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# The Making of Geniuses

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 I remember my first foray into the world of education. I had just read *How to Teach Your Baby to Read* by Glenn Doman, and tried the method rather successfully on my firstborn. Within a week, though my son was only six and a half months old, he actually could read! I eagerly shared this with my friends, all new mothers.

 “Glenn Doman says that all babies can become geniuses, and only schools turn them into dummies!” I exclaimed at a tea party. One of my friends looked rather sneeringly at me, and answered, “I’m not interested in turning my child into a genius.”

 A few years later, the same friend proudly told me that her daughter had skipped a grade. So much for not wanting excellence in education.

 My point here is that all parents wish for their children to excel. When the children do not seem to do well in school, their parents deduce that the fault lies in their genes, and therefore find some excuse for not “wanting” excellence.

 And by the way, Glenn Doman was right! I have seen so many “ordinary” children turn into outstanding and successful people. It can be done, if parents start early!