

My Step Family How Do I Feel About

Explains the complex emotions and relationships involved in the remarriage of a parent and examines relationships with stepparents and stepsiblings.

How can adults in Early Years settings and primary schools fully embrace the diverse nature of family life of the children they are working with? This essential text will help students and those already working with children to understand both theoretically and practically, what may constitute a 'family'. It explores how to build relationships with a child's family to ensure early years settings and schools are working in partnership with children's home environments, thereby supporting the best possible learning outcomes for children. It will help the reader to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding of their professional practice in education, and chapter by chapter explores the challenges that may be experienced in working with the diverse nature of family life in the UK, including: mixed race families immigrant, refugee and asylum seeker families step-families and step-parenting gay and lesbian families families and adoption fostering and children in care families living in poverty families and bereavement families and disability (including mental health). Understanding Family Diversity and Home-School Relations is engagingly practical, using case study examples throughout, and providing reflective activities to help the reader consider how to develop their practice in relation to the insights this book provides. It is a unique road-map to understanding pupils' backgrounds, attitudes and culture and will be essential reading for any student undertaking relevant Foundation and BA Degrees, including those in initial teacher training, taking post-graduate qualifications or as part of a practitioner's professional development.

Whether you have children that are a product of a divorce, death or other life-changing experience, adding a new set of siblings and parents into the mix is something that is a traumatic event, no matter how pleasantly it goes. When an adult decides to move on and take that fateful step into marriage once again, the families that result from that marriage can be quite a combo. In this book, Daren Carstens, along with his wife, help you with advice, ideas and theories that will help you along this new road that you are traveling. You will learn how to love your spouse more, properly discipline your biological and step-children, create a fun, loving household, and move on by grasping the joy that each day in a blended family provides. With their help you will realize that things that may seem like a curse can be turned into amazing blessings. Life is precious and learning how to live a peaceful one, inside of a house of different personalities is something to be treasured. Are you part of a blended family? Have you been struggling to make everyone in your home feel special and equal? From step-brothers and step-sisters to live-in grandparents and adopted children, blending a family is a complicated and long process. With the help of Daren Carstens and his wife Laura, you will walk through a step by step process and be led into a peaceful, productive family life, marriage, and personal life. Are you divorced? Have you adopted a child? Or has grandma moved in to the spare bedroom? All of these things are examples of the components that make up the different parts of a blended family. All of these things are examples of the components that make a blended family so difficult to transition into a cohesive unit. This book will help you manage your marriage, whether it is a new marriage after divorce or death, in which you are blending two previous families into one. You will get tips of the trade from an experienced family, along with the inspiration that it takes to help you create a foundation that will withstand any storm. By reading this book you gain the tools that you need to deal with strife, rebellion, and disagreements and those tools will help you to build a strong family that lives a fun, peaceful life. Packed full of quotes and stories, this book will also help you ease your stress over your new situation, bickering within your family, and the personal trauma that every

person in the family unit goes through after a big change. You will learn to regain your love for each other and your passions in life and explore those passions as a family, set to tackle the world together. Throughout this book we will explore how to handle the tensions between new siblings by teaching brothers and sisters to become lifelong friends. When you look inside you will see that Daren explores different theories on how to stop jealousy between siblings, how to assure that everyone in the household feels special, and creative ways to celebrate each other on a daily basis. You will learn how to deal with marital disagreements and how the way that you deal with those disagreements will affect the rest of your family. You will gain insight into why our behavior is so important to the rest of the family and how to decide whether or not you need more help within your blended family. If you are in a blended family or you have a family member who is in this situation, the advice and leadership that Daren Carstens, along with his wife Laura, will give you, will prove to be an invaluable gift. Share this book with your spouse and work together as the heads of your family to bring the members closer. You will learn to give each other the support that both of you need as husband and wife and through that, your children will learn to support each other. After you have used all of these wonderful tools, please be sure to review this book so that others can gain insight into how they may be inspired by it.

