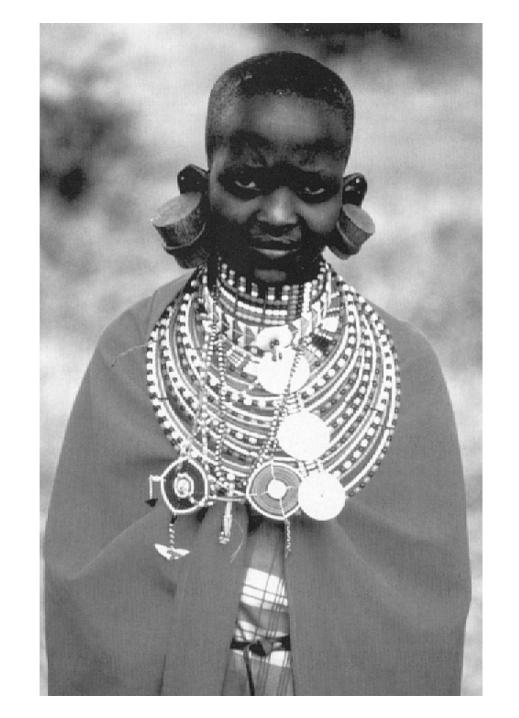
The Book

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An owner's manual on positive body awareness for young children and their caregivers Most often we wear clothes.





Even when sleeping . . .





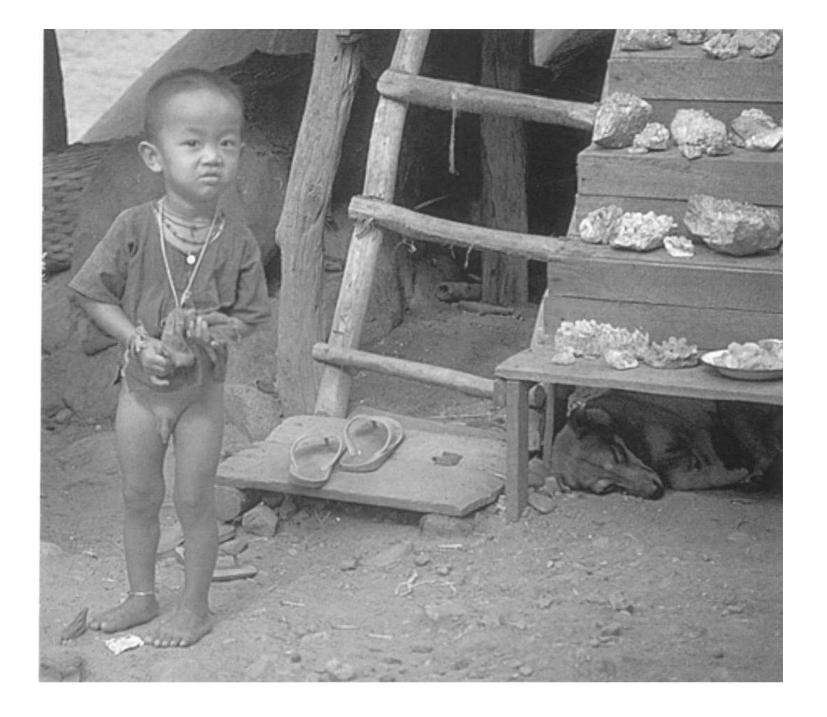
or going swimming most people wear some clothes.



