

IT'S OKAY TO FAIL, MY SON

READERS' REVIEWS

- *It's okay to fail, my son* is an aggregator to child mindset. It's about teacher theory to teach, not to memorize. An excellent work of child psychology...A great work...I hope more from author. Keep at it.

- Jyoti Prakash Pathak – Father, Chartered Accountant by profession.

- *It was an excellent journey when I was reading your **epic**. Your views on present day methods of teaching, which will take our children nowhere in the future, are right.*

*I am associated with one of my friends, Mr. Alfred John, who is an educationist and fifth generation teacher, runs an educational institution called ST MICHAELS AKADEMY in a remote and backward village called KARUVELANGADAI near Nagapattinam on Nagapattinam-Velankanni highway, where almost all students are like the ones in Mr. Rahul Saxena's batch mates and he almost adopts the methods envisaged by you in your **epic** called IT'S OKAY TO FAIL, MY SON. **To everyone's surprise the results are excellent.***

- S. Meenaakshi Padmanabhan, St. Michaels Akademy

- *It's a **delightful read; hard to put down once you start reading it**. The book identifies the much needed change in ideology - **developing an interest in learning** through formal education rather than merely imparting information. **I look forward to this author's future works.***

- Amazon Reader, name unknown.

- *What a lovely story believe me awesome, awesome, awesome.*
– Shahid Badshah, MD, Digital Picasso

- *It is **absolutely fabulous. Every parent and teacher should read this work**. Well done sir for a very timely work. My new year's resolution is to be like Rahul your protagonist at least 10%!!! Thanks for a **wonderful reading experience**.*

- Prof. K. M. Raghavendran, Bangalore. A reader.

- *Sir, after reading a tremendous book like 'IT'S OKAY TO FAIL MY SON', I have become a huge fan of yours. Now, **even if I get stuck in some situation, I remind me of your point of view in my own mind**. Strange right? But, actually it is true! Till now, I have read many inspirational stories but never like yours! **You are a real genius sir!***

- Madhukar Chaturvedi – A reader.

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- One of the most demanding book I found. **Must be read by each parent.** The most awful thing in India of this generation parents is; always taking failure as if there is no option after that. I wish each parent has to be practical to accept that no one can teaches the best lesson than our own experiences of failure.
 - Sanjana, Amazon Reader.
- **Thought provoking.** The entire thought process of a father making a child understand and comfortable with the fact that it is ok to fail in this highly competitive and stressed life is **something very unique.**
 - Imshu Bansal – President, Rotary International Downtown Club.
- Not only is the **book well-written but is also inspirational.** I had always been a top student in school but suddenly, the desire and passion went missing upon reaching university. This reflected in the downward trend of my grades.

*I found solace in your book. I already agreed with most of the ideas presented in your book but Rahul's philosophy strengthened my ideology. After reading your book, it was clear to me that I had lost my passion not intellect. **Thank you for writing such a wonderful book.** I look forward to reading more of your work in the future.*

- Kartik Agarwal – A reader
- Very **enthusiastic** writing to you about the book written by you. Because it approx 99% as I wanna in my life. To tell you the truth, in last 1 year, **3 times I tried committing suicide.** Last 2-3 months ago, I got stabled by regular follow up of the ma psychiatrist. But now again m going in that condition of confusion, depression etc. and **wanted to commit it again but I read your book and got stabled.** So, I am very thankful to u for your book. Please keep writing like this. And also I wanna tell u that this is my first book in my life which I've read in English. Please keep going on.
- Somanath Kakade, A reader.
- We recently ordered and read one copy of your book "It's Okay to Fail, My Son". We must **compliment you on this beautifully thought out book that takes students and parents on a similar mental journey towards pursuing excellence.**
 - Robin Varghese, A reader.
- I am unable to figure it out how shall I start to comment on **your well written book, I am falling short of words to express my gratitude towards your thoughts** which

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you have poured in the book. **It's an eye opener for parents** rather than our children. Over expecting, comparing unnecessarily and what not we do with our own children, **unknowingly how we shatter their confidence and self-esteem?** I would once again congratulate and also wish you luck for your dream to write more such kind of inspirational books for the well-being of our future leaders.

