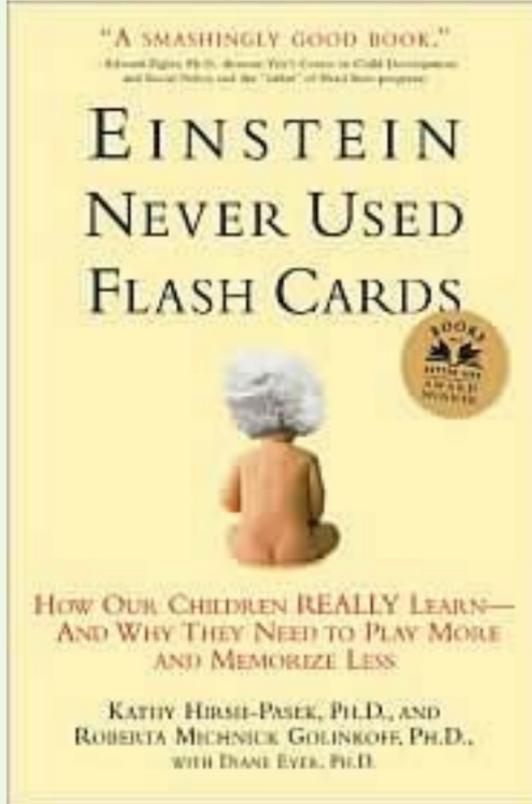


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## ***Einstein Never Used Flash Cards***

By Kathy Hirsh-Pasek and Roberta Michnick Golinkoff

This is a book on learning and child development with a focus on the early years. It is an argument against the eagerness of parents to expose their children to structured educational environments. The basic argument is that playing is the best path to learning. Through play children are learning and discovering and developing a passion for gaining new information. Once this is structured, the passion can easily be destroyed and the anxiety that is associated with being successful in acquiring skills such as early reading and numeracy, works against the child being successful. An anxious child's brain is not able to absorb and learn while the mental energy is directed to whatever it is they fear or are anxious about. The book is not aimed at how to produce a smarter child. Its aim, despite the title, is to inform readers about the stages of child development and what is best for the child at each stage. I recommend this book as a well researched and easy to read guide to child development and parenting young children.