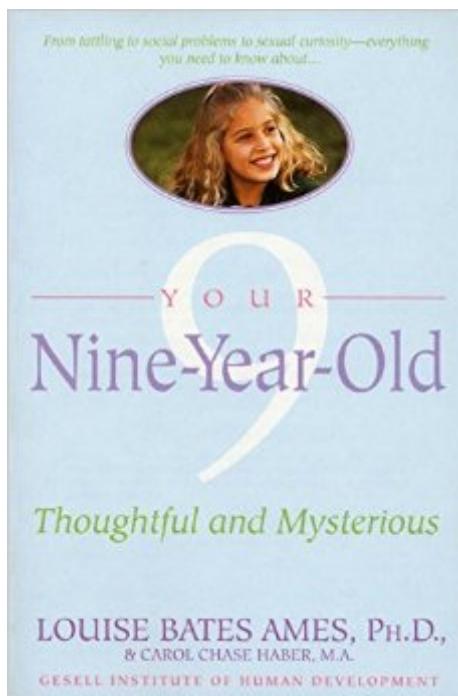


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# Your Nine Year Old: Thoughtful And Mysterious



## **Synopsis**

What happened to that sunny outgoing child of eight?Â Â As parents of nine-year-olds often discover, nine is a tricky age.Â Children are more distant from Mother and Father; they're more independant and rely on friends for companionship, or they have a tendency to spend time alone.Â Some nines are boisterous and wild, others thoughtful and withdrawn.Â Â Helping parents learn how to cope with the unpredictable nine-year-old is the aim of this practical guide from the Gesell Institute. Nine-year-olds are hovering on the brink of adolescence, and this in part contributes to their up-and-down nature.Â Â Dr. Louis Bates Ames and Carol Chase Haber paint a vivid picture of the child at this age and offer useful advice to make life easier for parents and children alike.

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When you know what behaviors are "normal" for your child's age you can relax, stop the worry, and focus on appropriate solutions. This whole series of books accurately defines the ages and stages of children. These books keep your expectations realistic and allow you to avoid anger caused by a lack of understanding of your child's developmental stages.

Reading this book has helped make nine very enjoyable. This series of books is great.

Understanding the different stages takes out the frustration and makes watching and helping your childern grow and develop a JOY.

Consistently good advice and observations given in this series. Of course, not everything may apply

to your child, but there are fundamentally sound areas of development covered, and can provide parents with some measure of reassurance and comfort as their children go through the "thoughtful and mysterious" nines!

This book serves as a great tool for me in raising my nine year old twins! It provides a great assessment as to what I can expect from my children, and explains the reasoning for some of the issues that go on with their behavior. I wish more adults in the education profession and politics would use the information provided in this book in an effort to get a better perspective on what it's like to be nine. Particularly as we continue to hold our children more and more accountable for reaching such rigorous education standards.

I used this series of books raising my children and now order them for my daughter raising her two little girls. It is a good review for me too! Who said kids don't come with instruction manuals!!!! There excellent books ARE instruction manuals! One understands the stages kids are going through instead of wondering why they suddenly became weepy or naught or sneaky and HOW TO MANAGE THEM! The children respond so well. The parents sigh with relief!!!!

I remember liking this series of books years ago as an education student but looking at them again as a parent I see they are so generalized and stereotypical that I have a hard time believing they can be of use to anyone in specific. I can find nothing in them that remotely describes my child and even if I could I don't think I'd follow this one-size fits all advice.

I love these books--and I've read nine of them! I've heard other parents argue that they are not "modern" enough. I heartily disagree! These books are always insightful and eye-opening. By tradition, I purchase the appropriate book when my daughter is halfway to that age. Each year, it helps me to prepare for the changes and evolutions that are either to come--or have already come. Love the breezy writing, love the humor. Very helpful. Terrific little resource.

I get these books each year since my oldest was 4 y/o and find them very helpful. It's amazing how much behavior follows the exact information in the books! I find it very helpful in teasing out what is a developmental phase and what is unique to my kids. Honestly, it's a little shocking how much is just standard age-appropriate stuff. I find the notes on kids birthday parties to be EXTREMELY helpful and, again, almost shocking how much is just pre-programmed by developmental stages. I

have two kids -- 2 yrs & 9 mo apart. The series has helped me relax when we had some tough times with the kids not getting along -- it was all laid out in the books and I knew it would not have lasting effects. Sure enough, they have passed through the phases and are getting along pretty great now (all just as the books foretold.) They are now 12 and 9 y/o.

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