding her non-fussy child on her lap with a smile. Part of the caption reads “I am getting so much work done.” Anyone who is a parent or has babysat would agree that the child would be more apt to bang on the keyboard and whine for lack of attention than to sit quietly with understanding that the mother has work to do. This humorous book of images is a quick read for anyone who wants to take a break for the seriousness of the day. While you do not have to be a parent to understand the pictures and quotes, having been through the experience makes the content a little more relatable. Highly enjoyable for those who want to escape the perfect world of stock images and imagine what the parent and child are thinking while holding their perfect poses.

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This is a library quality hardbound reference book. The cover design is very clever showing a street sign at the corner of Church Street and State Avenue along with some religious and political photos. This is pleasurable reading if your political persuasion is right, and likely upsetting if your political persuasion is left. In spite of the works perspective, it is balanced with some pleasure and some frustration. What I am wondering is how come so few people write about the harmful political involvement of the Non-Religious Left? It seems to me that all good governments need good, moral, honest, trustworthy, loving, truthful, peaceful, kind, generous, gentle and yes, religious, people for them to function properly. What we really need