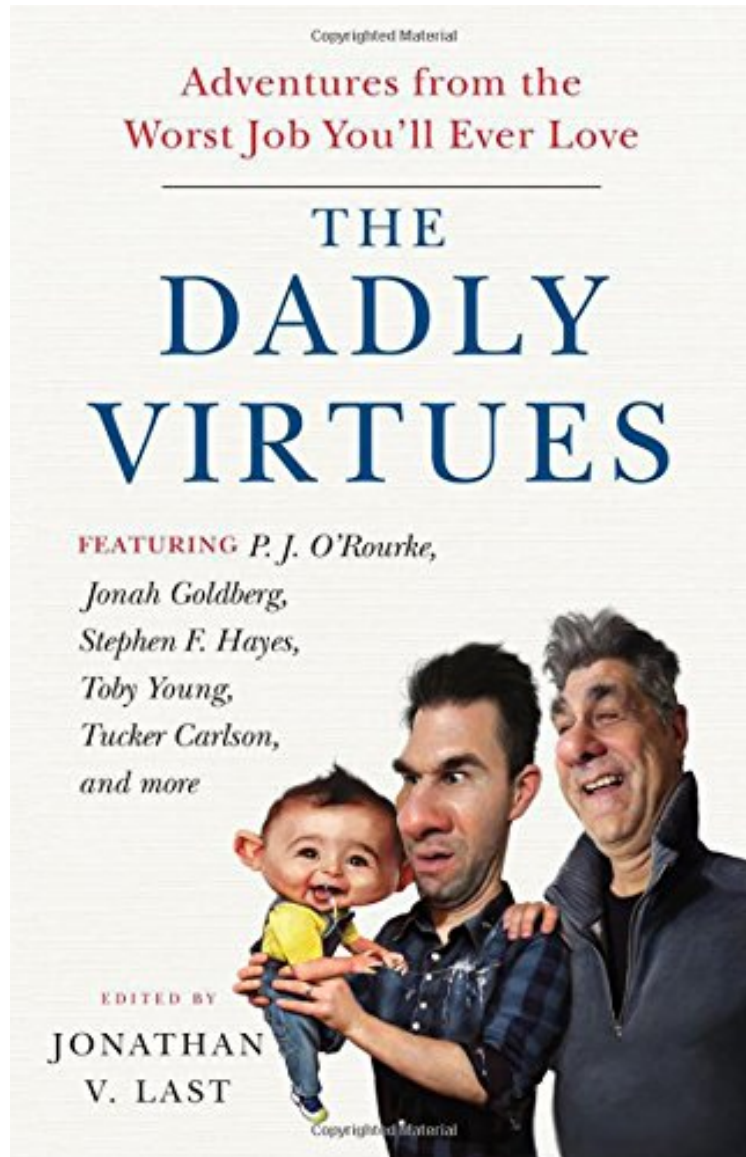


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new Thought Emperor parades his haute couture down the avenue of public opinion, ovine crowds on the sidewalk bleat ooh and aah. But then a bunch of smart-ass boys holler "Hey, he's buck naked!" and the jig is up. Those kids are Jonathan V. Last and the sixteen rascallions he has gathered to comment on fatherhood and, while they're at it, on sex, marriage, and family. While changing fashions of thought on these things are not the burden of any one of these essays, the reality they severally defend, the life-creating and life-authorizing love of a mother and father, gives the lie to all such costumed finery. JVL Co. show us fatherhood as a bridge. What we know about fatherhood we learned from our fathers. How we are with our children is what they will learn and know about it, too. JVL's own introductory essay is about paternal failures, how to accept their inevitability and how to live with the regrets. Bridging from our own fathers to our own kids, we all swear to avoid making the mistakes of the former while raising the latter. This rarely works. In fact, forget about it. Once you've manfully considered all your own fatherly failings, it's a lot easier to give the old man a break. Maybe there's a lesson for life in there. My own dear progenitor was fond of booze and babes. He was married six times, four before I was out of the house. He begat five of us by three different women, whom he was obliged to marry in those quaint days. He adopted two more, prior children of wife number four. At the age of eighty-two and well under the influence he took another man's life in a head-on collision. Talk about mistakes? Boy, howdy. He lived five years after his release from prison. When I gave the eulogy I acknowledged his failings. But I recounted his successes: service to his country in war, a prosperous business, love of his state and town, and, especially, us, seven brats who made up, mysteriously, impossibly, a family. In him there was fatherhood enough. These are smart, hilarious, and touching pieces all, well arrayed by the editor, from the tumescent throbbings of adolescent boys to marriage, conception, children, school, college, grandchildren. They will make you want to write your own about your dad and your life as a dad. It's a guidebook, really, by guys who have lived in those same places. Buy one for every new or prospective father you know. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Hysterically Funny and Deeply Profound By S.J. Loved this — I found it both hysterically funny and also quite profound from a parenting perspective. The perfect book for any stage of fatherhood, perhaps especially new dads. It's and unsparing and unsentimental, yet deeply touching, account of the journey of fatherhood. Instead of just recapping what it about to come, Mr. Last's opening essay starts out funny but then gets serious as he describes how he grapples with helping his kids (who he notes are still all fairly young) deal with failure, something I found quite moving. Equally touching was Mr. Rob Long's essay on helping your kids understand the importance of choosing a spouse, which was particularly interesting editorial choice because Mr. Long admits up front that he is neither married nor a dad. I laughed out loud at Tucker Carlson's account of building dangerous toys with his kids in homage to his youth (he describes riding on the top of his parents' station wagon, holding onto the rails — as his dad drove) and Toby Young's accidental slaying of his kids' first pets. Each chapter has its share of funny war stories, but each also has some deep insights into the ups and downs of raising kids \*well.