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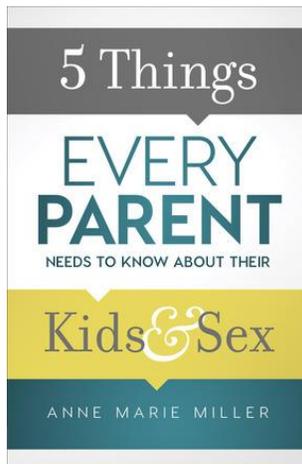
Is There Hope in a Sexually Broken World?

Speaker and Author Anne Marie Miller opens up a conversation between parents and children of the 21st century

For many parents, talking with their kids about sex is one of the most dreadful moments of parenting. Some will awkwardly stumble through the conversation with a thousand “ummm. . .” intermissions, while others skip the conversation all together and hand the child a book entitled “Puberty” that doesn’t answer all their questions (and instead, they find the rest via Google).

Unfortunately, neither of these approaches is effectively teaching today’s youth about sex. They may have learned how to do it, immediately followed by “don’t do it.” But what they haven’t learned is “why?” or how to responsibly handle the sexual encounters that potentially await them.

Anne Marie Miller, speaker and author of several books including *Permission to Speak Freely* and *Mad Church Disease* has now written a book intended to start healthy conversations about God’s gift of sex called, *5 Things Every Parent Needs to Know about Their Kids and Sex* (Baker Books, May 2016).



The more Miller spoke to young people about the hush-hush subject of sex, the more she began to notice some disturbing trends that are unique to today’s youth. Every generation has a gap from the previous one and in *5 Things Every Parent Needs to Know about Their Kids and Sex* Miller helps bridge parents with children’s reality. She helps parents understand their child’s sexual development and when to initiate conversation. She shares the truth about where kids acquire sexual knowledge and how today’s media shapes today’s children. Miller emphasizes the importance of teaching children how to handle their own sexuality and how to identify and address the tragic event of sexual abuse.

Ultimately, Miller wants to share that there is hope for today’s children to experience the beautiful, spiritual and emotional blessing that sex can be if it used as the Lord designed.

Miller’s candid personal experiences combined with expert research and practical application, makes *5 Things Every Parent Needs to Know about Their Kids and Sex* invaluable to the modern parent. “Don’t sweep this topic under the rug,” says Miller.



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Silence and shame cannot equip children with the proper tools to face a broken world the way that honesty and open communication can. Give today's children the wisdom and understanding they need to fully experience God's gift of sex, simply by starting a conversation.



Anne Marie Miller is the author of several books and speaks at colleges, conventions, and churches on the topics of social justice, sexuality, health, addiction, and biblical themes like grace and restoration. She also writes for various publications, studied family sociology, and is currently pursuing her DMS at Rockbridge Seminary. She lives with her husband Tim in Iowa. They are expecting their first child in July.

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Suggested Interview Questions for Anne Marie Miller, author of *5 Things Every Parent Needs to Know about Their Kids and Sex*

1. Why are so many parents afraid to talk about sex with their kids?
2. Can you ever say too much?
3. The internet can be a dangerous weapon when it comes to sex. Should parents take away technology from their kids?
4. It was once shocking to see something provocative on television, but now it is expected and anticipated. How is this shaping our children?
5. Is it true that only rebellious children are involved in sexual behavior?
6. What are the signs that we can recognize in a child that is being sexually abused?
7. What advice would you give to a parent that fears conversation will only create unhealthy curiosity about the subject?
8. Can internet pornography contribute to the supply and demand cycle of sex trafficking?
9. Is this world too broken to really have hope for change?
10. How is a parent's sexual understanding and history an important part of the conversation?
11. What is our true sexual design? How can you help your readers begin to see sex as a gift rather than a secret?

To request an interview with Anne Marie Miller, contact Karen Campbell at karen@karencampbellmedia.com or 616-309-4390



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Praise for *5 Things Every Parent Needs to Know about Their Kids and Sex*

"Far too many Christian parents are afraid of 'too much, too soon' when it comes to their kids knowing about sex. Unfortunately, this often means parents say too little, too late. Anne's book shatters this and other misconceptions parents have about teaching children about sexual topics, and in our hyper-sexualized culture, it delivers a timely and critical message."

— **Luke Gilkerson**, author of *The Talk and* Educational Resource Manager at Covenant Eyes

"I remember seeing Anne's blog post 'Three Things You Don't Know about Your Children and Sex' go viral, and I am so excited her new book has expanded on this topic. Every parent needs to pay attention to this book."

— **Craig Gross**, founder of iParent.tv and author of *Touchy Subjects*

"Thank you, Anne Marie Miller, for speaking out about the oft-taboo subject of kids and sex. You remind me--using loving, honest, educational words--that it won't be through sheltering or silence that we guide our kids to a place of sexual health. It will be through conversation, love, and a focus on our Creator. This book has empowered me as a mom. I recommend it."

— **Lisa Whittle**, speaker and author of *{w}hole* and *I Want God*

"Anne Marie Miller has given a wonderful gift to parents in *5 Things Every Parent Needs to Know about Their Kids and Sex*. Having worked with teenagers and parents for twenty-five years, I find parents are rarely prepared for having this discussion. It never seems to happen on our timeline, and the prevalence of sexual knowledge surpasses anything most parents had access to when they were children and teens. Anne Marie's book is current and on point. Read this before you think you need to, and if that time has passed, start reading now!"

— **Mark Matlock**, president of Youth Specialties

"Honest, authentic, and essential. Anne Marie brilliantly weaves her compelling personal journey, insightful analysis, and practical suggestions into a helpful resource for every family."

— **John Cotton Richmond**, speaker, writer, and federal human trafficking prosecutor



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"This is Miller's best work. *5 Things Every Parent Needs to Know about Their Kids and Sex* is really raw and really powerful. She speaks with experience and authority and has compiled a great list of stories, interviews, tools, questions, and resources for parents to use with their kids."

—**Rhett Smith**, MDiv, LMFT

"Anne Marie Miller has done the work. Her passion, intelligence, and talent intersect and bring us something truly important in *5 Things Every Parent Needs to Know about Their Kids and Sex*. If we are honest with ourselves, it is easy to recognize the spiritual and sexual crisis facing our children today. Miller informs and instructs with humility and compelling confidence. The intertwining of her research and her personal history gives the reader the distinct sense that she knows this topic inside and out, and it makes her determination to win back the hearts and minds of our children contagious. I am more equipped to be a better father after reading this book."

—**Dr. David Long**, MD