

***Blame Game. How To Win It***

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W. R. Klemm's new book, "Blame Game. How to Win It," is fantastic. Finally, someone who doesn't make excuses for everyone else. I was raised that you take responsibility for yourself and your actions. It is unfortunate that we live in a world where it is everyone's fault but his or hers. The book covers Klemm's 5-Steps to understand blame:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Step: Place blame where it belongs.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Step: Move from Denial and Deception
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Step: Take Charge
- 4<sup>th</sup> Step: Re-program your Brain
- 5<sup>th</sup> Step: Run the Program

Professor Klemm points out several examples of blame. Many blame teachers for the fact that our students lack basic knowledge. I can tell you from my own experience that the blame should be on the parents, not the teachers. When I started school I could sign my name; not just printed, but in cursive. My mother taught me to write my whole name in cursive where most of my fellow students could only print their names. My mother wanted me to succeed in life so she tried to teach me more than the basics. In this day and age so many parents blame teachers when their child does not succeed. I can tell you for a fact that the parents are lazy and don't want to put that extra effort in so their children can get a leg up in society. You hear so many people make statements like "that's just the way little Tommy is." That is such a lame excuse; they're basically saying Tommy is that way because we are too lazy to correct his behavior.

People need to acknowledge that they are placing blame, instead of just accepting the problem and doing something to fix it. People need to acknowledge their responsibility and be in control of their behavior and thoughts. So many people make excuses for everything that is wrong in their lives and the world today. Bad behavior is a learned process: when you make excuses for that bad behavior you are placing blame on the wrong person. People should take a look at the Asian community; from my own experiences there I have seen adults feel bad when they do something wrong, unlike adults in the US. When a child does something wrong they are held responsible and they must accept the blame. Here in the U.S. we make excuses and try to place blame on everyone except the one it belongs to. This is one truly enjoyable book; it lets people like myself know that there are others out there who know how to behave like adults. Take it from me that this is one book you don't want to miss out on; it's a real winner.