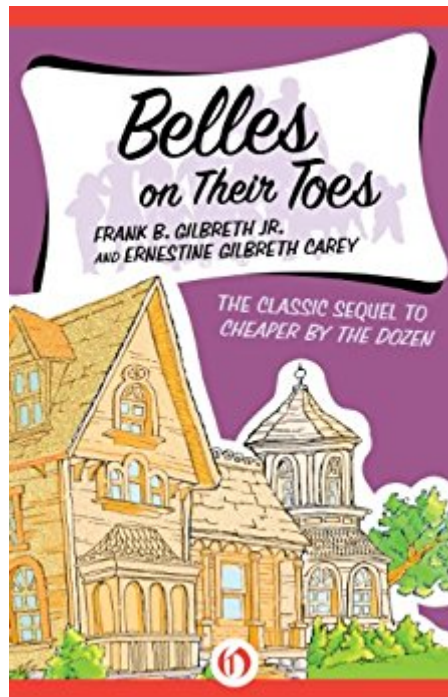


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Belles On Their Toes



Synopsis

The classic sequel to *Beaver Dam* by the Dozen. After Dad died, life at the Gilbreth house became more challenging to say the least. But with twelve kids, a resourceful mother, and an irrepressible blend of humor and sentiment, America's favorite extra-large family will find a way to keep it all together. The Gilbreths happily rise to every occasion: Mother works to keep the family business running without Dad, and the kids tackle the adventures of growing up en masse. With the clan struggling to make ends meet and stay together, everyone has to pitch in. Their attempts to pinch pennies frequently result in comical chaos, and everyday life at the Gilbreths is full of good cheer, even when confronted by tragedy. From the trials of the first year without Dad to the daily crises of a family with a double-digit headcount, the stories of *Beaver Dam* are wholesome, heartwarming, and always hilarious. This ebook features an illustrated biography including rare photos from the author's estates.

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Customer Reviews

I found this book in my cousin's room and did not emerge until, bleary-eyed, I had read it cover to cover. Since then, I've re-read it dozens of times, along with the prequel, *Cheaper by the Dozen*.

Gilbreth family fans will want to know Frank Gilbreth wrote another, adult book, about his father. Also, the University of Texas at Austin has the Gilbreth motion-study film collection.

I read *Belles on Their Toes* for the first time during one weekend when my younger sister was dying. This book gave me some relief during a time when there was nothing but pain in my house. In the years since, I have reread *Belles on Their Toes* a number of times, and it still makes me feel happy! I would recommend this book to anyone who just wants to read something for the simple joy of it!

If you enjoyed *Cheaper by the Dozen*, reading this book is a must! After Father Gilbreth dies, Mother is left to carry on with her dozen children. The hilarious (and sometimes ridiculous) escapades in this book range from Tom, (the cook) having trouble dosing the Gilbreth clan with castor oil, to first dates and general instruction for the girls by their brothers on how NOT to get kissed! This book is HILARIOUS! Trust me - this is one you DON'T want to miss! Settle yourself down in your favorite easy chair and laugh yourself silly with the amusing escapades of the Gilbreth Clan!

The raucous riotous ribald sequel to the ever-beloved "*Cheaper by the Dozen*". Following up the eleven children's wild exploits, the book continues the Gilbreths adventures after their patriarch, Frank Gilbreth, dies of a heart attack. Suddenly Mrs. Gilbreth is off to take his place, speaking across the country and the kids are looking out for themselves. Admittedly, this book isn't as strong as its predecessor. While it does tell some mighty amusing stories (threatening to roast a peeping tom comes to mind), it peters out at the end. But there's a lot to love here. In what other children's book are you going to find a mother trying to find reasons NOT to smoke and failing? As she lists the reasons not to smoke she says, "It's bad for your health. That's open to debate. Not so bad as overeating, or not getting enough sleep". Oh Mrs. Gilbreth. If only you had known. And this little instance is well coupled with the family's handyman bottling his own moonshine in their basement. Now, admittedly I'm picking out the tiny sections here and there in this book which, by today's modern standards, make for pretty risky kiddie lit. My point is, this is an interesting book. Though dated a little here and there, it still tells the story of a woman of extraordinary strength and resiliency. One who walked where few others dared in a male dominated industry. Say what you will of this story, kids reading it will not get bored. There are enough practical jokes and pranks to fill its ample 237 pages. Pick it up, and regret will not enter your mind for having done so.

For those of you who have read *Cheaper by the Dozen*, you know that the antics of the Gilbreth children make even the saddest person attempt to hide their smiles. Well, *Belles on Their Toes* continues the legacy of laughs and just getting through life. This book begins three days after *Cheaper by the Dozen* leaves off, three days after the death of Dad. *Belles on Their Toes* talks about the struggles of a family trying to get back on their feet after such a terrible loss. Mother has to go away to Europe for 5 weeks, to make a name for herself, so Anne, the oldest of the children at age 18, is left in charge. Through chicken pox and the cook being arrested, the family manages to stick together. In an inspiring story about self sacrifices, and stepping up to fill the shoes of Dad, the Gilbreths pinch pennies to keep the family from splitting up. A rare mix of inspiration and humor, *Belles on Their Toes* is a must-read for everyone!

I loved this book. I read it after I had read "*Cheaper By the Dozen*" which is a book of the events before the events in this book. This is like a sequel to that. I loved them both and I wish there were a ton more books about this family. I think it would be a dream come true to meet some of them. It is so neat to read a whole families life story and it is even more fun to have such an interesting family as the Gilbreths. Sometimes I don't know how they lived. They are really neat people and they inspired me in the weirdest ways. I would recommend this book to everyone of any age. But first you should read "*Cheaper By the Dozen*" it is up to you but it is more fun to read it in order. I think you should give at least one of these books a try, they are great I think and they would make great gifts if you need a good gift, also. I hope you take my advise and read these books.

This book continues the true story of the Gilbreth children or the sequel to *Cheaper by the Dozen*. The story continues after the father died. The mother is now the soul supporter of her family. There is a quote saying in the book that says, "Mother wasn't afraid anymore because the worst had happened." The mother carried on her husband's works. She held conferences and taught the science of time saving. She became a very strong woman. It was a long hard haul but she successfully continued her husband's work. The children successfully ran the household. This story is humorous and very touching. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

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