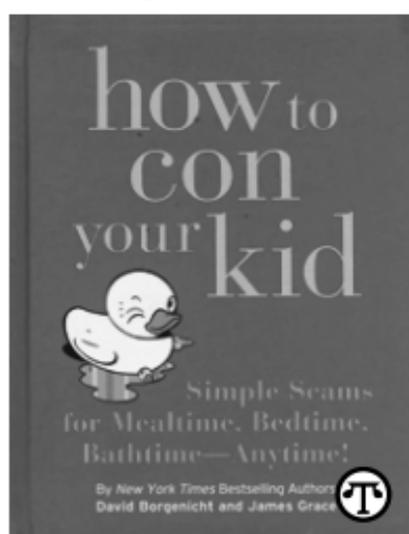


# Pointers For Parents

## How To Con Your Kid

(NAPSA)—Street-smart tips and clever tricks may be just what parents need to get their kids to do exactly what they want—and a new book reveals some of these simple but effective scams of the parenting trade.

“How to Con Your Kid” (Quirk Books, \$14.95) shows parents how



to beat children at the only game they know how to play—being children.

Classic techniques include “Short Cons” (choices that make children feel like they are in control when in reality parents pull the strings) that can turn dreaded activities into amusing activities. For example, when a toddler is talking too loud, it may be time to suggest a fun game to see who can whisper the quietest.

Other schemes, like “The Con,” offer help on more challenging situations, with step-by-step instructions for getting kids to take their medicine, stop crying or eat their meals.

The authors offer sensible and clever ideas to help parents turn uncomfortable or downright unpleasant situations into fun and games. There are grooming cons, getting ready cons, behavioral cons and bedtime cons. The book also includes sing-along songs, foolproof games plus charts and certificates. This may be one book your kids don’t want you to read.

It’s available wherever books are sold and at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).