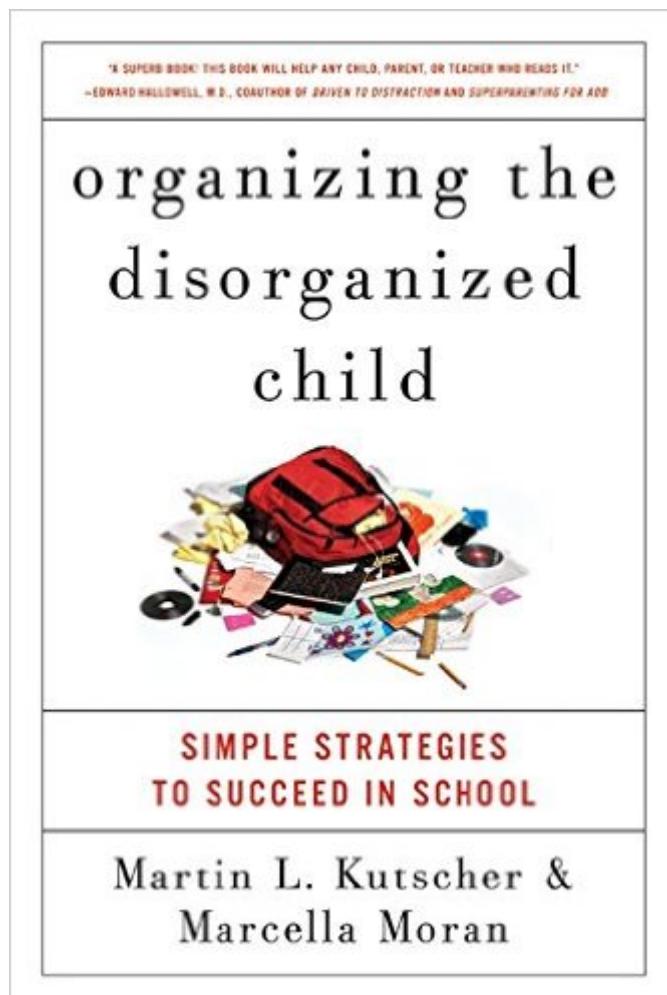


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# Organizing The Disorganized Child: Simple Strategies To Succeed In School



## Synopsis

"You can imagine what my child's room looked like: clothes on the floor, dresser drawers open with clothes half hanging out of them, and toys spread all over the floor." "Jill is given an assignment on Monday that is due on Friday. The problem is that despite repeated nagging, she won't start it until Thursday night." *Organizing The Disorganized Child* finally answers the parents' question, "How can I help my child get organized without waging a battle?" This essential toolkit for parents and educators factors organizational styles into the equation, and offers effective strategies that deliver amazing long-term results. Renowned ADHD expert Dr. Martin Kutscher and coach Marcella Moran explain the roots of our children's organizational problems, and the parents' role in fixing them. They outline different organizational styles used by different students. (Not all kids organize the same way!) Kutscher and Moran outline exactly what school materials to buy, and how to set up the study area. They provide a step-by-step plan for an organizational system including:

- o Refining morning and nighttime routines
- o Getting the correct work home
- o Planning the work, and getting it back to where it belongs
- o Tips for reading and note taking
- o Study and test taking skills
- o Learning how to ask the right questions

*Organizing the Disorganized Child* is an essential toolkit that belongs on every parent's shelf. Early Praise for *Organizing the Disorganized Child* "A superb book! Blessedly brief, pointedly practical, and clear as glass, this book will help any child, parent, or teacher who reads it. Step by step, the authors, who truly know their subject, lead the reader through a method that can't help but succeed. This book meets an urgent need. I will be referring my patients to it." - Edward Hallowell, M.D., co-author of *Driven to Distraction* and *Superparenting for ADD* "Organizing the Disorganized Child is a long overdue manual that strives to make life easier on families with children with ADHD. Unlike other books that offer a menu of one-size-fits-all strategies, this book digs deeper and helps parents to understand the root causes of their particular child's disorganization...This book is a MUST HAVE for all parents of children with or without ADHD!" - Nancy A. Ratey, author of *The Disorganized Mind* "Organizing the Disorganized Child is a breath of fresh air. Straightforward, practical, and most important, providing strategies and ideas that any parent - even the disorganized - can easily implement. Rather than wait till some children struggle I suggest that *Organizing the Disorganized Child* be essential reading for parents of all entering first graders." - Sam Goldstein, Ph.D., Co-author of *Raising a Self-disciplined Child*

