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# Dating and the Single Parent



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**“In *Dating and the Single Parent*, Ron Deal points out the common pitfalls and gives wise counsel in how to navigate the waters. I highly recommend it.”**  
—Gary Chapman, PhD,  
author, *The Five Love Languages*

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## BOOK ANNOUNCEMENT

# Trustworthy Stepfamily Expert Offers Single Parents a Guide to Dating

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There are a staggering 13 million single parents in the United States. At some point, most of them will contemplate dating and be faced with one all-important question: *How will dating affect my children and my parenting?* They have probably figured out that “dating in a crowd” can be complicated. Now they’re looking for help.

In his new book, Ron Deal, who has counseled single parents and remarried couples for many years, helps single parents—as well as those who date them—navigate the potential pitfalls involved.

Deal provides helpful advice for single parents, including:

- Knowing when they are ready to date
- Helping them to see when a relationship may be harmful to their children or a blessing to all
- How to prepare themselves and their kids for the dating experience
- How and when to introduce their kids to their dating partner
- How to navigate a relationship that is going deeper
- Guidance when remarriage is being considered

*Dating and the Single Parent* includes questions for individual or group study.

**“This book will help you see beyond the tingly feelings to determine if a dating partner will help you form a healthy family.”**  
—from the foreword by Dr. Dennis Rainey, President, FamilyLife

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Deal is a popular conference speaker, and his video series *The Smart Stepfamily* DVD is used in communities, churches, and homes throughout the world. Ron is a member of the Stepfamily Expert Council for the National Stepfamily Resource Center and is a featured expert on the video curriculum “Single and Parenting.” Ron and his wife, Nan, and their sons live in Little Rock, Arkansas. For more information, visit [SmartStepfamilies.com](http://SmartStepfamilies.com).

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