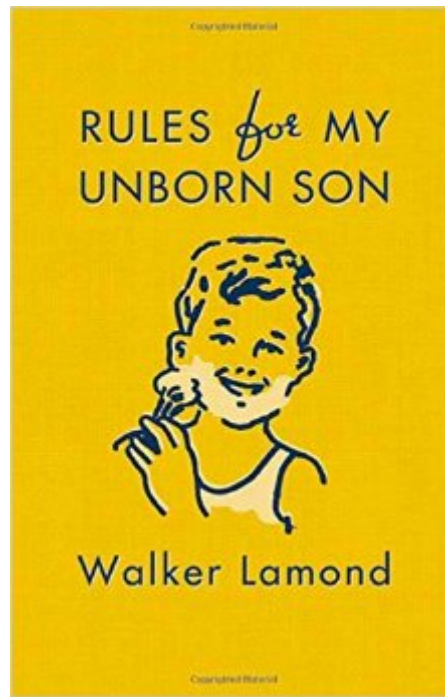


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# Rules For My Unborn Son



## Synopsis

RULES FOR MY UNBORN SON is a collection of traditional, humorous, and urbane fatherly advice for boys. From the sartorial ("If you are tempted to wear a cowboy hat, resist") to the practical ("Keep a copy of your letters. It makes it easier for your biographer") to even a couple of sure-fire hangover cures ("There is no better remedy than a dip in the ocean"), the book of rules and accompanying quotations is quite simply an instruction manual for becoming a Good Man - industrious, thoughtful, charming, and of course, well-dressed. Hip and witty with a decidedly traditionalist flavor, RULES FOR MY UNBORN SON is meant to evoke simpler times when Father knew best and a suitable answer to "Why?" was "Because I said so."

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## Customer Reviews

I was raised by a single mother and feel like I lost out of some of the "father tips." Now, at 25 I'm reading this book and am transformed into a 10 year old again. This book, in its compact elegance, is worth its weight in gold to any twenty-something with wants to tips from the "expert" father. Although I have already adapted some of the rules into my daily routine, I have been constantly reminded to be classy and gentlemanly during my read. This book has made its way into my "absolutely must be recommended" list.

Walker Lamond's Rules for My Unborn Son is filled with classic and timeless wisdom that every father should pass on to their son. The tips cover everything from the sartorial to how to handle yourself in a fist fight ("Aim for the nose"). My favorite: "A man's luggage does not have wheels."

The book is also scattered with images from mid-century America that only add to the classic tone of the book. If you know a soon-to-be dad, get this book for them. Even if you're not a dad, get the book. The advice is useful for men of all ages on how to be a well rounded man.

Rules for My Unborn Son contains a selection of posts from Walker Lamond's website of the (almost) same name, presented beautifully in hardback with numerous photographs and illustrations. The concept behind Lamond's website is both inspired and inspiring, a collection of dicta ranging from the practical to the moral to the philosophical, complemented by carefully selected photographs and musical pieces that illustrate his points perfectly. The rest of the Internet could disappear tomorrow and all would be well provided Lamond continues with his postings. His book, however, seems to lack a certain something that makes the website such compulsive reading, at least for a fan who has already pored over the archives multiple times. The problem, I think, stems from the unavoidable limitations imposed by the publishing process in capturing the essence of the site; where the site flows so perfectly with photograph leading to caption leading to song leading to the next nugget of wisdom the book seems a little disjointed, rather less rich and engaging. The book is still great, just not perfect. Despite these unfortunate deficiencies, Rules for My Unborn Son would make a perfect gift for anyone with eyes and the ability to read English, and it would be an ideal introduction to the greater treasures contained within the site itself. I've already bought two copies, and as holidays and birthdays roll around once again I'll continue to buy this book for everyone I know and love until my friends and family stage an intervention.

One of the best men's blogs out there finally becomes a book. 1001 Rules For My Unborn Son is a collection of 1001 rules every boy and modern gentleman should live by. From "When in doubt wear a tie." or "If you are tempted to wear a cowboy hat, resist" to "Always read something that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it." 1001 Rules is filled with great advice, beautiful font and timeless black and white pictures. [...].

This book was a quick read there are ~200 pages in the book, with an average of 2 quotes and/or short pieces of advice per page. Ironically, some of the quotes are things that I find myself saying variations of on a daily basis to coworkers, friends and family. I bought this book to give to my son when he is a bit older (he is currently 2), but I think all the advice in the book is solid and will help boys grow up into something that resembles a gentleman; rather than a boy who can shave. My favorite quotes from the book are: "Short pants are for little boys, decide for yourself when you are a

man""Men should not wear sandals. Ever.""Donâ™t pose with booze.""Identify your most commonly used word or phrase, and eliminate it."Most of the content that is available in the book is also available on the author's blog: <http://rulesformyunbornson.tumblr.com/>

This has made a great bathroom book, providing short bursts of humor and insight without asking very much of its reader. Each page contains one or two "rules" for the author's unborn son, meant to serve as guideposts on the boy's road to manhood. The rules are generally witty and playful, rather than deep or life-changing. Don't buy this as an instruction manual on how to raise a son, but purchase it to start you thinking about parenthood with a healthy serving of laughter along the way.

I can't imagine anyone has a dad who could share all that's here (and who among us would actually listen if we did?), but I found myself laughing when I came across rules that reminded me of a bit of shared wisdom from my own father--and realized with a start there's probably a lot more he could teach me--if I'd only bother to listen, or to ask. I bought a copy for my dad and plan on adding quick notes next to the rules he taught me that have really helped me along the way. If you have kids, it would be amazing to hand over a copy of this book with your own notes about the rules you think are the most valuable. There's nothing quite like a father's wisdom--and Walker Lamond has distilled the best of it!

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