One of three Americans is now a stepparent, a stepchild, a stepsibling, or some other member of a stepfamily. Stepfamilies are different. The "old rules" that govern traditional families don't necessarily apply, and each stepfamily must define its own "new rules" that will work for a unique blended family. Einstein and Albert bring to this manual decades of experience as stepfamily counselors and consultants, acclaimed writers, and stepparents themselves. The result is clear, down-to-earth, expert help for couple relationships and parenting in what some call "the jigsaw puzzle family." Among the many challenges dealt with in this comprehensive guidebook: overcoming unrealistic expectations, debunking myths, decision making, building effective communication, establishing sound discipline, handling stepsibling rivalry, working with non-custodial parents... and more.

The step family is about two families from different sides of the track trying to mend from Exs and bond into one family. Joshua grew up in foster homes until a wonderful Christian family brought him into their home and showed him what a real family was about and made him vow to always be there for his children unfortunately his trophy wife whose sole purpose of life was to be beautiful and marry rich but found out money bought diamonds and furs but it didnt buy happiness. Rita on the other hand not the beauty queen but having a beautiful heart that Joshua couldnt see growing up she married a man that was overlooked by the pretty girls until he got a few of Ritas dollars in his pocket and decided instead of a beautiful heart he wanted that beautiful face and body leaving Rita and their children and a chance for Rita to find her real prince but is love enough to keep these two step families together?

Presents strategies for raising well-adjusted children after a divorce, featuring sample conversation scenarios that demonstrate positive communication skills and promote healthy environments.

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According to experts, being involved in a prior marriage decreases the success rate of subsequent marriages. The aim of this book is to reduce the failure rate of remarriages and to promote the success of blended families. *Successful Blended Families* addresses the common challenges of blended family life and provides practical tools for dealing with them effectively. Attention is given to children in these families, step-parenting, preparation for remarriage as well as the building blocks for a successful blended family. If you are in a blended family or planning to establish such a family, this book is for you. If you are a professional who works with blended families or you simply want to gain more insight and understanding of blended family life, this book is worth reading.

Step-families deal with many unique issues related to their own children, their step-children, their spouses, and even ex-spouses. Some of the concerns may lead to depression and anxiety, and, in worst-case scenarios, suicide. In "Neither Root nor Branch," author Mary Jane Grange helps blended families deal with their often challenging situation to live a happy, fulfilling existence. She provides affordable solutions for dealing with depression and anxiety. Using her experiences as a nurse and a step-parent, Grange relies on scriptures to help step-families co-exist peacefully without the use of drugs, alcohol, medications, or divorce. "I am a step parent. I could not keep up the pace that was set for my family. I realized I was in something over my head. I was in something that mere mortals could not correct. I decided to be more conscientious about reading my scriptures. Instead of letting the word of God lie hidden in my heart or dormant on my end tables, I decided to look for the laws of depression. I found them in the scriptures. I found the pace that Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ created for us in this world."

Published by the Boy Scouts of America for all BSA registered adult volunteers and professionals, *Scouting* magazine offers editorial content that is a mixture of information, instruction, and inspiration, designed to strengthen readers' abilities to better perform their leadership roles in Scouting and also to assist them as parents in strengthening families.

A love story gone wrong. Set in Berlin in the early 2010s, this story is based on one woman's journey as the "art critic rapper." Page by page, diary entry after diary entry, we learn about Snowe White, a rapper trying to make her way through there Berlin art scene. Written between 2012-2016, it's an ode to the artists, friends and long nights, parties, mishaps and heartbreaks at the peak of the cultural revolution in the city of Berlin (Before it became too expensive). This is my pop culture manifesto. If I was Richard Linklater, this would be my "Suburbia." If I was Chuck Klosterman, this would be my "Sex, Drugs and Cocoa Puffs." "A great new book about youth, love, and ambition. Honest and direct and full of heart." -RM Vaughan

Note: hyperlinks below will take you to the Break the Cycle! Website (formerly "Stepfamily inFormation") that this book and series are based on. Use your browsers "back" button to return to Xlibris. This is the fourth volume in a series of six dedicated to breaking

