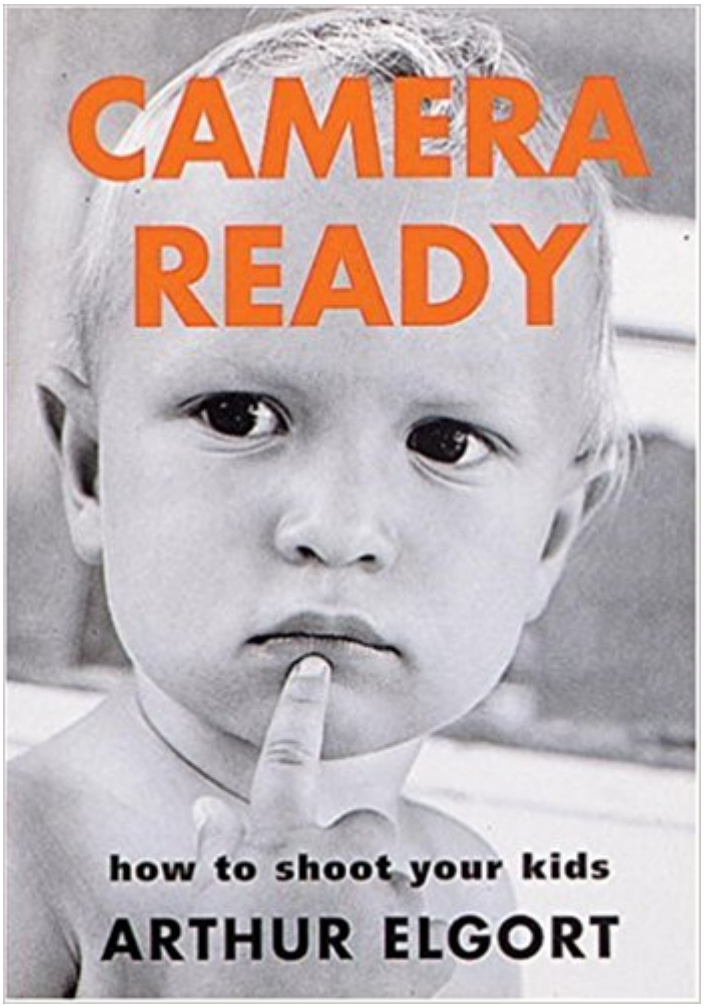
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PEOPLE DONÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢T LIKE ARTHUR ELGORT. They love him. And the family he kept so close along with him. If you want technically accurate pictures of your children, follow a techie and get step by step instructions. If art and love is your game, this is your book. This is what I wanted to be able to do when I bought a decent camera with some hard-to-come-by funds years ago -- and then it was stolen on a happy July 4th on the National Mall when I looked up at the fireworks. Never scraped together enough funds again -- lost the heart for it. But if this book had been available for me to buy back then, I would have gotten my heart back. He helps you know you can do it -- even with a cheapie camera. You can do it -- if you just have the heart for it. And for your children. I hadn't lost the heart for my children -- I just didn't realize it was enough. I love Arthur Elgort -- and his family -- and this book. I get it now for other young parents who might become discouraged as I did, but who are willing to get down to their babyÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s level as he does. If only it were still in print. As another reviewer said, he has created a visual lesson in loving fatherly attentiveness. There are no step by step instructions for that, but seeing it jump off each page like this could be called instructive. A true inspiration.

I was looking for specific advice about "how to shoot" my kid (photographically). I did not get it. This book REALLY IS just a photo album of the author’s own kids. While some people may be able to infer how to achieve great photos of their kids by looking at Mr. Elgort’s photos, I needed more "how to" instruction. There is very little text in this book at all and I felt the title was misleading. If you are looking for excellent instruction on how to photograph your children (babies in particular) buy HOW TO PHOTOGRAPH YOUR BABY by Nick Kelsh, a far superior book which I bought after trashing this one.

Great for new comers with kids. Offers suggestions that you may not of thought of, Encourages you to think outside the square.

This is a fantastic book that I return to again and again for inspiration. Granted, there is not a lot of text, not a lot of "how to". But, as with anything one tries to do at a high level, photography is mostly art and not science. You can read lots of books with f-stop measurements, shutter speeds, etc., but those won’t teach you nearly as well as looking at good pictures, and taking lots of pictures. Elgort’s text provides the basics, all one really needs. By studying this book, you get the same lessons as Kelsh’s book: Get Close, Study the Light, and Use Lots of Film. You don’t get to be a great music composer by reading books on composition, you get better by listening to music and studying scores. Most "how to" photo books are like reading books on bicycle riding -- this book has you actually get on a bicycle and ride. In addition, Camera Ready is a beautiful coffee table book -- the subtitle "How to Shoot Your Kids" also gets a lot of smiles.By the other reviews, I can see that this may not be a book for everyone: not for techie photographers, not for absolute beginners, etc. But with a little knowledge, this book can really help you with your most important pieces of photographic equipment: your mind and your eye.

As other reviewers have said, this is a photo album of the author’s kids. The photos are wonderful and enjoyable. The style is relaxed, somewhat candid and mostly black and white. I bought the book to learn more about his technique. However, he does not share much information on how to achieve these wonderful photos. So, I plan on using the book and his photo style as inspiration and the trial and error method to achieve similar photos . Even though it falls short in technical information, I still enjoyed the book and I feel it will be benificial in improving my own photography.

this book will inspire you to take pictures of your kids. if a famous fashion photographer -- with a great sense of humor -- prefers to take candid pictures of his own kids than fashion models, you can do it, too. he also tells you which kind of camera to buy, the best ways to get your film developed and how to get over the fear that your kids are not as photogenic as his. a fantastic baby shower present, especially for anyone with an interest in fashion or design (it's designed by the extremely fashionable art director and photographer, steve hiett). if you have kids, you should have this book.

I love photographing children and found this book to be very inspiring. I purchase this book as a gift for every friend or family member who has a baby, and I always receive rave reviews. This book is about inspiration and getting your children to a place where they are comfortable and familiar with having the camera around. This way you will have candid photographs of your children where they are natural and unaffected - by capturing their true essence. ... By following Arthur Elgort's simple advice, my photographs of children have improved tremendously.

This book arrived wrapped in plastic wrap. This is always a bad sign. When you walk into a bookstore and find a book wrapped in plastic, you know it's because the publisher surmises that if you could actually browse the book's pages, you wouldn't buy it. Anyway, I was looking for "how to" advice re composing good photos, putting the subject at ease, etc. However, this book is really just a photo album of the author's own children. It's all very well and good to include such photographs to demostrate techniques, but this book was very short on text. It is literally just page after page of shots of his kids. While I can admire the fact that Mr. Elgort takes great photos, this book didn't help me to learn how to take great photos myself.

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