



French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting

By Catherine Crawford

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) 

French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting By Catherine Crawford

Adventures in Franco-inspired American parenting—a winning mix of witty cross-cultural observation, hilariously blunt French wisdom, and one American mom's journey to create her own hybrid parenting approach

“If there is no blood, don’t get up.” This single nugget of parenting gold, offered by a French friend at the end of a long dinner party, changed everything for writer Catherine Crawford, her husband, and, especially, the couple’s two young daughters. Crawford immediately began to see that while the United States had become the land of too-involved parents forever wanting to talk through their kids’ feelings about, well, everything, France employed a far more *laissez-faire* attitude toward raising *les enfants*. Learning to sleep through the night? A few tears never hurt anyone. Food? Let them eat cake, sure, but only *after* they’ve sampled lamb chops, broccoli rabe, and the stinkiest of cheeses.

Short of shipping her daughters off to Paris for these—and many other—invaluable early-life lessons, Crawford did the next best thing: She brought Old World-style parenting to Brooklyn. In the process, she discovered that her kids could actually hold a thought silently for two minutes without interrupting adult conversation, and that she didn’t, in fact, need to buy out half the toy store to make their birthdays special. She even found out how much her kids like lamb chops! While combining the best attributes of the approach *français* with what she saw as American qualities worth preserving, Crawford found a way to save her household *and* her sanity. Hilarious and insightful, *French Twist* reveals how Crawford and her family survived *le grand experiment*—and why they aren’t ever going back to the way things were.

Advance praise for *French Twist*

“Presented with a touch of humor and spot-on descriptions of childhood (mis)behavior, the advice, which touches on such topics as breastfeeding and school participation, is practical and useful. A refreshing approach to raising children.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“[A] charming and clever parenting chronicle . . . Though some may prefer their naughty kids just the way they are, this breezy, entertaining study of parenting a la Paris may prompt others to pour a café au lait and rethink their strategies.”—*Publishers Weekly*

“*French Twist* describes an open-minded experiment in French-style parenting (though apparently there’s not even a French word for parenting!) and reveals itself as an honest examination of the author’s own missteps and prejudices—which we all can relate to—and the whole overparenting trend in this country. Are Catherine Crawford’s conclusions ‘French’? Who cares? They’re immensely logical and rational, and delivered with an abundance of love.”—Muffy Mead-Ferro, author of *Confessions of a Slacker Mom*

“Ever seen a French child throw a tantrum in a restaurant or talk back to his parents? Neither has Catherine Crawford. In *French Twist* she uncovers the secrets of French child-rearing—and then tries them out on her own family, with remarkable results. Part memoir, part instruction manual, *French Twist* is hilarious, honest, and incredibly useful.”—Lori Leibovich, executive lifestyle editor of The Huffington Post

“Catherine Crawford has written a great parenting book. I can’t wait to have kids and apply all I have learned here. Wait—hold on. I’m being told I already have two kids. This is incredible news! I will begin applying immediately.”—Adam Scott, actor, *Parks and Recreation*

 [Download French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment ...pdf](#)

French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting

By Catherine Crawford

French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting By Catherine Crawford

Adventures in Franco-inspired American parenting—a winning mix of witty cross-cultural observation, hilariously blunt French wisdom, and one American mom's journey to create her own hybrid parenting approach

“If there is no blood, don’t get up.” This single nugget of parenting gold, offered by a French friend at the end of a long dinner party, changed everything for writer Catherine Crawford, her husband, and, especially, the couple’s two young daughters. Crawford immediately began to see that while the United States had become the land of too-involved parents forever wanting to talk through their kids’ feelings about, well, everything, France employed a far more *laissez-faire* attitude toward raising *les enfants*. Learning to sleep through the night? A few tears never hurt anyone. Food? Let them eat cake, sure, but only *after* they’ve sampled lamb chops, broccoli rabe, and the stinkiest of cheeses.

Short of shipping her daughters off to Paris for these—and many other—invaluable early-life lessons, Crawford did the next best thing: She brought Old World-style parenting to Brooklyn. In the process, she discovered that her kids could actually hold a thought silently for two minutes without interrupting adult conversation, and that she didn’t, in fact, need to buy out half the toy store to make their birthdays special. She even found out how much her kids like lamb chops! While combining the best attributes of the approach *français* with what she saw as American qualities worth preserving, Crawford found a way to save her household *and* her sanity. Hilarious and insightful, *French Twist* reveals how Crawford and her family survived *le grand experiment*—and why they aren’t ever going back to the way things were.

