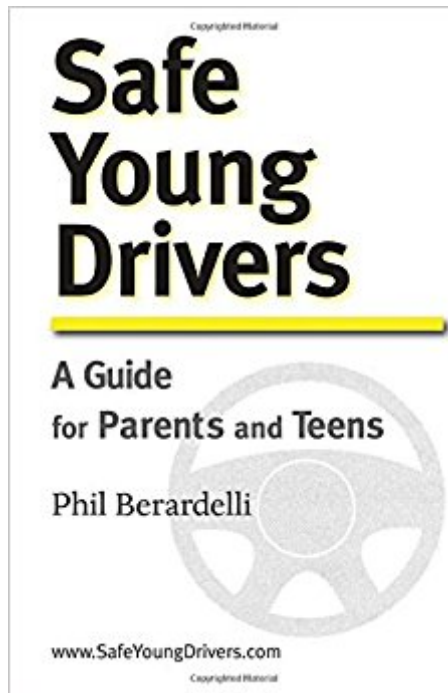




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# **Safe Young Drivers: A Guide For Parents And Teens**



## Synopsis

Teenagers are by far the most dangerous age group on the road: a 16-year-old is 12 times as likely as older drivers to die in a crash as a single occupant; put two young teens in a vehicle, and the odds of death and injury nearly double. Safe Young Drivers helps to address this enormous problem. It is an indispensable guide for teaching teens to drive. Intended for parents and teens to use together, it addresses parental issues such as how to choose a car for your teen, and provides teens with simple instruction and important tips to remember. With simple graphics, a complete index, and a section called Some ABCs for the Road, Safe Young Drivers is a valuable tool for all new drivers and their teachers.

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## Customer Reviews

One of the best investments you'll make in your child's life... This is a book that every parent trying to teach a teenager to drive ought to read. This is not just a safe-driving manual: It is about the relationship between parents and teenagers and how teaching our children to drive can strengthen that relationship. It is also about the relationship we have with other drivers -- and that's a notion that mindlessly aggressive 'adult' drivers could contemplate as well. --Judy Mann, columnist, The Washington Post  
The book is clearly the product of a man who not only has affection and understanding for young people, but also for cars and driving... Berardelli provides clear, well-considered advice, organized in a way that lets the author speak plainly with both parents and teens... Obviously, this is a man who has been there. Safe Young Drivers is a recommended resource for any parent; I'll use it in teaching my own teens. --Kevin Wilson, Executive Editor,

AutoWeek This is an invaluable book you absolutely must read before you allow your teenager behind the wheel of a car. --Dr. Laura Schlessinger

Phil Berardelli has been a journalist for more than 40 years whose work has appeared in the Los Angeles Times, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, the Washington Post, the Washington Times, and many other newspapers and magazines. He lives in western Maryland.

I have already recommended this little gem to several homeschooling friends whose teens are learning to drive. I first came upon it as I searched for drivers ed materials at the library. We are currently reading through this book with our older son, and I wanted to purchase a nice used copy so we have it to teach our younger son. The most challenging part of driving is not physical, it's mental. This book takes you and your teen through the thought process of making good judgements as you drive. Includes situations to avoid, dangers to look for, and steps to develop good habits to be a safe driver. The author doesn't come across as a car fanatic or a guy who enjoys tinkering with vehicles, so he is unlike my sons in that regard, however, he seems to have all the right info covered here in a clear, concise book. I highly recommend this spiral bound book! Read it and practice, practice, practice! Great resource for teaching your child driver's education. Doubt if the commercial driver ed courses cover the material this well.

Such a great way to educate the young driver within the safety and support of family and trusted friends. This is concise and fully prepared our teen for the road. Definitely recommend.

This is an excellent guide to teaching your new driver how to drive. I covers all the facets of driving. I, as a Ca. DMV Licsened Driving Instructor, recomend this book to anybody who is going to take on the challenge of teaching their "NEW DRIVER," wheather young or old, to buy and read this book. The format is great. Phil (the author) does a great job of teaching the Licensed Driver to teach the person w/a Learner's Permit to drive. It is written in a format where one section is to the instructor, (parent,) and another is to the 'Teen,' (student) in language that is easy to understand. Get one, and you will love it. Carol,

This book is an excellent resource for anyone teaching a teen to drive. It gives specific suggestions and tasks that go beyond the typical training, so that the new driver experiences potential dangers in a controlled environment and practices needed skills. It does take an investment of time on the part

of the parent (as well as the teen), but I can think of no better investment you can make than the safety of your teen driver. If you are looking for something to help you structure driving lessons, to make sure you don't overlook something your teen will need to know someday, this is the book you want. I recommend it for anyone teaching someone to drive.

Excellent guide for parents who are teaching driving skills and attitudes to their teenage children. Step by step organized guidance.

I like the attractive cover and spiral binding, but the content of the book, like cotton candy, melts down to little substance. To pick an example: there are three (3) vacuous paragraphs just on cleaning the windshield, with a canonical list of substances that can dirty the windshield and platitudes like "It doesn't take long before the glass becomes dirty. So it is a good idea, \*every\* time you start out..." --It's just filler and it's tiresome to read. The book is also poorly written in other ways and needs a good basic editing, the type a grade school English teacher could do. Give another driver's education book a chance; they're all written for teens anyway. My teen and I quickly abandoned this book and practice the Smith System instead. If I were to buy another book I'd try one the time-tested offerings from the well-respected AAA, such as their *AAA Teaching Your Teens to Drive (Book/Video Kit)*.

Berardelli does a great job of coaching parents on 1) how to cope with teaching your teen to drive, and 2) how to engage your teen to see the responsibility and honor having a drivers license really is. My book is a bit tattered. I have 3 teen boys, 2 with licenses. I used his suggestions, particularly the 100-hour lesson log, to negotiate expectations for driving in our family. My husband and I take teaching our kids to drive very seriously. We have not delegated it to the school or a driving instructor. Cars are just too fast, too many drivers are either ignorant of the laws of physics or don't think they apply to them in their cars, and we all just make mistakes on the road. My sons attend a rural, private high school with @160 students. In the past 4 years, 2 teens have died in car crashes. It's the greatest fear I have, not random terrorism. I highly recommend this book as a dialog tool with your teen. I have used it as a "mediator" of sorts, turning to it to stop arguments about driving techniques with my sons. Every high school driving instructor should distribute this book to all their parents!

I found *Young Drivers: A Guide For Teens For Teens And Parents* is a great tool for parents of

young drivers. It focuses on giving parents tips on how to communicate with their teens regarding important safety matters. While it also addresses teens and the things they need to know, by nature, I don't think teens are going to pay much attention. To be honest, the best tool I have found to teach my kids real life safety lessons has been SimuRide Home Edition. I have not found anything else that simulates real world situations and offers real experience in dealing with them.

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