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For many of us the word home brings warm thoughts and happy memories--far more than the dictionary's simple definition of "a place of birth or one's living quarters." For many of us, home is where the heart is.

Yet it is even than that. It is the secure environment that allows our hearts to develop. A haven of growth, quiet, and rest. The place where we love and are loved. Sadly though, this kind of home is beginning to disappear as our busy society turns homes into houses where related people abide, but where there is no "heart."

With a desire to help you nurture your family's heart, Susan Schaeffer Macaulay presents a clear blueprint for constructing a home that survives the variety of situations that you face in modern life. With Jesus Christ as the foundation, using tools such as common sense, realism, and traditions, you can build a secure, loving environment where every member of your family can flourish.

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Karen says

I started to read this book years ago but don't think I ever finished it. There is a bookmark on page 111. Unfortunately, I had not highlighted this book like I've done in others so I am reading this from the beginning and highlighting it. I can already see that this will be another book to keep for review and re-read about once a year..krb 2/3/16

Great book that will be read for review, hopefully once a year..krb 2/16/16

Judy says

I have read and re-read my copy so much that I'm almost in need of a new one! Timeless insights and wisdom that will uplift, encourage, and support anyone seeking a peaceful, joyful, godly family life.

Kate Boehmke says

I loved For The Children's Sake but this one just didn't work for me. There wasn't really anything new said and it felt a little rambling. It really struggled to get through this one.

Betsy says

Many nuggets of wisdom in this book about the value of a home base for the family (regardless of the makeup of that family or socioeconomic status), but they are buried in more words than a book published today would have used. Macaulay reminds us of the importance of steady routines, enough margin in our lives, the experiences at home for young children (as opposed to something like full-day preschool), books and reading aloud, and more.

Trace says

I first read this book when I was the brand new momma of a newborn - over 7 years ago. I was so inspired and in awe over the portrait this author painted of the family life, that I vowed to refer to this book over and over again through the years. Instead, it got shuffled to a low-traffic bookshelf and I promptly forgot about it till just recently.

I read this again during my family camping trip and was inspired all over again and took plenty of notes again. Love this book and the timeless ideas it contains.

momma.hailey says

I'm in my 39th year of life, and my 10th year as a mother. If only I had read this book when I first left home in college. Instead of creating a home, even as a young single person, I floundered not knowing what truly made a home. This book details every imaginable aspect of the home. While there is a bit of practical advice throughout, the treasury of it is found in the philosophies described in detail.

Rebekah says

I was so excited to read this until I realized it's a Christian book -VERY religious, unnecessarily so.

Eve says

Absolutely a new favorite. This is a must-read for wives and anyone interested in what it takes to make a 'home' and what benefits can be attributed in a person's life because of a purposely-built home life.

It took me a chapter to adjust to the writing style of the author, and sometimes I think some of her writing could be shortened as she does say the same thing a time or two over again, but overall I loved this book.

It was reaffirming of things I think most of our modern society has really forgotten, and generationally speaking, now this younger generation knows very little about. I highlighted and underlined and copied quotes to hang on the wall so I could read anytime.

My career is my family. I don't just 'stay home' because I can't think of something better to do; many don't understand that homemaking is a fulfilling and interesting endeavor that makes such a difference in a family and community. This author, through this book, provides extra insight, motivation and served as a mentor to me in thinking about the atmosphere I want to create in my home and family, and most importantly, helped me to see my real priorities and, thus, what I really don't want in my life.

After reading this book, I let a few more things go that did not further my purpose of building a solid and comfortable home life for me and my family. I felt encouraged that what I do not only matters, but will more likely than not yield a certain set of positive results, both in the short term and long term.

The author does tailor her message to those who combine part-time or full-time work with homemaking in a few places, so overall I could confidently recommend this book to any mother, father, or adult, and it fits any stage of life, not just the "young children at home" stage.

Amy says

This book is one of my absolute favorite books...it shares the importance of the atmosphere of home and family in EVERYONE'S life, not just children. This is my third time reading this and I got more out of it than before. :) Highly recommend this!

Krystal Medlock says

LOVED the content of this book! Her writing style was a little disjointed (imo) as it seemed she jumped around quite a bit within the chapters. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed her thoughts and perspectives on homemaking and family life.

Sarah says

I finally realized that it's not horrible to start reading a book and not finish it. So, when I realized that this book contained information I already knew, I decided to read other things with my time. I think this book will be great for someone that has never thought about the need for a "home" in people's lives. At the moment, it's just not a book I need to read.

Jennifer says

This was a very good book. It's by the daughter of Francis Schaffer (famous author and founder of L'abri in Switzerland) and she makes the case that everyone regardless of age or station in life (single, married etc) thrives and needs a stable home life. She has some ideas about that stability which could be considered old-fashioned, or perhaps even sexist, but on the whole I found it very invigorating and enjoyed thinking about the ways in which I can provide that kind of home for my family and myself.

Janet says

This was not a favorite.. I loved For The Children's Sake.. but well written.. worth my time and as always Susan is thought provoking.

Samantha says

So many people mention how For the Children's Sake inspired their educational choice (lead to CM), that I was a little surprised that many had not mentioned For the Family's Sake. What a wonderful read. Inspired to make home life what it should be for all-married, single, young and old. I wonder what Susan would say about our communities and society today 20 yrs after she wrote this book. I would love to sit and chat with her- so much wisdom.

Quotes:

Homes need the right atmosphere, discipline, and life.

Many people don't seem to realize how much children need peace and quiet as well as activity.

A television screen has no place here, for we are the ones living Life.

Entertainment is one area where self-discipline must be exercised and choices must be made.

Life can actually be simple and sweet, even in our rushing age that smells too often of diesel fuel. Let us slow down a bit! We're not programmed to choose to waste our time looking at or playing at "virtual" life rather than investing ourselves in flesh-and-blood relationships! It's our real life that matters.

We won't always like the choices we've made. We won't always like our resulting situations. We dream of a pot-of-gold life at the end of a rainbow! This tendency is like waiting for something good to happen and forgetting we need to put in hard work, effort, and time to obtain the results we'd like. Instead we need to watch for success along the way and develop patience, skill, and wisdom. Bit by bit change can come with prayer and perseverance.

Satisfaction means carrying through with the situation that is our life, just where we are.

CJ Bowen says

Full of gentle wisdom. Enamored of Charlotte Mason. Not written by a foodie.
