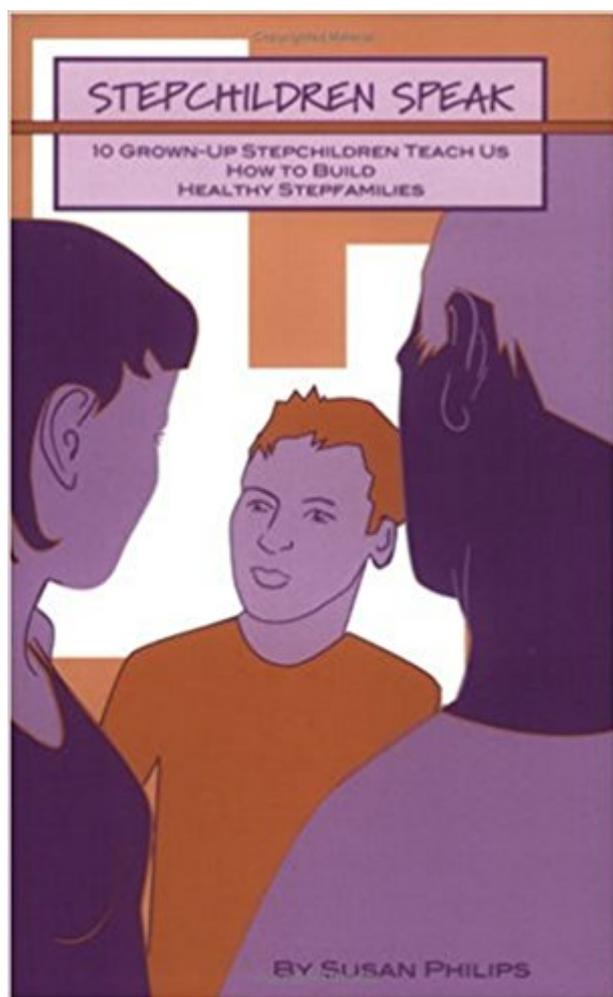


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# Stepchildren Speak: 10 Grown-Up Stepchildren Teach Us How To Build Healthy Stepfamilies



## Synopsis

We've heard from the parents and stepparents. We've heard from the child psychologists and family counselors. Now let the children speak. Here are the wise words of ten children who grew up in stepfamilies. They are young enough to remember the experience well and old enough to have learned from it. They not only offer their poignant stories, but they add advice specifically marked for parents, stepparents, and even stepchildren. They come from different races, economic levels and from various parts of the country, but all of their stories reverberate with truth and a desire to help others. The author, a parent and stepparent herself, knew the right questions to ask and knew how to help them translate their sometimes painful experience into lessons from which all of us can learn.

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What a powerful and much-needed resource for stepfamilies! So many stepfamily issues can be prevented or solved if the adults involved will do their best to "Step Into the Children's Shoes." Many thanks to Susan Philips for her work in bringing this important book to life. As much as I try to step into all my children's shoes and remain sensitive to their feelings on this complicated stepfamily journey, her book opened my eyes further and gave me new insights. What a gift that through *Stepchildren Speak* we can learn from the voices of grown-up stepchildren who have shared their stories, their struggles, their triumphs and their advice, so that we might all be better parents and stepparents NOW.

How brilliant and selfless of Susan Philips to let the stepchildren give advice and insight into stepparenting, rather than put it in her own words. The experiences that these ten stepchildren share are diverse, but the commonality of feelings are strikingly similar. For anyone who is in the midst of stepparenting, or about to embark on this journey, I would strongly recommend that they read this heartfelt book.

While this book is well conceived, researched, written, and is an interesting concept, I found it tiresome to hear again the grievances from the stepchildren's side. Being a stepchild and a stepmother, I can appreciate the difficulties from both sides, however it always seems to end up being about the stepchildren, their plight, their sensitive feelings, and what we can all do to cushion their fragility. Little thought or consideration being given for the 'dreaded' stepmother/father. It would have been a nice adjunct to have an equal number of stepparents interviewed to give their view, advice, and insights.

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