the epidemic [wounds + unawareness] cycle that promotes Americas tragic divorce epidemic. The prior volume, Stepfamily Courtship (Xlibris.com, 2002), outlines seven Projects to help courting couples make wise commitment decisions. This book for stepfamily coparents and supporters adds five more projects based on the prior seven ones. If couples didnt do the prior projects (which is common), they can start the first six any time. A sobering reality: if either partner made any unwise courtship choices, its unlikely that doing these other 11 Projects will guard them and their dependents from the five hazards that promote psychological or legal re/divorce. Nonetheless, working at the the projects will give minor kids their best chance at avoiding inherited psychological wounds, and passing them on to their descendents like their unaware ancestors did. The five post-re/wedding co-parenting projects are: 8) Nourish your re/marriage and steadily keep it your second priority, after personal integrity and wholistic health - except in emrgencies. In complex multi-home stepfamilies this is hard for many couples to do; as they 9) Merge three or more multi-generational biofamilies, and evolve strategies to resolve inevitable values and loyalty conflicts and Persecutor-Victim-Rescuer relationship triangles; while you 10) (a) Build a co-parenting team with your kids other parents, (b) stay current on your kids progress with their many developmental and adjustment needs, and (c) continually adjust and refine your co-parenting job descriptions based on your stepfamily mission statement. Because all nine of these ongoing co-parent projects are complex, confusing, and conflictual 11) Intentionally build a support network for you and your kids, and use it regularly. Finally 12) Help each other (a) stay balanced personally, re/maritally, and co-parentally each day, and (b) enjoy this wholechallenging, en Discover the Keys to a Healthy Stepfamily Leading stepfamily expert Ron L. Deal reveals the seven fundamental steps to blended family success and provides practical, realistic solutions to the issues you face as a stepfamily. Whether married or soon-to-be-married, you'll discover how to · Solve the everyday puzzles of stepparenting and stepchildren relationships · Communicate effectively with an ex-spouse · Handle stepfamily finances confidently · "Cook" your stepfamily slowly rather than expect an instant blend This revised and expanded edition has updated research and two new chapters with even more real-world advice on topics such as stepsibling relationships and later-life stepfamilies.

WHISPERS AND SHADOWS is the story of Ahlam, a Moroccan girl, who finds herself living an identity crisis in a culture that privileges boys over girls. Amid the chaos, Ahlam tries to navigate her ways in her turbulent surroundings, with all the injustice that is crippling her senses and making her starve for love and continuous validation from her parents and family. Throughout her tender life, Ahlam has fought hard to remain visible and worthy. From childhood to adult life, Ahlam struggles to fulfil her dreams by working hard to create her little paradise. When Ahlam meets her soulmate, things go from bad to worse. But despite it all, Ahlam is adamant to change her world, along with her destiny, to make a life for herself, no matter the cost. Will her love for a man, an infidel to her parents, conquer the impossible and lead her to new beginnings? WHISPERS AND SHADOWS is a story full of murmurs from a broken past that is hard to bury and impossible to forget.

Presents counseling on how to make children from two families into one, helping readers to understand individual responses to changes in birth order while offering practical advice on such areas as discipline, self-respect, parental authority, and the marital

relationship. Reprint.

This second edition synthesizes the emerging knowledge base on the diversity of stepfamilies, their inherent concerns, and why so relatively little is still known about them. Its extensive findings shed needed light on family arrangements relatively new to the literature (e.g., cohabitating stepparents), the effects of these relationships on different family members (e.g., stepsiblings, stepgrandparents), the experiences of gay and lesbian stepfamilies, and the stigma against non-nuclear families. Coverage reviews effective therapeutic and counseling interventions for emotional, familial, and social challenges of stepfamilies, as well as the merits of family education and self-help programs. The authors explore prevailing myths about marriage, divorce, and stepfamily life while expanding the limits of stepfamily research. Among the topics included: • The cultural context of stepfamilies. • Couple dynamics in stepfamilies. • Gay and lesbian couples in stepfamilies. • The dynamics of stepparenting. • Siblings, half-siblings, and stepsiblings. • Effects of stepfamily living on children. • Clinical perspectives on stepfamily dynamics. For researchers and clinicians who work with families, it enriches the literature as it offers insights and guidelines for effective practice as well as possible avenues for future research.

Blended families face unique challenges. As stepfamilies start navigating their new family roles, there's a delicate balance between fostering these new relationships and allowing everyone time to adjust. The author offers you a personal look into his life and deals directly with the main issues facing blended families. It addresses "What do I call my non-biological parent? Who executes discipline? How do we balance holiday time?" and many other difficult questions you didn't know you needed to ask.

