

**Suggested Interview Questions for  
JR Parrish, Author of  
You Don't Have to Learn the Hard Way: Making It in the *Real* World**

1. You're very honest about mistakes you've made in your life. Which one was the hardest for you to admit in the book and what did you learn from it?
2. What do you think is the number one thing young people aren't taught at school that they should be?
3. What's your proudest achievement and why?
4. What's your most embarrassing moment and when you look back on how you reacted, what truth did you discover about yourself and does it still hold true?
5. Kids often shut out the advice they get from adults. What makes you think they'll take any of your suggestions to heart?
6. What's your biggest regret and how would you do things differently if you could turn back the clock?
7. Are you concerned that there might be young readers who think that some of your advice is too old-fashioned and that you're not in touch with the reality of what it's like to be a kid in today's world?
8. You teach human relations to elementary and middle school kids in your local community. What have your students taught you that you never expected?
9. Who was your greatest mentor and how did that person change your life?
10. What's next for JR Parrish?

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