- Rajesh Mittal – Secretary, Rotary International Downtown Club.
- **Title invokes curiosity, I liked story the most.** The writing keeps you engaged & I could read whole book in one go. I think the book is must read for all parents & also teenaged children – Bhushan Nevagi – Professional and Father
- **Very touchy subject** for the father in me. **Relevant topic** in today's time. – Rakesh Soni, General Manager, GEB, Baroda and father of 10 years old.
- Good novel for students as well as parents. Must read it.
 - Gurpreet, Amazon Reader.
- My curiosity is raised after going through first few pages. The topic is relevant & should click with Indian people in general & parents in particular. – Prashant Sawant, Corporate Trainer
- **Liked the storyline and narration. Must read for all parents.** – Vipin Rao – Managing Director, Rud India a multinational company.
- I have enjoyed reading the first 3 chapters of your book. The prelude sets the stage. The narrative is such that one can sense the emotions of Rahul, Sheetal and Sachin. - Sanjay Srivastava – Ex CEO, Smart Mobile. Motorola JV Company.
- Awesome! You have captured very sensitive topic so beautifully in the form of story. I wish every parent and teacher read this and bring about a different outlook in the way they bring up children and students. Hats off to you Sir. Great book and I have already recommended this to many folks...
 - Rajendra Tapadia, A reader.
- The subject of the book is very relevant for me at this stage. My son is appearing for his 10th standard exams starting next month. He is into his last month of preparation and studies. I decided to support him during this period by taking leave from my office work and be at home during this period.

The other aspect of the book dealt with believing in people (or students) who have not done well or branded as poor performers. Again, I can share from experience

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here. I work in a software company. I have a team of 80 members spread across locations. As any other team, there is a good mix of high performers in the team and others who have not done well in the past. In the last 12 months, I have tried to focus more on the persons who have not been performing. Instead of going through a formal route of performance improvement through the HR department, I tried to engage with them informally. I realized by speaking to them more regularly, discussing their challenges and appreciating their outputs, these members are now more interested, engaged and involved in the job. Their performance and contributions are also much better now. It is taking more time for some of them, but most of them have responded well. The point in your book about creating interest in learning as part of the education process is very pertinent.

I hope this book is read by all the parents who have children. I hope this book is also read by the teachers and various educationists. We can surely take some baby steps to create more scientists, innovators, entrepreneurs, sports champions in the coming years.

- Deepak Kewalramani, father, reader.

- I just finished reading your book 'It's okay to fail my son'. I found the main message of treating and teaching children very practical and useful and should be followed by every parent and teacher.

I recall my own experience of how I started hating biology because of a poor teacher and at the same time started enjoying mathematics due a wonderful teacher. Teachers can make or mar a student's interest in the subject.

I am recommending your book to my friends and relatives. Once again many congratulations for writing such a book. You have made the first book read in 2016 memorable for me.

- Madhavan Venkatesan – A reader

- Dear Sir, Just read your book "It is ok to fail my son". **What a well written and insightful book!** Thank you. Perhaps the first book, I finished reading in one go.

- Leena – A reader

- I just read your book: IT'S OKAY TO FAIL, MY SON. This book is simply written, **reaching to the heart.**

Climax page between pages 273 - 311 were very touchy and while reading I was weeping. Please do write such great books so that we have good health, fitness and happiness too in our day to day life! Congratulations to you for your great work!

- Ansure Murali – A reader

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- *Such a magnificent book this is, I was almost engrossed with the moral as well as style! A must read book for everyone especially the parents whose children are not that much shining! **Thank you for writing such a superb book!***
 - *Partha Sarathy Biswas – A reader*
 - *You deserve congratulations for bringing the stress of the teenagers on the forefront.*
 - *Dr. Surendra Nischal, School Counselor, Fr. Agnel School.*
 - ***Thanks for gifting such a wonderful book to the society.** It is a must read book for all parents, teachers and students.*
 - *Bindhu Das – A reader and mother.*
- *I would like to **thank u for the wonderful book "It's Ok to fail my son" written by u.** Both I & my son Siddhant, who is in std. 10 have **thoroughly enjoyed reading it.** We could feel every emotion of the characters mentioned in the book...be it the father, son, friends etc.*
 - *Kavita Khanna – A reader and mother.*
- *It is an **amazingly and beautifully written book** sir. You have written the different ways in which children are distracted from studies due to their physical incapacibilities, financial, personal problems etc. and have also given nice solutions for each of it. You have also described in detail the importance of parents and teachers in a child's life. This book should be read by everyone for them to understand the contributions of a teacher to the society, the problems faced by the children and the sacrifices and responsibilities of parents. **I'm very thankful to us as you have given solutions for many problems faced by a child and have also given tips to improve our interest on a subject.** All the best for your next book sir!!!*
 - *Ridhi F. Dayal – A reader and class X student*
- *It is a beautifully articulated book, so simple yet so true which we see / encounter in our daily life. I am a working mother and a very passionate person when it comes to work or doing or getting things done and while I was reading this book, I could find myself doing the same mistakes almost ... I am glad I got to read the book at the right time and I am sure, **I will change something for the good of my child.***

