



## Geek Parenting: What Joffrey, Jor-El, Maleficent, and the McFlys Teach Us about Raising a Family

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Drawing inspiration and wisdom from the most treasured and iconic science fiction, as well as belovedly obscure and cult favorites in television, film, and literature, Stephen H. Segal and Valya Dudycz Lupescu reference Spock, Voltaire, and Fred Rogers with equal enthusiasm and discernment in *Geek Parenting: What Joffrey, Jor-El, Maleficent, and the McFlys Teach Us about Raising a Family*.

Displaying a great deal of respect and affection for the likes of Star Trek and Neil Gaiman, *Geek Parenting* uses humor and imagination in a series of short essays loosely grouped into categories such as “There’s No Place Like Home: Creating a local environment conducive to the development of nascent life forms” and “Expecto Patronum! Keeping them safe.” Topics run the gamut from sibling rivalry according to Thor and Loki to the many similarities between werewolves and your typical teenage boy. Taken altogether or enjoyed piecemeal, universal themes of trust, love, communication, cultural traditions, and identity shine through to encourage parents, be they geek or otherwise, as they navigate the wonderful, terrifying, challenging realm of parenthood.

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