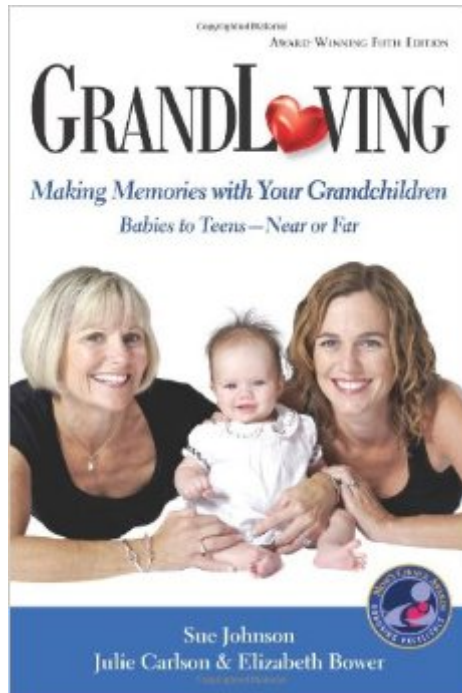


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# GrandLoving: Making Memories With Your Grandchildren



## Synopsis

Incorporating advice from more than 350 families nationwide, this guide offers specific tips for bonding with grandchildren, from babies to teens. Along with a completely revised resource section, this fifth edition features expanded sections on Skyping, texting, and social networking; Facebook, Flickr, MySpace, Twitter, and YouTube. Among the guide's hints are more than 225 easy, low-cost, do-together, and long-distance activities such as ideas for successful visits, holidays, and family traditions. While primarily intended for use by grandparents, this sourcebook's strategies and suggestions can also help daycare providers, separated parents, extended family members, and teachers grow closer to the children in their lives.

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## Customer Reviews

This book covers the gamut when it comes to finding fun things to do with children. Because my new grandson is 800 miles away, I especially liked all of the long-distance grandparenting ideas. I would recommend it to anyone, mothers and fathers as well as grandparents.

I found GRANDLOVING a treasury of tips and suggestions, and not only for grandparents! Aunts, uncles, friends, teachers, childless former college roommates -- all of us who want to connect with kids and bridge the generations -- need its help! The authors are gentle, humorous instructors who show us how to slow down and focus on details for "toddler talk"... why a megaforce Hello Hug may bring tears instead of kisses... why to wear slouchy sweats and "get down" where kids really live and play -- on the rug. With this book's advice and its easy-to-engineer activities, crafts and gifts, we

are truly ready for "Funlove" between grown-ups and children.

Now in a revised and expanded second edition, *Grandloving: Making Memories With Your Grandchildren* is more effective than ever as a compendium of tips, ideas and suggestions for grandparents to bond with their grandchildren. More than two hundred fun and easy activities drawn from 350 families are presented along with sound advice, helpful suggestions, and inexpensive do-together projects. Whether it something special for family holidays and celebrations, or just a rainy-day or weekend visit pastime, *Grandloving* will have everything you need to plan and implement a truly memory making event. Enthusiastically recommended for grandparents of any age or circumstance, *Grandloving's* engaging, "reader friendly" text is enhanced with reminders about child development, an extensive list of resources, helpful logos, and an easy-to-use index.

If there is a better feeling in the world than "warm and fuzzy," I don't know what that is, and that's precisely the feeling I received reading *Grandloving*. Sue and Julie capture perfectly that special relationship between grandparents and grandchildren in a delightfully refreshing book that is a "must read" for every grandparent and grandparent-to-be. Some of the low-cost to no-cost activities they share brought back a flood of memories to a simpler time, a time of innocence that I enjoyed with my own grandparents. This book offers a gentle, guiding hand for grandparents and grandchildren alike to create their own very special, magical moments together that will be treasured for a lifetime.

What a wonderful resource for grandparents! The wealth and wide variety of information included in this comprehensive book is amazing, and so very helpful to grandparents-to-be--whether they're "experienced" grandparents, or about-to-be for the first time. "*Grand Loving*" begins with pregnancy, offering the reader ways to make memories for parents-to-be. Some of these suggestions involve remembering when the kids (soon-to-be-parents) were on the way. These are things that will provide priceless memories for the parents-to-be and the new grandchild. The authors offer wise words on a very wide variety of situations and circumstances, including dealing with miscarriage, helping older siblings of the new baby adjust, avoiding conflict and letting the new parents parent without interfering, but offering support. Speaking from the "other" side (I'm "just" the parent now, so the grandparents are my parents and in-laws), I found myself smiling and saying "yes!" as I read the advice to grandparents about not giving too much advice, offering support to the new parents, being prepared to entertain yourself when visiting the family with the new baby, making memories, and even getting along with other grandparents. The "project" sections of the book give clear instructions

for a wide variety of things to do with the grandkids. Don't worry if you are not "crafty," or don't enjoy the outdoors; the authors have given projects in nine different categories, including art, construction, cooking, games, and music. The projects use inexpensive, readily available supplies, and every grandparent is sure to find many activities he or she will enjoy with grandchildren of any age, with any interest. This book is a "must have" for any grandparent--"about to be" grandparent or "have a bunch of grandkids" grandparent. It would make a great gift from the parents-to-be to the grandparents-to-be, perhaps even as a fun way to announce a pregnancy!

I purchased this book, kindle version, hoping it would give me ideas on how to stay close to my grandchildren while living on the road as a full time rver. The reviews certainly made me think that there would be a wealth of information in this book to do so. Alas, I was greatly disappointed. Although, it did offer a few ideas that I could try & a few I could build on, I felt this book was mainly a game & craft oriented book geared toward little ones. It didn't offer much in the way of connecting with tweeners & teenagers. I also must admit that I found a majority of the games & craft ideas to be pretty cheesy too. In summary, I was vastly disappointed with my purchase.

This book has great information for anyone who works with children ! Of course grandmothers are always looking for ideas and new things to do with grandchildren. Offering specific activities, as well as helpful information, this book is a MUST HAVE for any grandmother. It's also a PERFECT gift for any adult who has grandchildren.

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