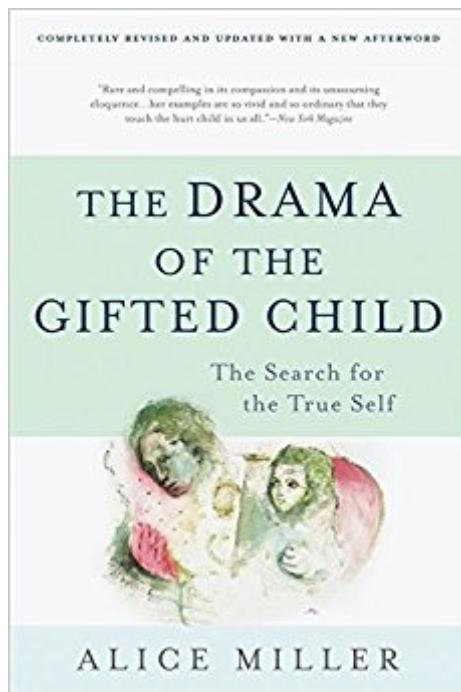


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# The Drama Of The Gifted Child: The Search For The True Self, Revised Edition



## **Synopsis**

Why are many of the most successful people plagued by feelings of emptiness and alienation? This wise and profound book has provided thousands of readers with an answer; and has helped them to apply it to their own lives. Far too many of us had to learn as children to hide our own feelings, needs, and memories skillfully in order to meet our parents' expectations and win their love. Alice Miller writes, "When I used the word 'gifted' in the title, I had in mind neither children who receive high grades in school nor children talented in a special way. I simply meant all of us who have survived an abusive childhood thanks to an ability to adapt even to unspeakable cruelty by becoming numb; Without this 'gift' offered us by nature, we would not have survived." But merely surviving is not enough. The Drama of the Gifted Child helps us to reclaim our life by discovering our own crucial needs and our own truth.

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Rare and compelling in its compassion and its unassuming eloquence...her examples are so vivid and so ordinary they touch the hurt child in us all NEW YORK MAGAZINE --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This book is apparently canonical and serious contribution to the genre of child psychology. I

certainly found it fantastic and useful and revelatory. Alice presents many useful unique theories. Numerous psychologists list this as recommended reading for anyone studying childhood trauma.

I find this book very meaningful, and I keep on having to purchase new ones as I frequently lend my copy to friends and then don't get them back.

have been reading it and so far i am hooked, it shipped super fast and in prefect shape. i will update when done reading it. so far i have gotten great tips for my son and ways that relate to my childhood to help me heal and move on. works for both your gifted child and your own issues

I'm in the middle of reading this book, not an easy task when you have a 1 yr old running around. I can't recommend this book enough. It is excellent. My goal in reading this is to avoid through educating myself making the same mistakes my parents did with me. I know, but it's true. I don't want to inadvertently pass on the same damaging qualities to my son and harm him emotionally.

NO ONE CAN REPLACE WHAT THIS BOOK DID FOR ME AND EVERYONE I HAVE GIVEN IT TO. PAGES FOLDED, THINGS UNDERLINED, NEEDING TO REPLACE BOOK FOR ANOTHER NOT RUINED BY USE. THIS IS A GEM OF PSYCHOLOGY--BE PATIENT, IT IS RATHER DIFFICULT TO GET STARTED WITH, BUT SO ENLIGHTENING THAT ONE MUST PUSH THROUGH THIS TREASURE OF THE HUMAN PSYCHE!!

This book is written very well in its use of examples and convincing manner. I believe everyone has, to some extend, a hidden self that they do not want to bring up as they live their adult life. But it is not possible to fully separate or deny one's past as it is always hidden in his memory, his subconsciousness as well as in his dreams. It occurs to me at a later stage that denial will never succeed because my old feelings somehow managed to sneak back to my life by manifesting itself in my dreams, which my conciseness could never manipulate. Therefore making peace with whatever happened is a better way to handle the self-betrayal pattern in life, and this book provides clear instruction to the path of self help.

If you want to know how your parents messed you up and what you can do about it so you don't mess up your own kids (or can repair how you already did....), this book is for you! I say this flippantly - it's not really an easy process. But with a good therapist and dedication, it's possible to

heal the past.

This book is a necessity for those who have at any time in their lives been deemed a "gifted child," whether only in infancy or through childhood and into adolescence. Considering gifted children tend to find each other later into adulthood through career paths and creative outlets, I, being a gifted child, like to keep multiple copies of this book on hand to give to fellow gifted children. It provides a deep understanding of self and provides explanation of why we are the way we are. Exceedingly insightful. Extremely dense.

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