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Don't Even Think About Teaching Your Child at Home—Until You Read This Book

Discover why millions of parents are homeschooling their children. In this revised edition of her groundbreaking book, **Mary Griffith** tells you everything you need to know about the fastest-growing educational movement in the country, including:

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- Detailed learning ideas for the primary, middle, and teen years
- How to navigate the local regulations
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Laura says

Great introduction to homeschooling. Author is biased about her preferred method of homeschooling; however, that bias does not interfere with her ability to explain key concepts regarding homeschooling.

Bobbie Grob says

This is an excellent guide for those who are thinking of homeschooling. It is a bit out of date, having been published in the late 90's, but the answers still hold true. The author doesn't try to point the reader in any direction, but instead offers information on all the different directions so that the reader can pick and choose and then pick and choose again if necessary.

Unless you have children that run the gamut of ages between K - 12, this is probably not a book you will read cover to cover. Rather, it will be a reference book that you read most of when you pick it up and then put it away to take it out as needed.

Christina says

This was a review of a lot of things I've already read. Perhaps if I'd read it first, I would have liked it more. However, it was still helpful to me as a brand-new home-educator, as I muddle my way through the beginning stages of this experience. I especially liked the appendices: lists of resources with short descriptions of each, including web sites.

Deanna says

This probably would have been more useful to me if I would have read it 5 years ago when I started.

Erika says

A good primer for home-schooling theories, how-to's, and pep talks to reassure readers through the parental anxieties, doubting relatives, and obnoxious others who don't get it. This is a great reference book, with lists of great references: other books to read, magazines, lists to join, support groups, etc. I took some notes and was inspired to plan more field trips to local business plants, theatre and ballet dress rehearsals, and even nursing homes. Or, maybe I'll just visit Grandma more and teach my kids how to interact with older generations...

Emily says

Some helpful information, but a great deal of generalities. This may have suffered simply because it wasn't the first homeschooling book I've picked up and so a lot was review, but it felt like it tried to cover too much too quickly. Maybe good for an overview and then read additional books to get more into the nitty-gritty.

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Martha says

I still like the Complete Guide to Homeschooling, but this one is good in different ways. I'm not really fond of it's bias toward unschooling, but that's a personal choice. It has a few other things I wasn't impressed with, but it had some things that the other book didn't have, like pages & pages listing colleges that have accepted homeschoolers, lots of internet & otherwise resources, etc. I'd use the Complete Guide for setting up & this one for additional resources, if I had the option.

Roy says

Decent overview for homeschooling Use as an introduction only. Anyone who has read more or has more experience will likely not get much from the book... only really for homeschooling/unschooling/de-schooling noobs.

If you read it looking for specific points and research about homeschooling you'll be disappointed. If you read it as the experience of other homeschoolers and for a general insight into the variety and options out there, then you'll like it.

Rachel says

The good news: this book will help any parent anxiously coming into homeschooling. I admit that a lot of the real life scenarios helped me see how I don't need to worry if I'm doing it right. That load off my shoulders is invaluable before I start with Kindergarten in 2 years.

The bad news: it is clearly edited to indicate a BIAS for unschooling, virtually no testing, and not pushing your kids for higher education. Coming from a public school background (as a student AND a former teacher) I can only handle so much of that.

Jane H says

This was definitely a great beginner guide to homeschooling and raised some interesting questions and gave

a wide range of information. A lot of it I'd already seen on blogs but I did read most of the sections. Quick and easy, and I did add some notes into my files.

Talea says

Great information for those that are considering homeschooling. The resources are a bit dated but a few of them are still pretty starting points.

James says

The Homeschooling Handbook is a good read for parents considering homeschooling. The first book I picked up on the subject, it gave me a fairly decent idea on various homeschooling methods and things to consider before you decide on a course. The author does make her favoritism toward a method known as "unschooling" well known, showing a bias on the method in my opinion. That one nitpick aside, it is an interesting and informative read if homeschooling is a subject you'd like to learn more about.

On a side note: There are also "letters" throughout the book from parents of homeschoolers. They discuss their daily routines and the decisions and consequences their actions have had on their lives. Some are pretty decent and uplifting. A few, however, I found a bit disturbing by the parents' opinions on various subjects. It was as if some of the parents took the subject of the state guidelines and other aspects as a joke (whether or not they are aside from the point) but their disrespect for the rules that allow them to homeschool was a bit troublesome.

Mary Ann says

This is the first book I have read about homeschooling. I found it helpful in becoming aware of what I need to consider when deciding if homeschooling is really for my family, and what approach would be the most effective. The book is a bit outdated (brought to my attention especially when naming AOL as a viable connection option) but I think some of the resources listed by the author will still be helpful as I continue my research into homeschooling.

Karyn says

Thinking about homeschooling my kids. This book gave some really great resources. I kept a notebook handy while reading. I especially enjoyed the personal accounts.

Pequete says

This is a good and thorough book on homeschooling, but I found it didn't add a lot to what I already had read in other books. It also has several sections that apply to the US reality only, and not to ours, which probably

made me find it a bit less interesting than I might have.
