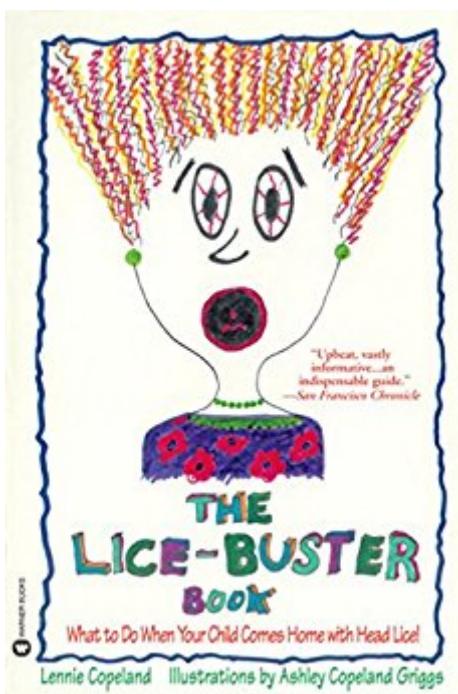


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# The Lice-Buster Book: What To Do When Your Child Comes Home With Head Lice



## **Synopsis**

Aimed at parents, teachers, nurses, pediatricians, pharmacists, and hair-dressers--anyone who must deal with head lice--this handbook covers everything from detecting and treating head lice to preventing infestation in the first place. "Upbeat, vastly informative".--San Francisco Chronicle.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Excellent!!

Very upset in reading the treatment section where parents are told to reapply treatment, children's scalps are very porous and any type of pesticide/insecticide no matter how safe the manufacturer claims it to be should NEVER be put on children's heads. The safest way to remove lice is with a good lice comb. Our kids are exposed to way too many chemicals and pesticides and when parents are told to apply them directly to their child's skin, the exposure is too great.

I found this book to be very helpful in outlining the process for eliminating headlice. The section

describing the life cycle of lice from nit to mature, egg-producing louse was very helpful in making clear why nit picking and reapplication of treatment is necessary. My children have had lice 4 times and each time have been able to clear up the problem before it got out of hand. Daily manual nit picking (not relying on nit combs) I have found is the only way to produce a successful result. The only concern I have with the book is the advise to leave the treatment on the hair longer than the manufacturer's recommendation of 10 minutes. When using such potent chemicals, I think it is wise to follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully and not overdo. Longer is not necessarily better and may actually be harmful.

The National Pediculosis Association critiqued this book, giving it two thumbs down. The book contradicts its own directives and authorizes the use of chemicals in ways that fly in the face of approved indications by the Food and Drug Administration. Such misuse of pesticidal products can pose health risks to children. References are made to scientists David Taplin and Terri Meinking to falsely imply their approval of the contents of the book. The National Pediculosis Association has requested that this book be pulled from the market. It is the NPA's opinion that the misinformation imparted by this book has added to the unnecessary confusion surrounding this public health problem. The NPA has also received many complaints about the book from school nurses.

Please take the review by the National Pediculosis Association with a large grain of salt. This is an organization that is at odds with all of the major medical organizations regarding the treatment of lice, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Harvard School of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control, to name a few. The NPA discourages the use of all lice products except nit-picking using one particular comb, which they sell. All of the research they refer to on their website dates from the early 1900's. They do not list their own credentials, or even their names, so I suspect that they have no medical or research credentials at all. It would appear that the NPA is an authority on lice in the same way the Flat Earth Society is an authority on the shape of the planet!

I have found this book to be very helpful in combating head lice. There is not a great deal of hard information out there, and that makes lice eradication so frustrating! Another thing that I like about this book is its calm, reassuring attitude: You WILL live through this, and you will conquer! A necessity for parents of school-age kids

After a harrowing ordeal of relentless combing and spending big bucks on commercial products, i broke down and bought this book. since following the olive oil regime, my kids have been lice and nit free, while to date, my neighbor is still nitpicking and washing bedding. Good humor, good advice. Buy it, use it and urge your school nurse to read it.

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