A nurse relies on her faith to explore and describe the layers of attention deficit disorders that accumulate in children and adults. When a child's parent remarries, that child gains a new parent, and often, new siblings. This can be a wonderful thing, but it can also come with its own unique set of challenges. This informative volume is designed to help readers navigate and learn from these challenges. Relatable stories are presented through the use of colorful illustrations and accessible text that readers of all ages will benefit from. This book is an essential addition to any library or classroom and an excellent resource for readers who have recently become or are currently preparing to become part of a new stepfamily.

Lesbian Step Families: An Ethnography of Love explores five lesbian step families' definitions of the step parent role and how they accomplish parenting tasks, cope with homophobia, and define and interpret their experiences. An intensive feminist qualitative study, the book offers guidelines for counselors and lesbian step families for creating healthy, functioning family structures and environments. It is the first book to concentrate exclusively on lesbian step families rather than on lesbian mothering in general. In Lesbian Step Families: An Ethnography of Love, you'll explore in detail the different kinds of step relationships that are developed and what factors may lead to the different types of step mothering in lesbian step families. The book helps you understand these relationships and parent roles through in-depth discussions of: how a step mother and legal mother who live together negotiate and organize parenting and homemaking tasks how members of lesbian step families define and create the step mother role strategies family members use to define and cope with oppression how sexism is transmitted within the family and how mothering

may limit and/or contribute to female liberation the opinions and viewpoints of the children of these families The findings in Lesbian Step Families: An Ethnography of Love challenge traditional views of mothering and fathering as gender and biologically based activities; they indicate that lesbian step families model gender flexibility and that the mothers and step mothers share parenting--both traditional mothering and fathering--tasks. This allows the biological mother some freedom from motherhood as well as support in it. With insight such as this, you will be prepared to help a client, a loved one, or yourself develop and maintain healthy family relationships.

What determines whether stepfamilies remain together? What helps stepfamilies overcome the difficulties of remarriage and become mutually supportive family units? How can mental health professionals better support this development? This book brings both clarity and depth to the unique and complex dynamics of remarried families. Patricia Papernow draws on interviews with over 100 stepfamily members, up-to-date research, a solid theoretical framework, and an empathic clinical sensibility to present an insightful model of stepfamily development, the Stepfamily Cycle. This detailed account of the sages of forming a lasting, cohesive group is richly illustrated by stepfamily members' own stories. Becoming a Stepfamily describes the developmental challenges involved in building nourishing, reliable relationships between stepparents and stepchildren, in the newly married couple, and between different family groups who must learn to live together in a remarried family. Papernow discusses the factors that influence the pace and ease of development, and she provides four full length case studies illustrating the varied paths through the stepfamily cycle to the successful remarried life. The author offers therapists, clergy, school personnel, and others involved with stepfamilies a range of effective interventions, including preventive, educational, and clinical approaches. She provides practical guidance for helping family members deal constructively with the differing attachments of children to their biological parents and stepparents, assisting stepparents as they cope with feeling excluded from the powerful biological parent-child bond, and guiding biological parents torn between their spouse's need for intimacy and privacy and their children's needs for support and attention. Note - links below will take you to articles and resources in the nonprofit Break the Cycle! Web site (formerly "Stepfamily inFormation"). Use your browser's "back" button to return to Xlibris.com. Love is not enough... Typical new stepparents and bioparents (co-parents) usually find that building a multi-home stepfamily is unexpectedly confusing and conflictual. Most recent stepfamily literature estimates that over half of American co-parents who attempt re/marriage after divorce or mate death ultimately re/divorce psychologically or legally - despite their love, maturity, commitment, and experience. The "/" notes that it may be a stepparents first union. This unique guidebook results from 27 years research into why so many U.S. couples re/divorce. It appears that there are five factors that combine to often defeat love's brightest dreams: unseen psychological wounds from childhood in stepfamily adults and kids, and... blocked grief from two or three major sets of losses in some co-parents and/or stepkids; and... co-parent unawareness of (a) their inner family of subselves and related psychological wounds; (b) healthy grieving basics; (c) vital parenting and relationship skills and (d) stepfamily realities; and... These factors and high neediness causing one or both partners to commit to wounded, unaware people (mate + ex mate + stepkids), for the wrong reasons, at the wrong time; and... Little

