Home School Philosophy

A Charlotte Mason Companion: Personal Reflections on the Gentle Art of Learning
by Karen Andreola
A modern classic written after 10 years of intense study and successful application, this book gives you powerful tools to create a lovely learning experience. One of the most trusted and quoted books in the home school community.

Dumbing Us Down: The Hidden Curriculum of Compulsory Education
by John Holt
The true goal of childhood learning should be to discover the special gift each child has.

For The Children's Sake: Foundations of Education for Home & School
by Susan Schaeffer Macaulay
A book about what education can be – extending learning experiences to every aspect of life. A strong Christian foundation. Author’s philosophy is inspired by Charlotte Mason.

How Children Learn
by John Holt
Author shares his personal observations and research on child development. Parents need to have positive connections with their children.

IT LOOKS BETTER IN 3D: The Reality-First Approach to Childhood Screen Use
by Catherine L'Ecuyer
Discover the most common misconceptions about technology use in education (“technomyths”), notably in regard to media multitasking, “digital natives,” the neutrality of technology, and the digital divide. This book also covers the confusion between sustained attention and fascination, the economic interests at play, some consequences of sustained screen use for children and teenagers, as well as recommendations from the principal pediatric associations.

The Wonder Approach: Rescuing Children's Innate Desire to Learn
by Catherine L'Ecuyer
The author, an award winning doctorate in education and psychology, shared in the Swiss journal “Frontiers in Human Neuroscience” her article “The Wonder Approach to Learning”, which converted her thesis into a new hypothesis/theory of learning. This book, written in 2017, expands the article for parents, that “learning is a wondrous journey guided by a deep reflection on what the natural laws of childhood require: respect for children’s innocence, their pace and rhythms, their sense of mystery, and their thirst for beauty.”

How to Home School

CarSchooling
by Diane Flynn Keith
350 entertaining games and activities that can turn wasted car time into learning time.

Designing Your Own Classical Curriculum: A Guide to Catholic Home Education
by Laura M. Berquist
A valuable tool; detailed and practical.

Educating the WholeHearted Child
by Clay Clarkson with Sally Clarkson
Many say this is one of their top home schooling resources – full of wisdom and encouragement, particularly for the Christ-centred home school. Great reference for home schooling and family life.

The Handbook of Nature Study
by Anna Botsford Comstock
A must-have for families who love to learn about nature. Hands-on activities and thought provoking questions.

Home Learning Year by Year
by Rebecca Rupp
Helps you to design a home school curriculum from preschool through high school. Simple and to the point.

Home Schooling Children with Special Needs (3rd Edition)
by Sharon Hensley
Practical advice to those home schooling children with special needs. Written by someone who understands the struggles of parents wanting to home school a special needs child.

Simplify Your Homeschool Day: Shorten Your Day, Sweeten Your Time
by Tamara L. Chilver
Packed with inspiration and motivation, easy read - 100 simple teaching tips that will shorten your home schooling day.

So You're Thinking About Homeschooling: Fifteen Families Show How You Can Do It
by Lisa Whelchel
Fifteen real families show how they overcome the challenges of their unique homeschooling situations.
Teach Your Own: The John Holt Book
Of Homeschooling
Ordinary parents can help children grow as active learners.

The Well Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home
by Susan Wise Bauer and Jessie Wise
Step by step instructions on how to give your child an academically comprehensive education from preschool through high school. THE primer on Classical Education

FUN READS

The Homeschool Experiment
by Charity Hawkins
A novel for moms, set in the world of homeschooling. Perfect for new home-schoolers – showing both the challenges and the rewards.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Becoming MomStrong: How to Fight with All That's in You for Your Family and Your Faith
by Heidi St. John
Train your children to hear God’s voice and to walk in truth no matter what.

Beyond Survival: A Guide to Abundant-Life Homeschooling
by Diana Waring
Prepare and plan for a successful homeschool journey.

Boys Adrift: The Five Factors Driving the Growing Epidemic of Unmotivated Boys & Underachieving Young Men
by Leonard Sax
Easy read; practical information.

The Busy Homeschool Mom's Guide to Daylight
by Heidi St. John
Tips for meal planning, scheduling and teaching your children plus encouragement to be flexible and take each season of life as it comes. Lots of practical advice.

Family Matters: Why Homeschooling Makes Sense
by David Guterson
An informative book written in an engaging manner.

Hold On to Your Kids: Why Parents Need to Matter More Than Peers
by Gordon Neufeld
Recommended for all parents; this book focuses on attachment.

Lies Homeschooling Moms Believe
by Todd Wilson
This book will help you refocus on the truth and get back on track homeschooling your children.

One Hundred and One Devotions for Homeschool Moms
by Jackie Wellwood
Personal encouragement, full of practical advice and powerful insight.

Reaping the Harvest: The Bounty of Abundant-Life Homeschooling
by Diana Waring
How to prepare for and enjoy your life with teenagers.

Teaching from Rest: A Homeschooler's Guide to Unshakable Peace
by Sarah Mackenzie
Slow down and make time for quiet moments in your home school.

Why Johnny Can't Tell Right from Wrong: Moral Illiteracy and the Case for Character Education
by William Kilpatrick
Virtues can be taught by offering up heroes to copy through classics, song, and story.

HOME SCHOOL TIPS

Games for Math
by Peggy Kaye
More than fifty ways to help children learn math by playing games.

Games for Reading
by Peggy Kaye
Helps children read by doing just what kids like best: playing games.

Honey for a Child's Heart
By Gladys Hunt
A family favorite – revised and updated. Everything parents need to know to inspire a love of reading in their children.

Honey for a Teen's Heart: Using Books to Communicate with Teens
By Gladys Hunt
Good books to help you and your teenager to communicate. Help your teenager become a reader of good books.

How to Get Your Child Off the Refrigerator & Onto Learning
By Carol Barnier
Great ideas to help your distractible child learn.

How to home school active (and ADHD) children.

The Read Aloud Handbook
By Jim Trelease
The importance of reading aloud to your children.

The Way They Learn
by Cynthia Ulrich Tobias
Practical guidance for teaching to your child's strengths.

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