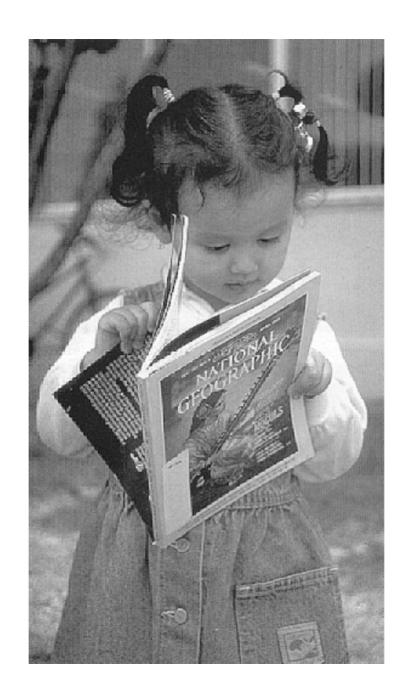


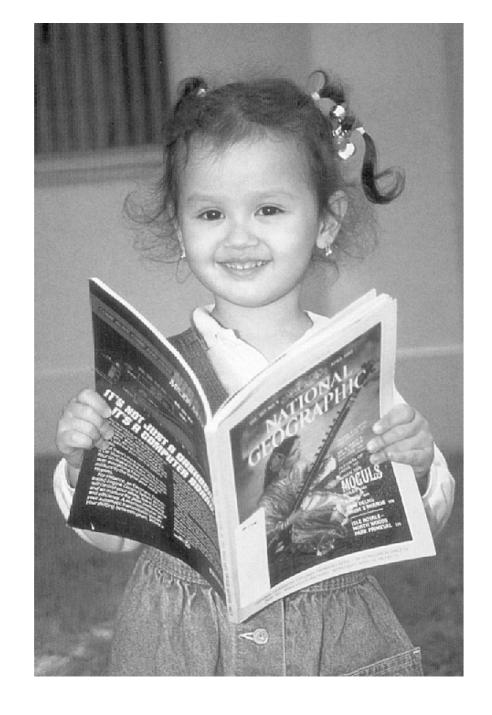
In some places people don't wear so many clothes. It seems natural to them.



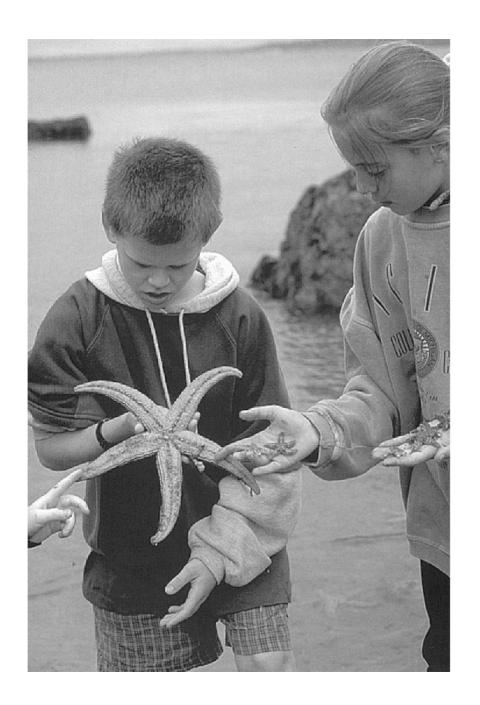


Kids sometimes wonder what people look like without their clothes.

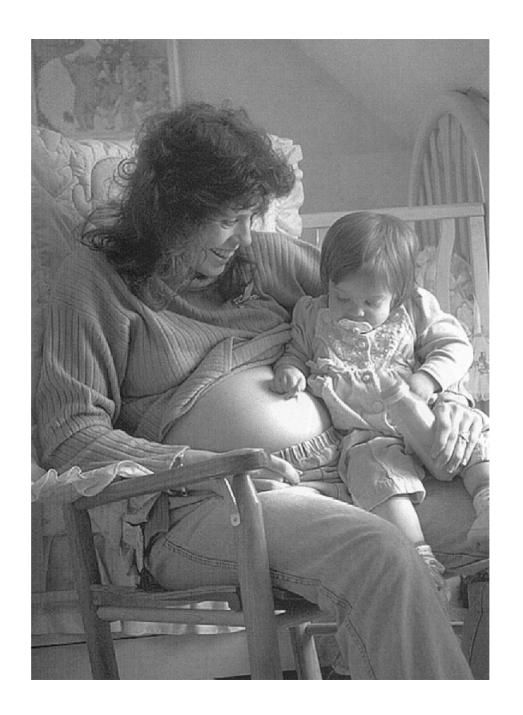




This is called curiosity.