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## **Customer Reviews**

As a mother of a disorganized 11yr old boy I was at the end of my rope trying to get him to remember his homework, books, and backpack! I was desperately looking for a book that would help me help him become more organized. I came across "Organizing the Disorganized Child" at our local bookstore, grabbed the only copy and ran (not walked to the checkout) and promptly read from cover to cover. Now I am rereading and highlighting and marking key points. For any child, young adult or even adult this book is a lifesaver for the disorganized student. From the start the author discusses the different learning styles that children have and the best way to teach them to gather the right tools to organization. From getting the right supplies to use and implementation the author gives the child and parent a guide to succeed both in school and life. If you or your child struggle to get homework done and/or get ready for school or work in the morning then this is the book for you. You won't be disappointed.

I initially bought two books when I read the review; one for myself and one for my sister. Now I am back to purchase 5 more because I just have to share this book with my friends who are all suffering the homework blues! I have always considered myself a very organized person (too much so, probably!) and I was able to pass this skill on to my oldest child. Then came my second! It seemed like nothing worked! All I kept hearing was, "I can't, I can't! I don't know how!" and I thought this was just her being obstinate or lazy or both. I would get angrier and angrier. I was at my wits end and resigned to the fact that this would always be a struggle for us. Then I read in this book, "She was telling me exactly what the problem was-she really didn't have a clue how to start the task. She wasn't being lazy or trying to get away from her responsibilities. She simply didn't know how to organize herself. That insight helped me to turn aside my anger. Now I just needed to figure out how

to help her." It was my situation exactly! Just because I was so organized, it didn't mean my method of organization would work for my daughter. Thanks to this book, there are simple, concrete ways to determine exactly what works best for my daughter and the way she thinks/sees things. What works for me doesn't work for her and once we found what works for her, we were free! Free from frustration, free from screaming and free to focus on other things! I recommend this to anyone who thought there was no hope for their child to ever be organized. It is a book that is very specific and straightforward. I also think it's an excellent book for disorganized adults too!

To watch our bright child struggle in school simply because he couldn't remember assignments, books to bring home and a myriad of other organizational problems we were desperate to try anything to end the yelling and screaming about homework and projects. This book laid out some great simple suggestions and literally "cured" my son's disorganization. We were able to create fun reasons and games to make his schoolwork more manageable. I'm hoping that he will be able to take these organization techniques into high school and be as successful as he has become in grammar school. This book is a must read for any parent who is at their wits end with school work. If you have a child that struggles in school simply because they can't organize their work, don't miss this book... Respectfully, Two Very Relieved Parents.....

This is a "parenting" book. And as a parent, I'm supposed to read it, then talk about it with my 12-year-old son. I didn't do that. Didn't have to. I gave it to my son to look at, and he devoured it. I do admit I let him stay up late reading, but he would have read it anyway. Few books hold his attention as well as this one did. He came up with a list of everything he needed to use the system. Then we bought them. The most expensive was the Time Timer, 3 Inch, but that was totally worth it. It helps him get his homework done twice as fast, apparently by reminding him of time elapsing and turning it into a game to beat the clock. Didn't have to encourage him, and I didn't read the book. I did order a copy after the fact for him, but I'm not sure he needs it. So yes it works. He is so dang proud for doing this by himself.

Good guide for how to get organized. Good advice on studying for tests. Appropriate for late elementary through high school.

This is another amazing book by Kutscher! His books are a tremendous help for those of us who have children with Asperger's. Not only does he give the information to you straight, but he writes in

such a way to keep you reading till the end. The information is presented in non-clinical terms with tons of suggestions on how to implement his ideas into your child's life right away. At the end of the book he even offers more book titles for you to read for further information; and he did not write all the titles he recommends. He also gives lists of websites for the product suggestions he makes in the book. He is truly about helping parents and educators help their children! Thank you so much for sharing your years of knowledge with the rest of us.

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