Thank you for authoring this wonderful book and what is most appreciable is that you have not exaggerated it at all! Throughout the book, the language is very simple and keeps the attention of the reader. I look forward for reading many more of your books.

- *Sandhya Thyagarajan - A reader and mother on 14 year old daughter.*

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- *I am a father of two boys to whom I want to give the best available on this planet. Honestly, I am not very fond of reading but just the title of your book couldn't stop me from ordering a copy on Amazon and believe me it was the first thing I did after I came back home flying back from Bangalore.*

You really have done a tremendous job picking up a topic which is much needed in our lives today. Reading the book I relate myself to Rahul and out of my enthusiasm and excitement which I feel within after reading this wonderful work of yours. I am attaching a pic of me and my boys to you. Please have a look at it and feel my gratitude towards you for writing this

- *Prashant Agarwal – A reader and father of 2 kids*

- *I used to be a very different and somewhat bad father a week ago to my 13 year old son, **your book 'IT'S OKAY TO FAIL, MY SON' has changed or transformed me a lot.** You have written a wonderful book. Many more such books are awaited from you* *sir.*

- GURUPRASAD.MS

- *Just finished reading your book, 'It's okay to fail, my son. **Just loved the book.** You have covered up all the possible points like interest levels of the kids, frustration of the teachers, memory and many more.*

***Learnt many things from your book.** My son is at present in the 9th grade. I will try my best to change my teaching techniques. Strengthen my belief and build his confidence in me. **And most of all, happiness should be the first in list of priorities.** Thank you for writing such a eye opening book*

- *Amy Kothari – A reader and mother of 9th grade son.*
- *Congratulations for your book, 'It's okay to fail, my son'. I just bought it on amazon and started reading! The introduction only helped me to help my 5 year old to get rid of some of his fears! I am very excited to read the full book but could not resist wishing you thanks! All the best.*
- *Priya Gajwani – A reader and mother of 5 year old son.*

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- *I am a tenth standard student. Actually I bought this book for my formative assessment. My teacher gave three choices - Ruskin Bond's book, Roal Dahl's book, and your book. Really, I loved the story. A good story. I want a book about father-daughter relationship , which I want to give to my father as a gift.*
- *Peratigsha N. – A reader and class X student. Book is referred by school.*
- **Your book 'IT'S OKAY TO FAIL, MY SON, is helping me a lot** as my son has just appeared his tenth exams and result is awaited. You have really **brought old and forgotten teachings of Shri Bhagvad Geeta** and feelings of Mr. Rudyard Kepling towards his son, in his poem "IF", in a light story form, for the society to learn.
- *Cdr. (Retd.) DS Chhillar – A reader and father of a 14 years old.*
- *Your book is par excellence. In ur next edition, please add a small chapter on how Javed Khan dealt with DICKSHIT and the slum goonda. That will satisfy the curious readers. All the best .Looking forward to newer books from your pen.*
- *K M Ramanathan – A reader.*
- *I want to say that it is a very well written book with a great start and ending and with an important message for parents especially to support their children instead of pressurising them. **It is a must read book for all parents, teachers and students all over the world.** When i was reading the book, not once I believed it's a fiction story as I found it to be a real one happening in front of me. I Feel after reading your book all parents will spend some time with their children and provide them with the necessary emotional support required and will motivate them to work towards their passion.*
- *Ashish Jain – A reader.*
- *First of all kindly accept my heartiest congratulations and appreciation from the bottom of my heart. I have completed the whole book reading in 4 to 5 seating. The book has given a lot of insights to handle the growing pressure and stress of a growing child. At the same time, focused on the fundamentals to handle the present unwanted situations in order to survive & excel in life. I do personally agree the philosophy and logic you have explained & emphasized to correct the whole education system of our country. I strongly agree, this book is not only helpful for young parents but is a must read for all corporate leaders as well.*

Hat's off to you.

