



## Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives

By Frank J. Sulloway

Download now

Read Online 

**Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives** By Frank J. Sulloway

A New York Times Notable Book of the Year

"An important and valuable study that will define research agendas for years to come. It is also hugely fun to read."

--Boston Globe

Why do people raised in the same families often differ more dramatically in personality than those from different families? What made Charles Darwin, Benjamin Franklin, and Voltaire uniquely suited to challenge the conventional wisdom of their times? This pioneering inquiry into the significance of birth order answers both these questions with a conceptual boldness that has made critics compare it with the work of Freud and of Darwin himself.

Frank J. Sulloway envisions families as ecosystems in which siblings compete for parental favor by occupying specialized niches. Combing through thousands of biographies in politics, science, and religion, he demonstrates that firstborn children are more likely to identify with authority whereas their younger siblings are predisposed to rise against it. Family dynamics, Sulloway concludes, is a primary engine of historical change. Elegantly written, masterfully researched, *Born to Rebel* is a grand achievement that has galvanized historians and social scientists and will fascinate anyone who has ever pondered the enigma of human character.

"Daring . . . a stunning achievement. "

--The New York Times Book Review

 [Download Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and C ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and ...pdf](#)

# **Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives**

*By Frank J. Sulloway*

**Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives** By Frank J. Sulloway

A New York Times Notable Book of the Year

"An important and valuable study that will define research agendas for years to come. It is also hugely fun to read."

--Boston Globe

Why do people raised in the same families often differ more dramatically in personality than those from different families? What made Charles Darwin, Benjamin Franklin, and Voltaire uniquely suited to challenge the conventional wisdom of their times? This pioneering inquiry into the significance of birth order answers both these questions with a conceptual boldness that has made critics compare it with the work of Freud and of Darwin himself.

Frank J. Sulloway envisions families as ecosystems in which siblings compete for parental favor by occupying specialized niches. Combing through thousands of biographies in politics, science, and religion, he demonstrates that firstborn children are more likely to identify with authority whereas their younger siblings are predisposed to rise against it. Family dynamics, Sulloway concludes, is a primary engine of historical change. Elegantly written, masterfully researched, *Born to Rebel* is a grand achievement that has galvanized historians and social scientists and will fascinate anyone who has ever pondered the enigma of human character.

"Daring . . . a stunning achievement. "

--The New York Times Book Review

**Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives** By Frank J. Sulloway Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #497767 in Books
- Published on: 1997-09-02
- Released on: 1997-09-02

- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 8.00" h x 1.60" w x 5.20" l, 1.35 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 672 pages

 [Download Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and C ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and ...pdf](#)

## Download and Read Free Online **Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives** By Frank J. Sulloway

---

### Editorial Review

#### Amazon.com Review

This groundbreaking book takes on the influence of birth order in personalities and offers some surprising conclusions. Frank J. Sulloway, a researcher at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has undertaken the first comprehensive study of birth order in determining personality and social outlook. He produces overwhelming evidence that, because of the evolutionary hierarchy in families, first-born children are more likely to be conformists while the later-borns tend to be more creative and more likely to reject the status quo. He documents just how different siblings are from each another--a person tends to have more in common with any randomly chosen person of their own age than with a sibling--and explains why sibling differences occur. The book offers new insights into the determining factors of who we are and who our children will be, and it is unlike any research yet published.

#### From Publishers Weekly

The thesis advanced by M.I.T. research scholar Sulloway (Freud: Biologist of the Mind) in this provocative, sure-to-be-controversial study is that firstborn children identify more strongly with power and authority and are more conforming, conventional and defensive, whereas younger siblings are more adventurous, rebellious and inclined to question the status quo. He bases this conclusion on birth-order research and on his theory that siblings jockey for niches within the family in Darwinian fashion: while firstborns defend their special status, later-borns are more open to experience because accessibility helps them maximize attention and love from their parents. Providing a detailed statistical analysis of thousands of individuals' responses to 28 scientific innovations? Darwinism, the Copernican revolution, Einstein's relativity, etc.? Sulloway concludes that most have been initiated and championed by later-borns, whereas firstborns tend to reject new ideas. He overstates his case when he interprets the French Revolution's Reign of Terror as fundamentally a battle between firstborn conservatives and later-born liberals, and his analysis of the Protestant Reformation in similar terms is debatable. And although Darwin, Voltaire, Ralph Nader and abolitionist Harriet Tubman were later-born siblings, Einstein, Freud, Galileo, Newton, Kepler, Lavoisier and many other radical innovators were firstborns, casting doubt on birth-order influence. Photos. First serial to the New Yorker. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

#### Review

... this book represents a stunning achievement. -- *The New York Times Book Review*, Derek Bickerton

### Users Review

#### From reader reviews:

#### Verna Riddle:

Why don't make it to become your habit? Right now, try to ready your time to do the important action, like looking for your favorite guide and reading a reserve. Beside you can solve your short lived problem; you can add your knowledge by the book entitled *Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives*. Try to make book *Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives* as your friend. It means that it can to get your friend when you experience alone and beside associated with course make you smarter than before. Yeah, it is very fortunated to suit your needs. The book makes you far more confidence because you can know every little thing by the book. So , let us make new experience and knowledge with

this book.

**Timothy Hardy:**

Book is usually written, printed, or highlighted for everything. You can learn everything you want by a e-book. Book has a different type. As you may know that book is important thing to bring us around the world. Next to that you can your reading ability was fluently. A book Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives will make you to end up being smarter. You can feel far more confidence if you can know about anything. But some of you think in which open or reading some sort of book make you bored. It is far from make you fun. Why they could be thought like that? Have you trying to find best book or appropriate book with you?

**Alice Rodriguez:**

The actual book Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives has a lot details on it. So when you make sure to read this book you can get a lot of help. The book was written by the very famous author. The writer makes some research prior to write this book. That book very easy to read you may get the point easily after looking over this book.

**Earl Wright:**

The reason? Because this Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives is an unordinary book that the inside of the e-book waiting for you to snap that but latter it will jolt you with the secret this inside. Reading this book alongside it was fantastic author who write the book in such awesome way makes the content inside of easier to understand, entertaining technique but still convey the meaning totally. So , it is good for you for not hesitating having this ever again or you going to regret it. This unique book will give you a lot of positive aspects than the other book have such as help improving your proficiency and your critical thinking method. So , still want to hold off having that book? If I were being you I will go to the e-book store hurriedly.

**Download and Read Online Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives By Frank J. Sulloway  
#HQR8JPIG3A2**

## **Read Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives By Frank J. Sulloway for online ebook**

Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives By Frank J. Sulloway Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives By Frank J. Sulloway books to read online.

### **Online Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives By Frank J. Sulloway ebook PDF download**

**Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives By Frank J. Sulloway Doc**

**Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives By Frank J. Sulloway Mobipocket**

**Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives By Frank J. Sulloway EPub**