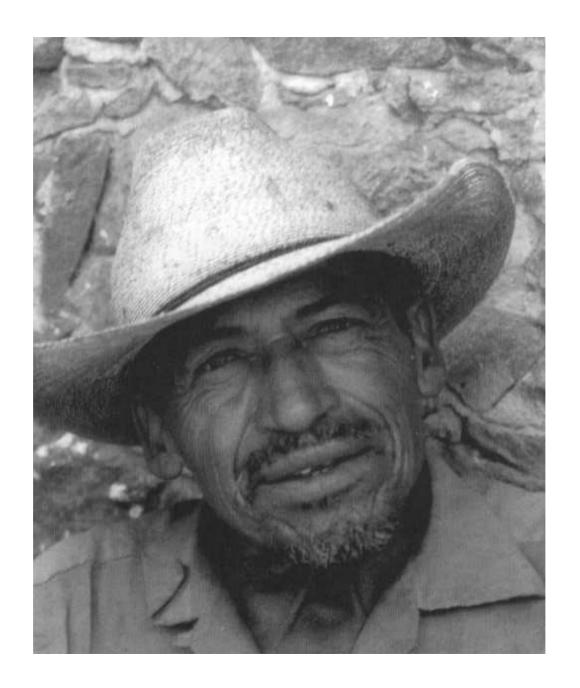


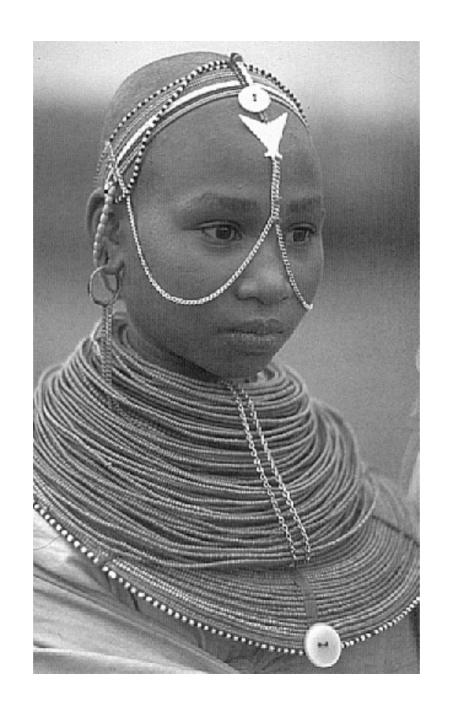
It's OK to be curious.



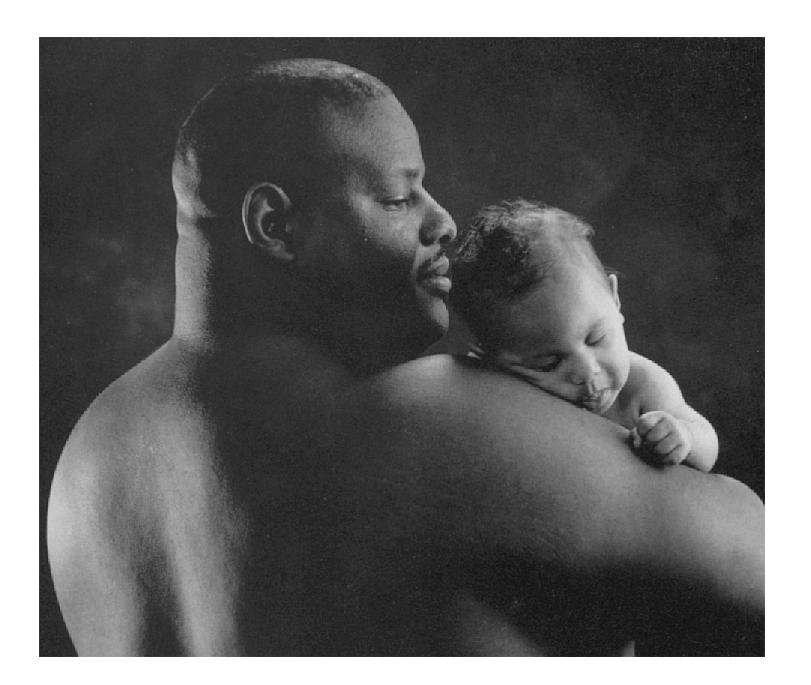
People don't all look the same.