- *Abhay Kumar Naik – A reader.*

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- *I was a very good student (going by the general standards of judging good students) till the 9th grade but my performance steadily declined starting 10th. Unfortunately this poor show continued till the end of my graduation in B.B.A. I have and always will be a failure in the eyes of my father. **What I am trying to get through is I wish I had this insightful book earlier in my life and that my parents could have understood my hunger for their appreciation!***

The book has useful insights helpful in the realm of academics and personal growth disguised as a Novel (to me the story was merely a cover as an entertaining way ensure that the main points hit home) and for this hats off to you sir. You have done a great deed.

- *Muzammil Ismail Tambe – A reader.*
- *I just read out yours novel. It has many interesting topics inside and has many more inspirational thought as well. **I am a teacher and the chapter in book 'Teacher: A hapless God?' is a very heart touching.** Looking for next will a very very inspired story for yours nice thought.*
- *Pradeep - A reader and teacher*
- *It's just excellent. I got so much inspired with your thoughts as I am also a father taking care of my children through the same thoughts. Keep writing innovative ideas.*
- *Dr. Shantanu Mallick – Pain physician and father of 12 year old.*
- *This is the first novel of my life, I ordered the book being fascinated by the theme showing a relationship between a father and a son as I am more close to my father, **but this beautiful piece of art took me to a journey that enlightened me not only about a father son relationship but also gave an altogether new perspective of how one can improve the performance of weak students by providing the right atmosphere.***

*Thank you very much sir. **I am short of words what it has given me** and I assure you that I would certainly use such learnings in my real life for the betterment of my future students.*

- *Shubham Singhanian – A reader and teacher in making*

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- *It was amazing experience to read your novel's some part. It covers same incidents that, I faced in my life where unsuccessful aspirations of parents are being thrown upon tender shoulders of children. Your novel will be a good guide to such parents.*

After reading just a few pages I became a big fan of your and if it possible can you please send me a copy of this Novel with your Autograph.

- *Prakash Jha – A reader*
- *It's Okay to Fail My Son and it is a well written. The story is very inspiring indeed.*
- *Abhijith Radhakrishnan – A student and reader*
- *I thank you for bringing out such a fine book " It's okay to fail my son". I finished it in one sitting. Most of the times the book took me to flashback. I relived academic part of my childhood. I picked this book, fascinated by the title of the book.*

If it's possible for you, I request you to bring this book to masses via a movie, as not all people are fond of reading. If you make a movie, it can reach masses. This thought provoked me to write to you. I firmly believe that a movie based on this book will reach those people (parents, teachers, students etc).

- *Alok Prakash – A reader*

- *Thank u for a lovely piece of work which I thoroughly enjoyed and relate to. Great book*

- *B V Raman*

- *Sir, started liking reading books couple of months back. read a few novels. then came across uor novel its ok to fail. found it outstanding, cried many times while reading the book. in some situations in book found that that as I am Rahul..*

- *Ashok Sisodia – A reader*

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- *Sir, I have completed reading your book in three days and gained a lot of inspiration which I cannot reveal in words. The innovative ideas and caring of the hero Mr. Rahul Saxen*

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- *a is wonderful. I have already decided to start the kind of motivation and inspiration that was given by the hero in the book.*

- *Sarish Jose, Principal of Smt. Kamala Saklecha Gyan Mandir, Bhanpura, Mandsaur district Madhya Pradesh.*

- *I have just finished reading your book, "It's OK to fail, my son". I would like to complement you for a beautifully written book, which has all the right ingredients to make it a must read for all parents.*

Our son has recently finished school, class XII, and joined college. There were a lot of instances, I could relate to, in the book. Please accept my compliments.

