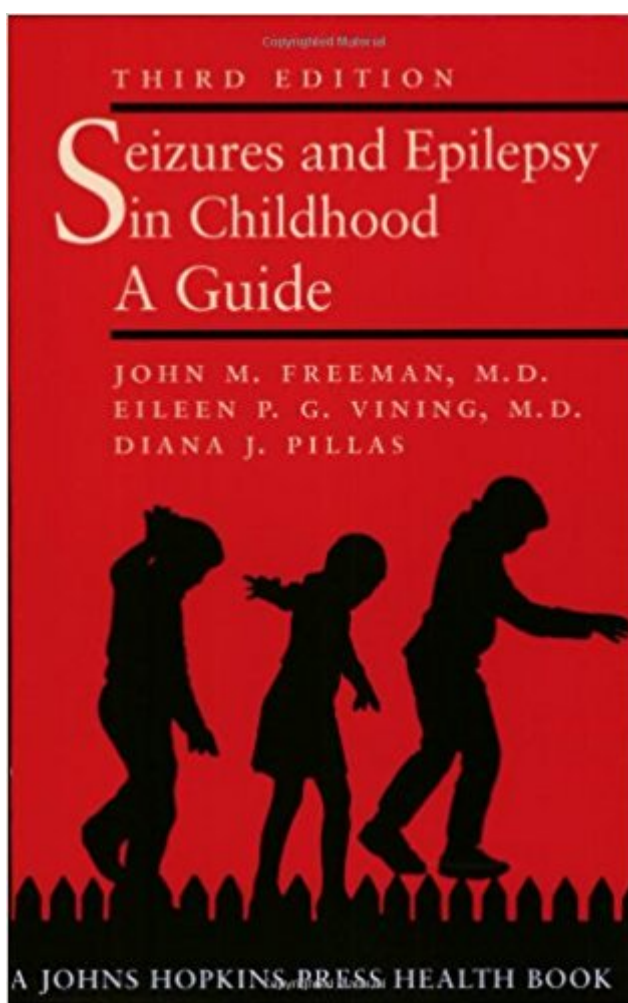


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# Seizures And Epilepsy In Childhood: A Guide (Johns Hopkins Press Health Books (Paperback))



## Synopsis

The award-winning *Seizures and Epilepsy in Childhood* is the standard resource for parents in need of comprehensive medical information about their child with epilepsy. Now in its third edition, this highly praised book has been thoroughly revised and updated to reflect the latest approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy in childhood, including the use of the ketogenic diet as a treatment for children who either do not respond to traditional drug therapy or who suffer intolerable side effects from medications. In addition to providing up-to-date information about new diagnostic techniques as well as new drugs, diet, and surgical treatments, the authors have included a chapter addressing routine health care for children with epilepsy and a new chapter on complementary and alternative therapies. Also new to this edition are discussions of the progress made in the evaluation for surgery, a chapter on insurance issues, and a section detailing additional resources. "No child's life should be defined by seizures. If we understand how the brain works, what happens during seizures, and how to cope with epilepsy, we can overcome the mythology of epilepsy and fight society's prejudices, allowing every child with epilepsy to reach his or her full potential." —From *Seizures and Epilepsy in Childhood*

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"This remarkable book has been empowering parents with vital information for more than ten years, and the new edition promises to do the same. It is committed to making parents active partners in

their children's care and will be a vital resource for families everywhere." (Eric R. Hargis, President and CEO, Epilepsy Foundation)"I have been involved with the epilepsy cause for twenty-three years and I can only say that I have wanted a book like this for a long time. To my knowledge, this is the first book combining complete scientific accuracy with a caregiver's compassion and understanding." (James A. Autry, former chairman of the board, Epilepsy Foundation)

"Combines a detailed description of the medical nature and treatment of epilepsy in children with an extensive discussion of the psychological aspects as well... Optimistic in tone and broad in scope, this is a book for the parent who has a lot of detailed questions." (National Spokesman)"The book is rich in substance and detail. There is a warm, compassionate tone. At the same time, there are no-nonsense facts and figures. The authors achieve two important objectives: providing up-to-date information and conveying a sense of optimism and hope." (Humane Medicine)"A helpful book... Discusses most concerns that parents of children with epilepsy have." (Jay Siwek, M.D. Washington Post)

I bought this book as my child has recently been diagnosed with epilepsy. Yes, there is loads of information available online regarding his condition. However, online, before you find and read something useful, you will come across a lot of unnecessary and scary things. This book on the other hand, does not scare you. On the opposite, it gave me hope. It really put things into perspective for me. I also valued the fact that there weren't many medical terms which are usually boring to read and difficult for the brain to interpret and process. I recommend this book to all individuals who have this condition in some form or another. I especially recommend this book to parents who's children have recently been diagnosed with epilepsy. I must be honest, this is a first book review I have ever written - this is how much I appreciated reading it. A very big thank you to the authors!

Really needed a book like this to help me get through the ups and downs that our family is going through after getting our diagnosis 2 1/2 years ago. Life has certainly been a challenge, but to hear some of the parents speak in this book and the doctors put things into perspective, my anxieties have decreased and I can focus on my daughter as my daughter, rather than just going through the motions of taking care of her. I love this book and I'm so happy it exists!

This book was a total eye opener for me. My child has complex partial seizures. These seizures are

hard to diagnose and understand. You will often think that the child is just having nightmares. This book has been key for me to understand my child's epilepsy. I really would like to read an updated version however. The medication section is out of date.

Recommended by my child's neurologist after diagnosis. Very helpful. Very detailed. Covers many topics. This is an invaluable resource to those newly affected. A little outdated and more than I wanted to spend on it. But I'm glad I did. This is a keeper among my reference books.

My son had a seizure out of the blue and it really scared me. The doctors at the ER were not very helpful and I could not get an appointment with a pediatric neurologist for 6 weeks! I was filled with worry. Meanwhile, I ordered this book and I cannot recommend it highly enough. Many parts put my mind at ease while I waited to see the real doctor at Johns Hopkins. The book is full of valuable information and it is written in language that I can easily understand. Outstanding book!

Writing a book about any health care issue is a tall order because your audience base is so broad. The authors of this book make a valiant effort to condense material about neurology to parents. This is a tall order. I am an EEG technologist, and life long student of neurology. I found this book a fairly easy read based on pacing and structure, but I am not so sure that people who do not have a good foundation in the life sciences, let alone neurology, will have such an easy go of it. Never the less, I strongly encourage those unfortunate parents to take a crack at reading this book, and taking notes to bring to the neurologist of their child.

This book is a must-have if your child has seizures. I was terrified and felt so uninformed before a neurologist recommended this book to me. After reading it, I am comfortable with the situation and I know when to worry and when not to worry. If your seizure-prone child is in the care of an adult besides yourself, it would be wise to have them read this. It is quite tedious and clinical in the beginning, but it becomes much clearer after the section on the brain.

Very good book, easy to read, you can learn a lot with it, plenty of useful information, in some parts it is complicated or too technical, but in many others is clear and explains very good.

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