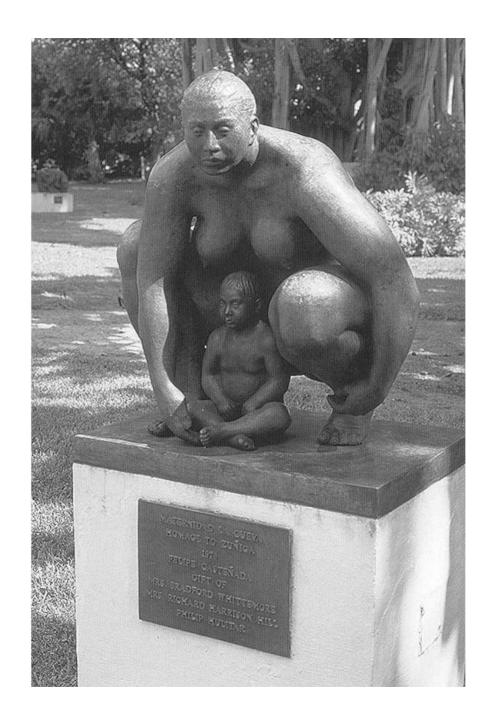




They come in different sizes.



Different shapes . . .



different colors.



Boys look one way . . .







and girls another.

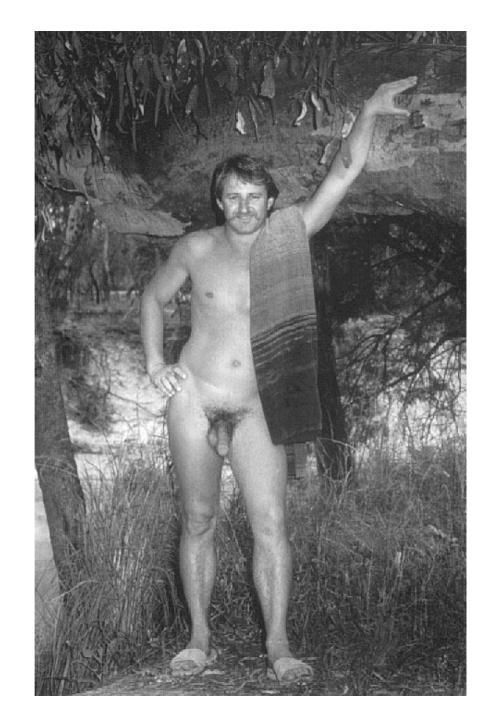






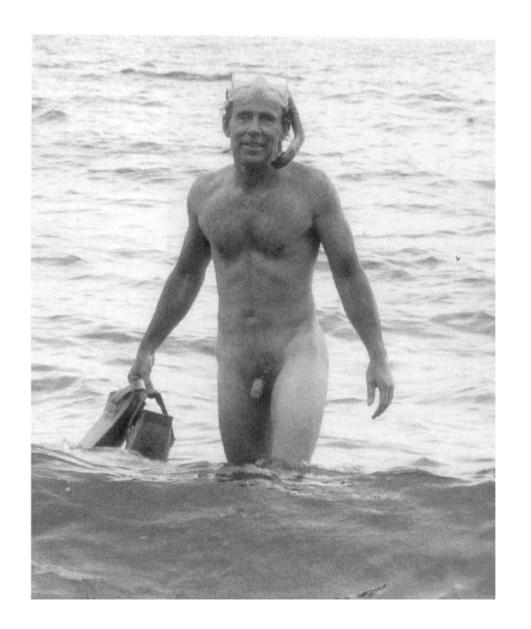
Women look different from men.

