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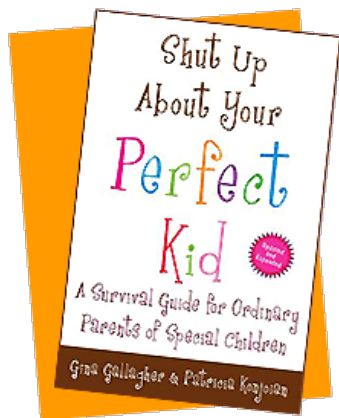
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The Imperfect Movement



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Are you tired of hearing about parents bragging about their perfect child? I am referring to children who never had to drink milk from a bottle, who listened to Mozart since they were three weeks old, who walked at nine months, who were talking at 10 months, and so on.

And now these same children seven, eight or nine years later are being ferried by their moms (sometimes their dads) to ballet lessons and from there to a cello lesson. On weekends they're playing soccer or lacrosse, attending club meetings of which they are the President, and in high school they will land a full ride scholarship to Yale or Stanford.

Sometimes, you just want to gag.

But wait! There might be hope the small minority of parents WHO HAVE ORDINARY AND AVERAGE CHILDREN or even those with special needs.

A "Movement of Imperfection" is sweeping across America. At least, this is what the people at www.shutupabout.com are saying. They are inviting parents with perfect, over-achieving children to shut up already.

Here's what their web site proclaims in part:

A POWERFUL NEW MOVEMENT IS SWEEPING ACROSS AMERICA

...and We Want You To Be a Part of It! Today, more than ever, our society is obsessed with achievement and perfection. This is especially true when it comes to our children. It seems you can't go anywhere without hearing about how someone's child scored the winning goal or reading a bumper sticker that says, "My honor student loves me." So what's a parent of a child who's not a star athlete or Rhodes scholar to do? You can join The Movement of Imperfection. This long-overdue movement invites parents of "non-perfect" kids to come out of their messy closets and talk about the accomplishments of their children. With bumper magnets like "My Bipolar Kid Loves Me AND Hates Me," we're wearing our badges of imperfection and telling the world with humor and grace, "We're not always O.K., but that's O.K."

Ways to Join the Movement

- Brag about your imperfect child
- Showcase your imperfect pride with Movement merchandise
- Educate others about disabilities
- Remember that every child, able or challenged, has a gift to bear
- Teach your children to accept the differences of others

The book that's featured on the Web site is: *Shut Up about Your Perfect Kid: A Survival Guide for Ordinary Parents of Special Children.*

Here's their "Imperfect Code of Conduct":

We founded our company, Shut Up, Industries, Inc., with a very important goal – to help make the world better. And to ensure we stay on track, we've created an Imperfect Code of Conduct to guide us through everything we do. We will strive to –

- Improve public understanding of disabilities
- Contribute to society and human well-being
- Avoid haming others
- Act in an honest and trustworthy manner
- Be fair to all and not discriminate
- Respect the privacy of others
- Articulate and support policies that protect the dignity of employees, vendors and customers
- Honor and credit all intellectual property rights
- Empower all around us to strive for quality of work and life
- Be passionate about our work and our life
- Uphold and promote the principles of this code
- Treat violations of this code as inconsistent with our culture

Well, hooray for these guys, whoever they are!

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Happiness is a thankful heart, a healthy body, the work of a heart, a love your lover, a trusted friend to help, I wish you all! Through the long time, count fragrant memories, please remember me, like I always think of you.

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