- *Arvind Kapoor – A reader*

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- What a **wonderful book** you have written sir, **really maja aavi gai**. In movie like 3 idiots and tare zamin par director have tried beautifully that we should go by our interest and our education system or the teacher the way they taught students that is not the right way but in both the movie they have not shown which way teacher should teach? Sir, in your book you have covered all the point like if student do not find interest, how to improve memory I think almost everything is there in the book. Thanks for giving such a wonderful book. And On top of the main page there is written that A NATIONAL BESTSELLER but I wish within short time this book will be **world's best seller very soon**.

- Shital Joshi – A reader from Gujarat.

- Being a teacher I just enjoyed each and every line ...I suggest my students to read the book ..excellent work sir...**filled wt tears...**

- Padmavathy Venkatesan – A teacher

- I am really happy to complete my journey to your book called 'It's okay to fail, my son'. You are great father if this book is fact. You sacrificed all you have in your life for your son. You have contributed your life for your country. So keep it up and serve continue for your country. Especially for those lower class children who are not able to get support from their parents. I am hungrily waiting your next book.

- Paldon – A reader

- Heartiest congratulations for your **exemplary work** in the form of this book. Any praising adjective to describe this **masterpiece work**, would be an injustice. Not only parents & teachers, anyone who reads this book and implements the teachings in his one transaction a day, his life is bound to change and the world ultimately.

- Binod (Parent who believes 101% of what you have conveyed)

- Let me begin by saying that the best and most I liked about the book was the sentiment behind writing it and the passion of the author which reflects in the writing and content. Parenting is a constantly challenging job and we are striving constantly to choose the best and the most congenial methodology and ways to raise our children and shape them up for the world. I am not a particularly harsh or demanding parent as such but I **have learnt a lot of new things from the book and have recognized the need to make a few**

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changes with my parenting techniques. Constant refreshing of our methods for better is not a bad idea at all. The book has **said a lot without being overtly preachy.** Everything was well woven in an entertaining story. **Delighted to have read the book.**

- Dr. Harmanpreet Kaur

- Several times, **it brought tears while reading,** even my wife asked me What happened? I got deep involvement with this book because I have same age son like SACHIN. I am a police officer so I am not able to spend time with my children, after reading this I resolved to spend quality time with my son and daughter.

- S. AMULDOSS, CHENNAI

- Your book 'It's Okay to Fail, My Son' is the **Ramayana** of the modern day child psychology of great sacrifice, the **Mahabharata of mental conflicts** culminating enlightenment, the **Bible of humanity,** the **Odyssey of journey** from unknown to known...A must read for not only parents, teachers, but for every professional who wants to be getting out of the rut.

- Sarkar Biplab – A reader and Author

- Now a day, **we read news of suicide by students** due to high expectations and pressure. This book really helps to deal with current situation. I am strongly in the opine of the ideas expressed by you. Thanks once again and except my gratitude for such a wonderful book.

- Hasan Chobarawala – A reader and Blog Writer

- I bought this book as I was going through some tough time in my business. The **title of the book is very catchy** and that time I was not sure if I would find something really worthwhile in the book. But, as I read it I was intrigued by simple details and their effectiveness in our lives. I have been a Teach for India alumni and a teacher in past, I have done lot of similar things where I stayed at a Slum overnight and experienced lives of those poor people and how they strive to better the lives of their children. I have faced many such instances when as a teacher it gets difficult to just to confine to the classroom and not reach out to child in his real life scenario. **Being a teacher has always been an enriching and overwhelming experience.** Loved reading the book and it was like a **fresh gush of breeze in life.**

- Swati Sinha – A reader

- Book is really very interesting and **inspiring towards career.** I am studying in Class 12. I was in **great Depression after performing very bad at my 1st Competitive Exam** i.e. UPSC NDA. But your book has **given me the strength and hope** towards my future. It has totally changed my attitude and way of studying. I am really

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very grateful to you for inspiring me and several other students like me. Plzzz notify me if you're planning to write any other book of the kind. I will definitely read it.

- Sameer Kumar – A reader

- *Awesome concept. Equally well presented. Will try to change my approach to my sons - don't know how much I can - but surely will try. One more thing - make it a movie. Many more can benefit. Lastly congrats Mr. Kallola - great job - well done.*

- Yashraj – A reader