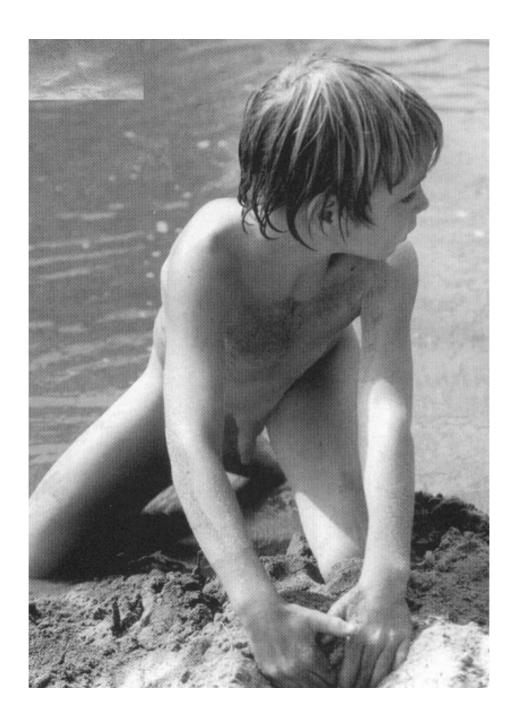




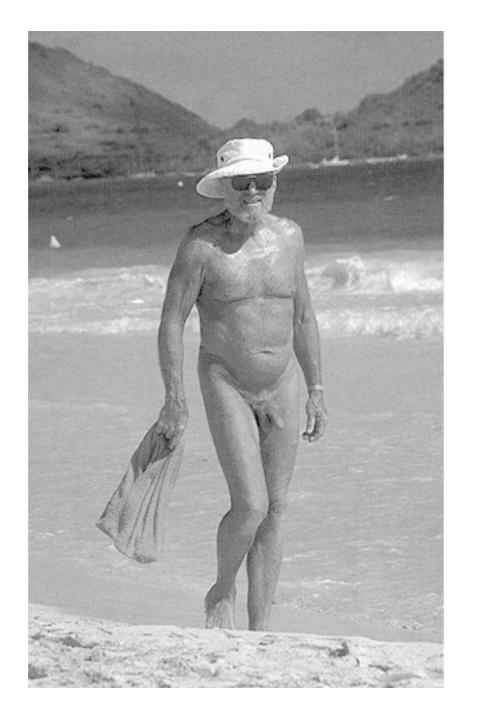
Children look different from grown-ups.