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Imagine filling in an application form for your child's new school and realising there isn't enough space to include all the adults who play a role in the child's life. These days, 'parent' could mean birth parent, step-parent or co-parent, and the concept of 'family' goes way beyond the mythical 'mom-dad-and two kids'. Blending Families attempts to address some of the challenges of merging established family units. The focus is on the children because, whether they are 'his', 'hers' or 'theirs', it is the children who, more often than not, are responsible either directly or indirectly for the success or failure of the new family unit. Understanding how toddlers, tweens and teens perceive the new situations in which they find themselves, and their possible reactions to their new living environment, is the essence of the book. But it's not all about the children. Adults are often at their most fragile and vulnerable when forming new relationships, and the book provides valuable tools with which to resolve some of the challenges of living together in a blended family. Flicky Gildenhuis equips parents with tried-and-tested, down-to-earth psychological tools and the experience gained from decades of family counselling to manage whatever issues may arise and achieve true and lasting happiness as a new family. As a mother and step-mother herself, she understands both the joy and the turmoil that comes from having to deal with the past before one can build a foundation for the future.

Surviving and Thriving in Stepfamily Relationships draws on current research, a wide variety of clinical modalities, and thirty years of clinical work with stepfamily members to describe the special challenges stepfamilies face. The book presents the concept of "stepfamily architecture" and the five challenges it creates, and delineates three different levels of strategies—psychoeducation, building interpersonal skills, and intrapsychic work—for meeting those challenges in dozens of different settings. The model is designed to be useful both to stepfamily members themselves and to a wide variety of practitioners, from a highly trained clinician who needs to know how and when to work on all three levels, to a school counselor or clergy person who may work on the first two levels but refer out for level three. It will also be useful to educators, judges, mediators, lawyers and medical personnel who will practice on the first level, but need to understand the other two to guide their work.

Secrets, isolation, manipulation, and stonewalling occur in blended families. This book describes the stages of blending families, the players, the problems, and some solutions for all members of blended families.

A guide to recognizing and working through the hostilities and built-in pitfalls that stepparents and stepchildren experience sheds light on issues of jealousy, forgiveness, and power struggles. 75,000 first printing. \$75,000 ad/promo. Tour.

Grandparenting: Contemporary Perspectives is one of the first books of its kind to offer a dedicated account of the social and psychological research on this important life stage. Reflecting the contemporary positive approach to ageing, it

covers many of the issues that impact the grandparent experience today, such as care-giving and changing family structures, to reveal the health and wellbeing benefits of the grandparent role. It examines biological, psychological, social/ familial, gender, cultural and economic dimensions to map out the current landscape in this emerging field. Moore and Rosenthal draw on quantitative and qualitative, experimental, survey, observation and case study research, including unique data on grandfathers. They examine how people respond to the challenges and possibilities of grandparenting, and how this influences intergenerational relationships and adapting to growing older. The book provides a comprehensive, up-to-date evidence base for students in health, sociology and psychology and those interested in gerontology and the lifespan.

The picture on the front cover has a story behind it. In 1991, I ordered them through a catalog. Without even skipping a beat I separated the kids by family. Why I did this, I don't have a clue. Perhaps, it's natural to cling to who belongs to whom.

What's Different about This Book? This modular reference book and series for co-parents and human-service professionals is unique in the genre of stepfamily media for seven reasons. It is the only current resource that... Is based on (a) 30 years of clinical research, including over 17,000 hours of consultation with over 1,000 typical divorced and stepfamily adults and some of their kids; (b) five widespread re/marital hazards, and (c) 12 Projects to neutralize the hazards. This volume... Integrates six core concepts: # proven family-systems principles; and... # an inner-family concept of human personalities, linked to... # a definition of high-nurturance families; # a framework of seven effective-thinking and communication skills, # healthy three-level grieving and healing blocked grief; and... # a framework of stepfamily realities, meanings, and merger-adjustment tasks. A fifth uniqueness is that the book... Provides Internet addresses to over 150 experience-based stepfamily articles, worksheets, and other resources to augment its contents. This is one of several guidebooks for a free, 8-module self-study course for people interested in healing and self-growth. Lesson 7 focuses on evolving high-nurturance stepfamilies. And this book is different because of... My personality, writing style, training (BSME and MSW), and 72 years of life experience (engineering, business, teaching, and 30 years of practice of psychotherapy with hundreds of stepfamily clients). My learnings from personal "ACoA" recovery (from a low-nurturance childhood) since 1986 greatly influence this site and series of stress-prevention guidebooks. And... I have many years of personal experience as a stepgrandson, adult stepson, stepfather of two girls, and stepbrother of four - and an admirer of two haughty stepcats.

