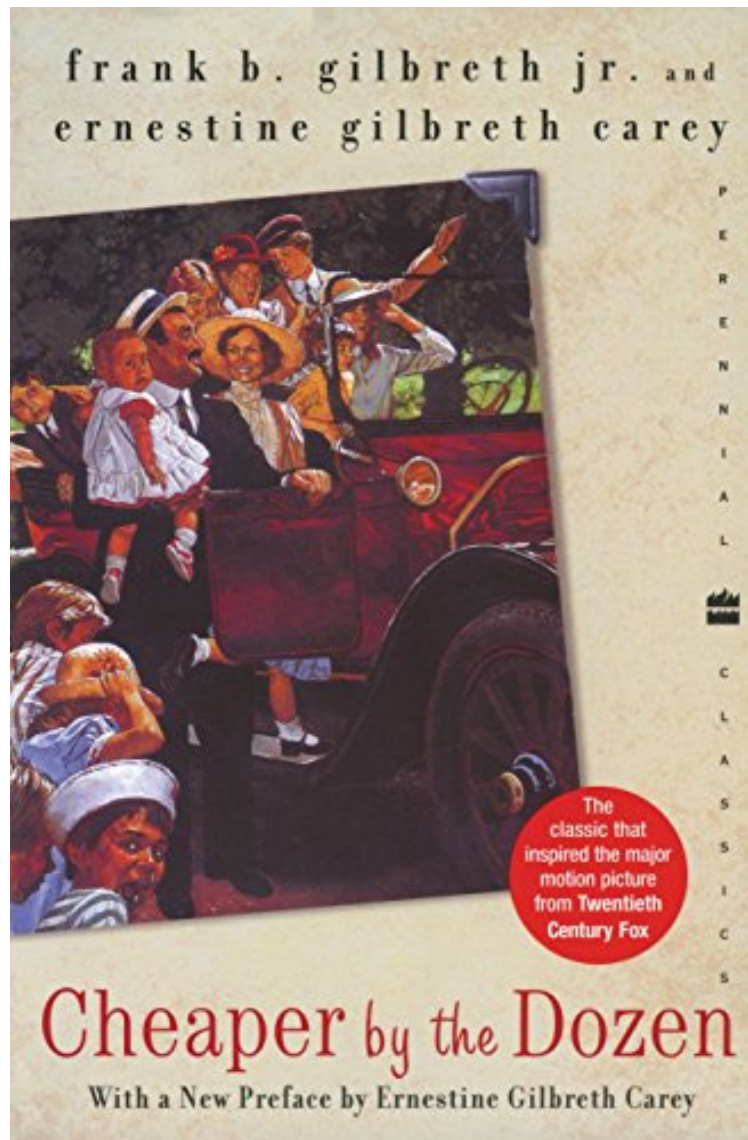


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Frank B. Gilbreth, Ernestine Gilbreth Carey : Cheaper by the Dozen (Perennial Classics) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cheaper by the Dozen (Perennial Classics):

35 of 36 people found the following review helpful. Too good for kids! By Whistlers Mom If there's one thing that irks me (and there are many) it's that wonderful old books like this one have been dumped in the "kiddie lit" pile and are considered unsuitable for adults. Good God, must we have violence, graphic sex, and non-stop profanity in every paragraph in order for a book to be worthy of our attention? This is the story of a family (a big one) and of the two

fascinating, unusual people who created it. It's also a look at the early years of the 20th century and how they changed life for all time. We think of it as a lazy, nostalgic time when people were rooted in tradition. In reality, it was a time of rapid change when Americans were excited about the future and their growing importance in the world. Industries were waking up to new ways of doing things that increased productivity. Increased productivity meant lower costs, which meant that the average citizen could enjoy products (like automobiles) that had been rich men's toys only a few years before. It was a time of prosperity and optimism. Frank and Lillian Gilbreth were efficiency engineers who were at the forefront of this movement. And like all engineers, they tended to run their home by the same principles that guided their profession. As their oldest daughter points out in her humorous-but-incisive introduction, a great deal of "regimentation" is absolutely necessary in a large family or chaos reigns. Not that there wasn't plenty of chaos anyway, and most of it is hilarious. Lillian Gilbreth was of the generation called the "New Woman." Feminism wasn't born in the 1960's, but had its roots in the era when women were fighting for the right to attend college, to be professionals, and to vote. With her proud husband supporting her, this gentle but strong woman took her place in a profession that even today is still largely male-dominated. And she raised a houseful of children while she was doing it! It's also the story of a successful marriage which tragically ended too soon. I love the contrast between the bombastic self-made man and the quiet girl from the wealthy California family. Each brought strengths into the partnership and they respected and supported each other both personally and professionally. Yes, this is a book that would not (as we used to say) raise a blush on the cheek of a modest young lady (assuming you could find one) but it's also a down-to-earth telling of family life in an era when there were no "experts" telling people how to raise their children. The story of two very different people and how they loved and taught their large brood is not just entertaining, but educational. I loved this book as a child and I enjoyed reading it again. I can't really imagine anyone who WOULDN'T. It's a true classic. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I have loved this book since my childhood. By Pat Black I have loved this book since I was a child. Though I don't think I would have loved being in that family. The patriarchal father is not to my liking. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ... By the Dozen shows how a family unit works great through goods times and hard. By the sea Cheaper By the Dozen shows how a family unit works great through goods times and hard. I love how all the children got along and had fun with each other. They did a great job on the movie as well.

What do you get when you put twelve lively kids together with a father -- a famous efficiency expert -- who believes families can run like factories, and a mother who is his partner in everything except discipline? You get a hilarious tale of growing up that has made generations of kids and adults alike laugh along with the Gilbreths in *Cheaper by the Dozen*. Translated into more than fifty-three languages and made into a classic film starring Clifton Webb and Myrna Loy, *Cheaper by the Dozen* is a delightfully enduring story of family life at the turn of the 20th century.

"Gay and lighthearted...One of the most amusing books." (The Chicago Sun-Times) "Always entertaining, occasionally hilarious, occasionally touching....Sound Americana." (Saturday of Literature) "Instructive, funny, and very readable." (School Library Journal) From the Publisher No growing pains have ever been more hilarious than those suffered loudly by the riotous Gilbreth clan. First, there are a dozen red-haired, freckle-faced kids to contend with. Then there's Dad, a famous efficiency expert who believes a family can be run just like a factory. And there's Mother, his partner in everything except discipline. How they all survive such escapades as forgetting Frank, Jr., in a roadside restaurant or going on a first date with Dad in the backseat or having their tonsils removed en masse will keep you in stitches. You can be sure they're not only cheaper, they're funnier by the dozen. From the Inside Flap No growing pains have ever been more hilarious than those suffered loudly by the riotous Gilbreth clan. First, there are a dozen red-haired, freckle-faced kids to contend with. Then there's Dad, a famous efficiency expert who believes a family can be run just like a factory. And there's Mother, his partner in everything except discipline. How they all survive such escapades as forgetting Frank, Jr., in a roadside restaurant or going on a first date with Dad in the backseat or having their tonsils removed en masse will keep you in stitches. You can be sure they're not only cheaper, they're funnier by the dozen.