Advance praise for *French Twist*

“Presented with a touch of humor and spot-on descriptions of childhood (mis)behavior, the advice, which touches on such topics as breastfeeding and school participation, is practical and useful. A refreshing approach to raising children.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“[A] charming and clever parenting chronicle . . . Though some may prefer their naughty kids just the way they are, this breezy, entertaining study of parenting a la Paris may prompt others to pour a café au lait and rethink their strategies.”—*Publishers Weekly*

“*French Twist* describes an open-minded experiment in French-style parenting (though apparently there’s not even a French word for parenting!) and reveals itself as an honest examination of the author’s own missteps and prejudices—which we all can relate to—and the whole overparenting trend in this country. Are Catherine Crawford’s conclusions ‘French’? Who cares? They’re immensely logical and rational, and delivered with an abundance of love.”—Muffy Mead-Ferro, author of *Confessions of a Slacker Mom*

“Ever seen a French child throw a tantrum in a restaurant or talk back to his parents? Neither has Catherine Crawford. In *French Twist* she uncovers the secrets of French child-rearing—and then tries them out on her own family, with remarkable results. Part memoir, part instruction manual, *French Twist* is hilarious, honest, and incredibly useful.”—Lori Leibovich, executive lifestyle editor of The Huffington Post

“Catherine Crawford has written a great parenting book. I can’t wait to have kids and apply all I have learned here. Wait—hold on. I’m being told I already have two kids. This is incredible news! I will begin applying immediately.”—Adam Scott, actor, *Parks and Recreation*

French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting By Catherine Crawford Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #239355 in Books
- Published on: 2013-03-12
- Released on: 2013-03-12
- Format: Deckle Edge
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 8.19" h x .68" w x 5.60" l, .54 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 256 pages

 [Download French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting By Catherine Crawford

Editorial Review

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Edward Strode:

Now a day those who Living in the era wherever everything reachable by talk with the internet and the resources within it can be true or not demand people to be aware of each information they get. How many people to be smart in getting any information nowadays? Of course the reply is reading a book. Studying a book can help folks out of this uncertainty Information particularly this French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting book since this book offers you rich facts and knowledge. Of course the data in this book hundred percent guarantees there is no doubt in it you may already know.

Glenn Remaley:

This book untitled French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting to be one of several books in which best seller in this year, this is because when you read this guide you can get a lot of benefit into it. You will easily to buy this kind of book in the book retail outlet or you can order it by way of online. The publisher of the book sells the e-book too. It makes you quickly to read this book, as you can read this book in your Smart phone. So there is no reason to your account to past this guide from your list.

Mae Bushee:

A lot of people always spent their free time to vacation or even go to the outside with them household or their friend. Are you aware? Many a lot of people spent that they free time just watching TV, as well as playing video games all day long. If you wish to try to find a new activity here is look different you can read the book. It is really fun to suit your needs. If you enjoy the book you read you can spent the whole day to reading a e-book. The book French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting it is very good to read. There are a lot of folks that recommended this book. These people were enjoying reading this book. When you did not have enough space bringing this book you can buy typically the e-book. You can more quickly to read this book through your smart phone. The price is not to fund but this book has high quality.

John Harrison:

Is it you actually who having spare time subsequently spend it whole day through watching television programs or just telling lies on the bed? Do you need something new? This French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting can be the solution, oh how comes? The new book you know. You are therefore out of date, spending your spare time by reading in this new era is common not a geek activity.

So what these publications have than the others?

**Download and Read Online French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting By Catherine Crawford
#5XCFAJPK4TI**

Read French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting By Catherine Crawford for online ebook

French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting By Catherine Crawford Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting By Catherine Crawford books to read online.

Online French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting By Catherine Crawford ebook PDF download

French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting By Catherine Crawford Doc

French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting By Catherine Crawford MobiPocket

French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting By Catherine Crawford EPub

5XCFAJPK4TI: French Twist: An American Mom's Experiment in Parisian Parenting By Catherine Crawford