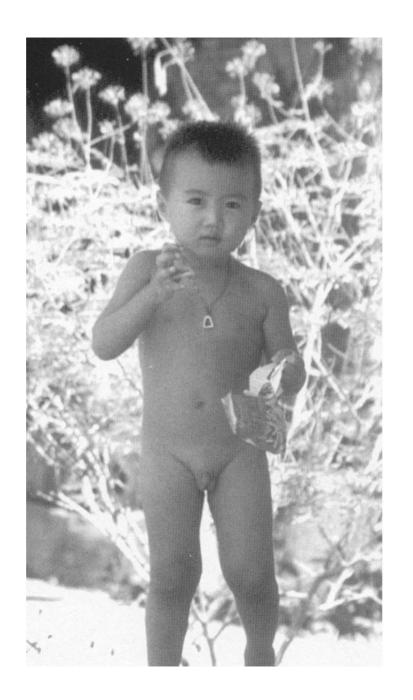




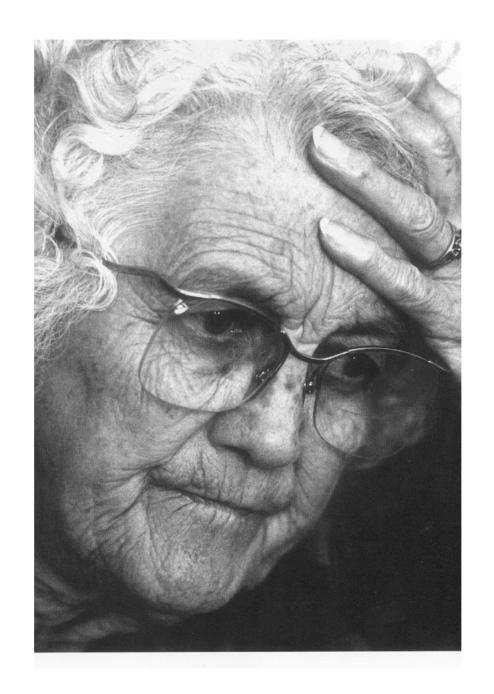


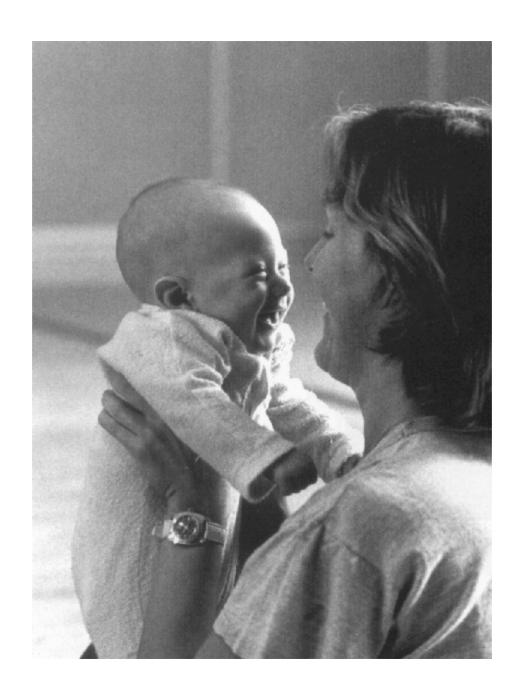
Older people look different from younger people,





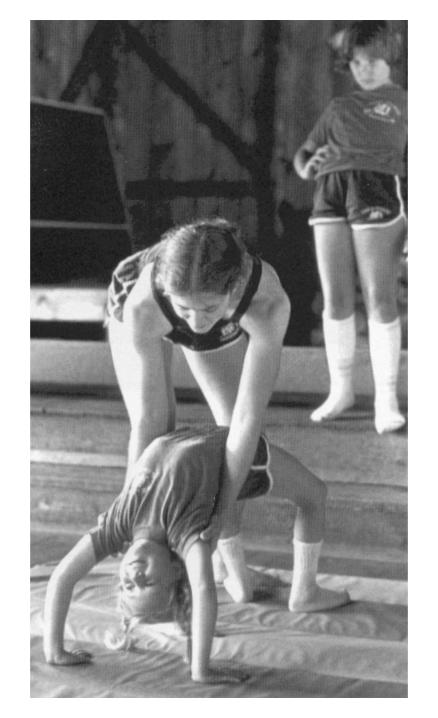
But we are all beautiful just as God created us.





We can do many wonderful things with our bodies.







One thing we can do with our bodies is show our love for each other with hugs, kisses, and cuddling. We all need lots of this kind of touching.



Touching brings happiness to our lives.



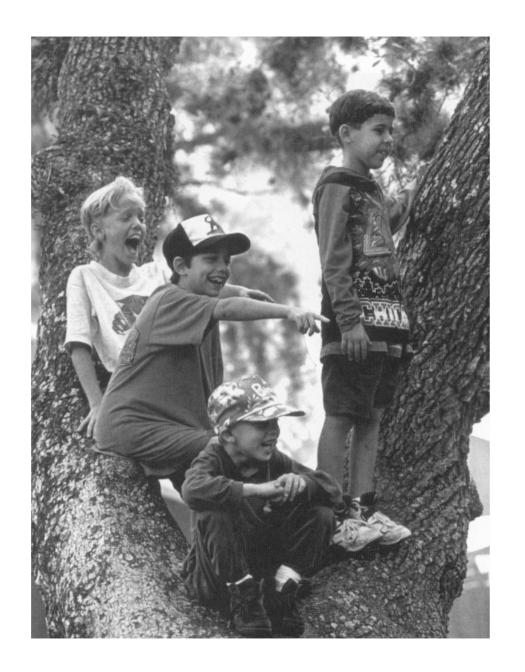
Just as there are rules in other areas of life, there are rules about our bodies.



One rule is not to talk about other people and their bodies in ways that might embarrass them. They need to feel good about themselves just as we do.



Also we don't need to get giggly and silly and embarrassed about our bodies and the things that bodies can do.



Your body, after all, is not something you have to be embarrassed about.