\* I have not yet gotten to the "birds and the bees" with my kids yet, let alone college and "moving back into the empty" nest stages, but those chapters were just as enjoyable. And my eyes misted at the closing chapter on becoming a good grandfather. I read the chapters in order for the narrative arc that Mr. Last sets up, but they are all fairly short and winsome so they would also work out of order as standalone chapters. Mr. Last and the authors managed to pull off something that's worthwhile as a book that could stand up against many (and better than many) in the "Parenting" section of the bookstore but could just as easily be a standout in the "Humor" section. I highly recommend it and plan to give it to my father and brothers for Father's Day. And I bet mothers would not only relate but be afforded many laugh-out-loud or eye-rolling moments (there's an early essay describing the new dad's terror at being left alone with the baby for about two hours that rings all too true). All in all a great and uplifting read. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Funny, Moving and "Real" collection By Peg Pruden What a gem! I'm so glad I picked this up - and I already ordered many more for the men in my life as Fathers Day gifts. This essay collection covers the arc and adventures of fatherhood, from the moment of hearing the words "We're having a baby" become real, to the gifts of becoming a grandfather. It's less self-help and more self-reflection, and that is where some of the best insights lie. I couldn't really choose a favorite piece...each made me laugh out loud or shed a tear. All made me look back on the adventure of parenting with new perspective. Honestly, do yourself a favor and read this ... and just as important, share it! Treat your sons, brothers, husbands, Dads, Grandpas and fellow parents to this delightful and poignant new release.

From the all-star cast who brought you *The Seven Deadly Virtues* comes a book with a look at the good life... or the crazy-stressful-overwhelmed life... of a father. *The Dadly Virtues* is a tongue-in-cheek collection of encouragement and guidance for any stage of fatherhood, from pacifying babies to prepping for senior prom, from cutting the cord to getting the first, "Best Grandpa" t-shirt. P.J. O'Rourke sets the stage with the chapter, "What Do Men Get from Fatherhood? Besides What They Put In ..." and then is followed by: •Matthew Continetti's, "Newborn Terror: The Moment You Realize that 'Bundle of Joy' Is a Euphemism for Something Very Different." •Stephen F. Hayes' "Siblings: The Best Gift You'll Ever Give Your Kids." •Jonah Goldberg's "Get Your Kid a Dog: The Moral Case for Pets." •Tucker Carlson's "In Praise of Adventure: How to Fill a Child's Life with Excitement and Danger (without Getting Them Killed)." •Michael Graham's, "Dating: Enjoy the Movie and Please Keep the Impregnation to a

Minimum.” •Christopher Caldwell’s “College: It’s Not as Bad as You Think; It’s Worse.” •Andrew Ferguson’s “Emerging Adults and Empty Nesters: Just When You Had Fatherhood All Figured Out.” •Toby Young’s “The Dark Side: Bad Parenting and the Things We Think, but Do Not Say.” •Joseph Epstein’s “Thanks, Grandpa: Grandfatherhood and the Spirit of the Age.” •And more. Father-to-be, two-time-dad, or granddad, each essay will make you laugh and, at the same time, reinforce your commitment to the virtuous—the dadly—life.

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