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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Don't worry about being too hard on your kids: the bigger problem, according to psychologist Peters, is that parents are too soft. The author of *Don't Be Afraid to Discipline* argues that refraining from imposing punishments and allowing children and adolescents to do as they please (whether it's from fear of contributing to a negative self-image or simply from weakness or indifference) produces kids that are disrespectful, uncontrollable and often disliked by peers and superiors. The key, the *Today* show contributor and parenting pro argues, is "for parents to take a stand, to draw a line in the sand, and to lay down the law." In a step-by-step program that explains exactly which rules are necessary to enforce, how parents can implement them properly, and why they are so integral to a child's upbringing, this guidebook is coherent, realistic, and, most importantly, makes sense—even if some of Peters's edicts ("Appoint Yourself Benevolent Dictator," "Make Consequences Catastrophic") sound a trifle harsh. Placing the responsibility squarely on parents, Peters emphasizes that it is never too late to discipline a child, and that while it may not always be fun, "effective parenting can be simple

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### Review

"If there ever was an owner's manual for your kids, *Laying Down the Law* is it. When I read Ruth Peters, it's like she's channeling my parents and grandparents with commonsense, logical advice for today's parent." ?*Al Roker, NBC's Today show*

"Dr. Peters really understands the challenges that today's parents face-- and how to help. Easy to read and often humorous, this book reminds us why old-fashioned values can still work best to guide our children. It's straightforward talk that will benefit parents-- dare I say she's the Judge Judy of parenting?!" ?*Nancy Samalin, M.S., best-selling author of Loving Your Child Is Not Enough and Loving without Spoiling*

From the Inside Flap

**Strong Values and  
Tough Discipline--  
with a mother's touch**

Ruth Peters knows what works with kids. She's raised two of her own and counseled thousands more through her private practice.

In *Laying Down the Law*, you'll learn her 25 best laws of parenting that work with kids of all ages, from preschool to high school. Firm, but fair. Tough, but compassionate.

Dr. Peters's innovative approach to parenting will help you teach your children the values and discipline they need to succeed--and give them the love they need to thrive. Her straight-talking advice is easy to follow--and works fast to improve your child's behavior!

**25 Laws. 1 Result.  
A Happier Home!**

**Teach Your Kids What Really Matters** (See Law #1)

**Turn Whining into Action** (See Law #6)

**Stop Their Bad Habits** (See Law #7)

**Go from Suspicion to Trust** (See Law #12)

**Turn Rudeness into Politeness** (See Law #13)

**Get Your Kids to Talk Openly** (See Law #16)

**Teach the Work Ethic** (See Law #25)

Dr. Peters will take you step by step through the process of establishing your family values and choosing methods of discipline that will work best for your family. She'll help you identify what's really bothering your child when he acts up and show you how to tailor a rewards-based plan that will bring out your child's best behavior.

Ruth Peters thinks it's time to take a stand for your family and lay down the law. When you practice her 25 Laws of Parenting, you will get the peaceful, happy home life that your kids need--and you deserve.

Plus . . . smart ways to deal with common problems--from biting to tattoos, from drug and alcohol abuse to fear of school, from bullies to sibling rivalry . . . and much, much more!

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#### **James Mace:**

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**Julie Slocum:**

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**James Floyd:**

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