

RAD DAD

Dispatches from the Frontiers of Fatherhood

Edited by Tomas Moniz and Jeremy Adam Smith

Rad Dad: Dispatches from the Frontiers of Fatherhood combines the best pieces from the award-winning zine *Rad Dad* and from the blog *Daddy Dialectic*, two kindred publications that have tried to explore parenting as political territory. Both of these projects have pushed the conversation around fathering beyond the safe, apolitical focus most books and websites stick to; they have not been complacent but have worked hard to create a diverse, multi-faceted space in which to grapple with the complexity of fathering.

Today more than ever, fatherhood demands constant improvisation, risk, and struggle. With grace and honesty and strength, *Rad Dad's* writers tackle all the issues that other parenting guides are afraid to touch: the brutalities and beauties and politics of the birth experience, the challenges of parenting on an equal basis with mothers, the tests faced by transgendered and gay fathers, the emotions of sperm donation, and parental confrontations with war, violence, racism, and incarceration. *Rad Dad* is for every father out in the real world trying to parent in ways that are loving, meaningful, authentic, and ultimately revolutionary.

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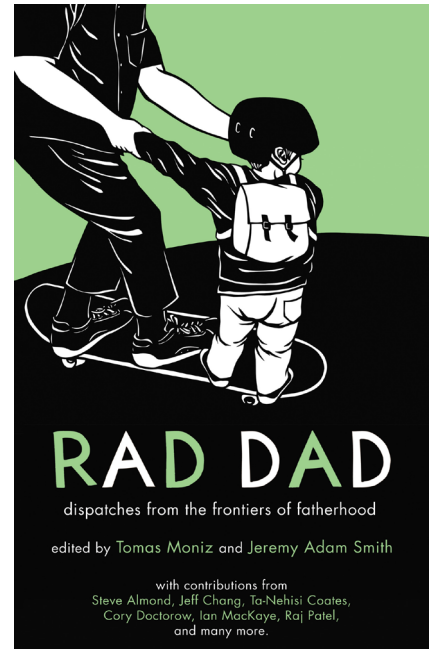
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"With a diverse, smart, and political collection of contributors, *Rad Dad* will be an instant classic among the new generation of parents whose parenting intersects with their politics. There's no way you can put this book down without feeling both inspired and entertained by the bold honesty and fierce love heard in these voices." —Jessica Mills, author of *My Mother Wears Combat Boots: A Parenting Guide for the Rest of Us*



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