Each member has their own unique place in a family. Ron Deal explores the myth of the "blended" family offering practical, realistic solutions for stepfamilies.

Ever since Cinderella, the word 'wicked' seems to have got permanently prefixed to step mothers which is not only unfair, it is also not true. Most women consider step motherhood as their life's highest calling. They go above and beyond the call of duty to make their step children feel loved and welcomed and all they get is attitudes, eye rolls, and sarcastic remarks. They can't even share their pain with anyone because if they do, the only thing they get to hear every time is, "well you knew there were kids involved". Every step mother-to-be knows there are kids involved. Of course she does. She has just no idea how demanding and difficult her job is going to be. With duties and responsibilities sans the rights and the glory, caring for someone else's children can be very demoralizing. Plus with the wicked step mother myth chasing her like a shadow 24x7, it is difficult for her to just be. No wonder most step mothers consider their journey the hardest road travelled. What a step mother needs to realize is that she can neither change society's perception of her nor can she win her step children over by becoming a doormat in her own home. Instead she should invest her time and energy to learn about her step family and her role therein. That's where this book will come in handy. It has some very useful lessons that will guide every woman who is either contemplating step motherhood or is already there and struggling to:

- Comprehend the intricate dynamics of step
- Know why she is a soft target
- Debunk step family myths
- Bond with her step kids
- Keep her identity
- Prevent step maternal burnout
- Protect her sanity

Psychotherapist Lucy Beresford gives practical guidance on how to have harmonious relationships with partners, family, in work or with yourself.

One big step beyond love and marriage.

Attempts to guide readers towards forming the remarried family, considering such issues as former spouses, new grandparents, and legal issues involving custody, visitation, adoption and financial arrangements.

With the right preparation and resources, a step or blended family can be a stable foundation for co-parents and children.

A Blueprint for Bringing Together Two Families Living in a stepfamily is challenging. But a household where yours and mine must become ours can become a harmonious family unit. It is possible to build a stepfamily that works for all of its members--an environment where both adults and children can feel safe, loved, and free to grow and learn. Written to address the particular challenges that stepfamilies typically confront, this latest addition to the bestselling "Positive Discipline series helps you understand the process of stepfamily living and empowers you to make the right decisions. Inside, you will find real solutions that can make your new family a cohesive and happy unit. You'll discover how to: -Resolve responsibility and role issues -Blend rules and traditions -Build effective communication between all family members -Handle discipline and finances -Develop respect and affection among rival children -And much more! "Anchored in today's family realities, the essence of this book is a respectful approach to stepfamily discipline. The scenarios are grittily realistic and the wealth of positive suggestions ring true. Families are always a work in progress so this book is useful for both seasoned and novice parents and stepparents." --Margorie Engel, Ph.D.,

president, Stepfamily Association of America

Rohana Frost has had the worst luck. It started when her fiancé vanished without a trace three months ago. Then she lost her job and her car engine died. Her grandfather knew the cure - unlimited time at his cabin in the Adirondacks - where Rohana used to spend her summers as a child. Rohana jumps at the offer, borrows her grandfather's car, and is looking forward to an uneventful autumn in a serene place. Betrayed, ambushed, and wounded, Sen Aryn stumbles into what he thinks is an abandon cabin in the Adirondacks to recover. But the cabin's occupant surprises him unexpectedly. Worse still, those who tried to kill him are still out there looking for him. Rohana isn't sure what to think when she finds a stranger in her grandfather's cabin, but she offers him a place to recover from his wounds. However, those who had been hunting him found him, and Sen had no choice but to take Rohana with him, back to his world. Rohana is suddenly thrust into the adventure of her lifetime, led by a man she feels a growing attraction for. But then she learns her fiancé may be alive. Will she give into her passion for Sen, or will she remain faithful to her fiancé? And will Sen be able to control his own desire?

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