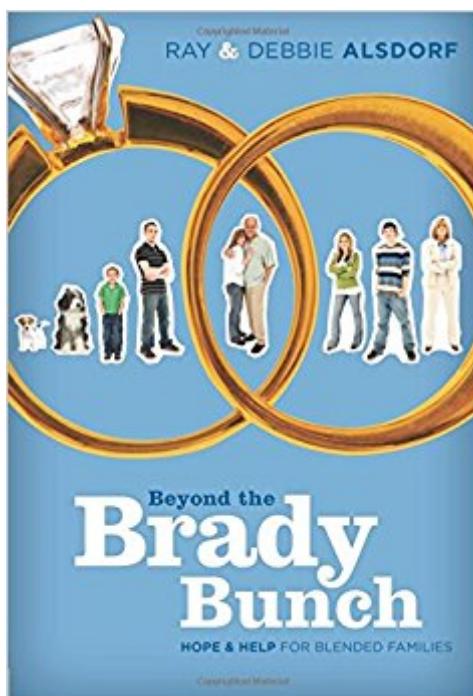


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# Beyond The Brady Bunch: Hope And Help For Blended Families



## **Synopsis**

A message of hope for blended families, from a couple who have been in the trenches - and made it. Blending a family is far more messy and complicated than any television show portrays. Beyond the Brady Bunch is a heart book, not a how-to book. Christians who find themselves in the midst of step-family life often feel hopeless and far from God, struggling with grief and unforgiveness. From personal experience the authors have found that all the how-to steps in the world don't work if there isn't first a heart change. Speaking with honesty and vulnerability they share their own mistakes and how God dealt with their hearts. The book will help stretch hearts, minds and homes past the image of "perfect" and another "happily ever after" into the hope of God's promise to restore, heal and rebuild.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Ray and Debbie Alsdorf have experienced the challenges of blending their family firsthand. Married for 20 years, they are the parents of four adult children from their previous marriages. They serve as counselors for New Hope Ministries, are Biblical lay counselors and members of AACC. Debbie is the founder of Design4Living and a popular speaker, author, and director of women's ministries. Ray and Debbie reside in Northern California.

This book opens up your eyes to the reality of blended families. But it gives you hope that God

brings the best out of our difficulties and that He is always with us. I like the fact that I am not alone in my circumstances in a blended family and that we are not the only ones learning. It doesn't sugarcoats anything. So, if you want to be real about life, but you want God's grace, learn from this family who's been there and done that.

This book is ahMAZING for anyone blending families!!! So helpful in having realistic expectations of the process! I feel this book was truly a turning point in my husband and I understanding our kids and one another in our marriage.

This book is awesome!! It helped me to look at my blended family in a more positive way. Very informative, and I will apply what I've learned.

This is a must read for anyone in a blended family. The authors share things that nearly all blended families encounter.

Very thought provoking and insightful. A must read for any Christian or non Christian going into a second family with children.

An absolute must for any blended family. A perfect gift for a dating couple that already has kids. THis book saved us many headaches!

great product

As a Biblical Counselor, I have found the book to be very helpful in the area of blended families and am using the book to that end. This means that I have purchased several books and intend on purchasing more. My main reservation lies in the area of self-esteem and it's portrayal in the book. (see Luke 9:23-24 as a Jesus' starter on that topic). As this is a problem in many of the books that I read in the world culture I have decided to steer around the subject by using references as a teaching points for Christ's teaching of self-denial and humble living as well as overcoming pride in one's life.

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