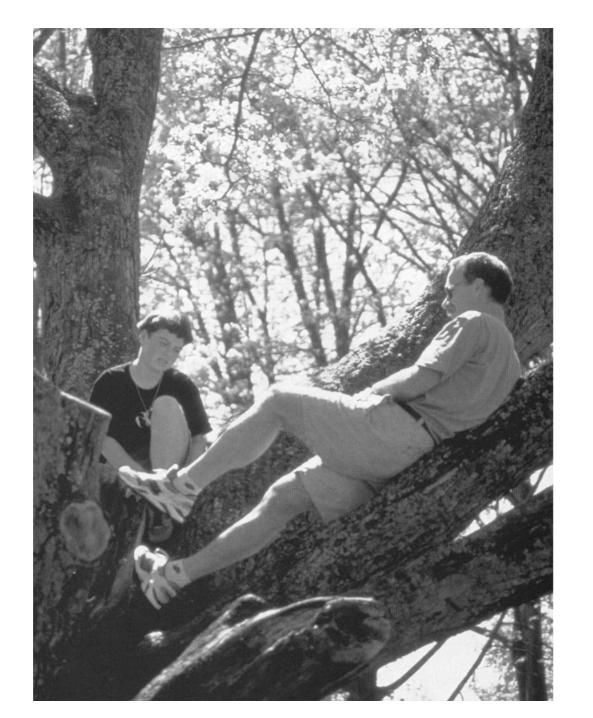
Touching can be a problem.

Sometimes people hit each other, or play so rough that a person gets hurt.

Also, some parts of our body are more private than others.

An older child or grown-up may touch us in a way that upsets us.

If any touching happens that hurts or confuses us, we should talk about it with a grown-up we trust.



When everybody lives by the rules, our lives together are much happier.



One very special thing that our bodies are for is having and caring for children.



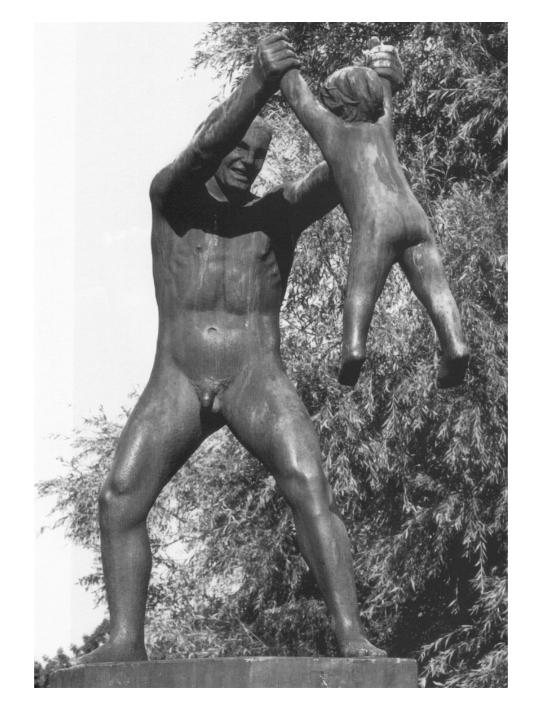
Only when we are grown up and live with someone very special do we use our bodies for this.











There are many things you can do to be good friends with your body.



Know that your body is good and beautiful. It does not have to be just like everybody else's.



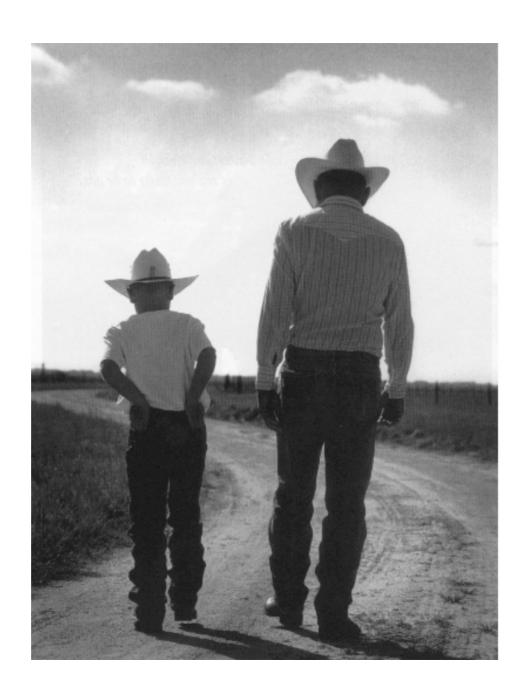
Know the rules about how others should treat our bodies, and how we should treat others.



Try to follow the rules.



Ask when you are curious about anything.



The end

