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Editorial Review

Review

This thoroughly interesting book rests on the premise that Western and Eastern educational and parenting philosophies have vastly different strengths and weaknesses; therefore, parents on either side of the world can learn from each other...*Beyond the Tiger Mom* is an honest, thought-provoking read! - **Holistic Parenting Magazine**

"Perhaps, while waiting for the child's tuition class to end, mum (or dad) could read this book. You'll chuckle over parental excesses, probably identify with most of them, devour the parenting and teaching tips at the end of each chapter, find community with parents featured, and come away reassured that your style of east-west parenting — whether you're a Tiger parent or not — is the right way to raise your little Asian Tiger." —**SingaporeMotherhood.com**

"Experts say there is a wide difference between eastern and western parenting style. To say one is better than the other, however, could be subject to debates and personal perception. Author Maya Thiagarajan explores both styles in her new parenting book *Beyond the Tiger Mom: East-West Parenting for the Global Age*. She hopes it will serve as a good resource for parents who are searching for a blended approach, especially since global awareness is on the rise." —**ParentHerald.com**

"*Beyond the Tiger Mom* is a brilliant book—hard-hitting and brutally honest but also balanced, insightful, and funny. It avoids clichés and draws on years of research and personal multicultural teaching experience. It's also wonderfully practical, offering specific tips for how to combine the best of East and West." —**Amy Chua, Yale Law Professor and author of *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* and *The Triple Package: What Really Determines Success***

"...pulls no punches, offers many alternative ideas, and is very highly recommended not just for parents and anyone working with kids, but for educators and those looking to build a better global community. It's an exciting discourse no parent or educator should be without." —**Midwest Book Review**

"*Beyond The Tiger Mom* is filled with tips for parents, such as how to build a language rich home and how to really get to know your child." —**Harvard Ed Magazine**

"Whether it's talking about memorization, critical thinking skills or how to balance, here is a well-written, soundly argued book that should be of enormous interest to educators and parents alike." —**Expat Living magazine**

Thiagarajan is uniquely equipped to weigh Eastern against Western education. Born in India, she moved to the U.S. for high school and college. Then, after spending 15 years teaching in the States, she and her family relocated to Singapore ... This is an excellent resource for both parents and teachers. —**Booklist**

"In her book *Beyond the Tiger Mom: East-West Parenting for the Global Age*, author Maya Thiagarajan explores the difference between an Asian upbringing and a Western one and what parents on opposite sides of the globe can learn from one another." —**The Toronto Star**

From the Inside Flap

As a mother and a teacher who has lived and worked in both the United States and Asia, Maya Thiagarajan is well-acquainted with the differences between Western and Asian approaches to education and parenting. In this book, she not only interviews Asian parents about their values, hopes, and fears, but also synthesizes an extensive body of educational research. The result is a combination of reflection, story-telling, and practical advice for parents as they strive to raise successful global citizens. Each chapter ends with a "How To" section, offering parents research-backed suggestions to aid their children's development both inside and outside the classroom.

About the Author

Maya Thiagarajan was raised in Chennai India, by her South Indian father and American mother. After high school, Maya left India and moved to the US. She earned a BA in English from Middlebury College and a Masters in Education Policy from Harvard University. Maya started her teaching career at a tough urban public school in Baltimore City and later went on to teach at some of America's most prestigious independent schools. In 2009, Maya moved to Singapore where she now teaches students from around the world at an international school. Over half her students are South Asian or East Asian, deepening her understanding of Asian family values and Asian approaches to education. Maya has two children aged 5 and 8.

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