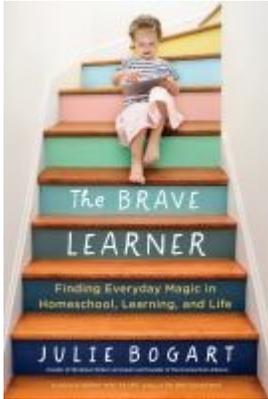
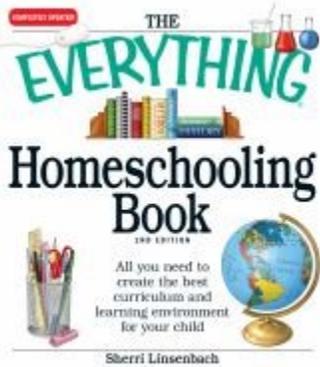


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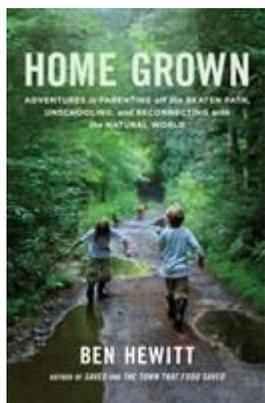
***The Brave Learner (Julie Bogart) Parent J 371.042 BOG***

A joyful and accessible approach to homeschool that harnesses children's natural curiosity and makes learning a part of everyday life, whether they're in elementary or high school.



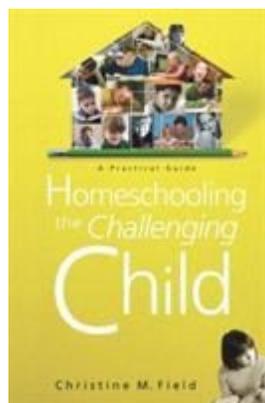
***The Everything Homeschooling Book (Sherri Linsenbach) 371.042 LIN***

In this indispensable guide, author and homeschooler Sherri Linsenbach provides parents with the encouragement, inspiration, and ideas they need to explore this option for their family. It's packed full of ideas to make the experience easy, affordable, and most of all, fun.



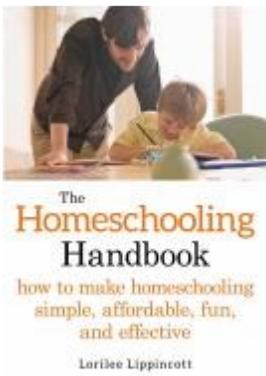
***Home Grown (Ben Hewitt) Parent J 371.042 HEW***

Hewitt shows us how small, mindful decisions about day-to-day life can lead to greater awareness of the world in your backyard and beyond. We are inspired to ask: What is the true meaning of "home" when the place a family lives is school, school system, and curriculum?



***Homeschooling the Challenging Child (Christine M. Field) 371.042 FIE***

Often, families will choose homeschooling because they have children who cannot cope or thrive within traditional educational environments due to special physical or emotional needs. Author Field addresses these special education issues, offering potential and current homeschooling families qualified and expert advice.

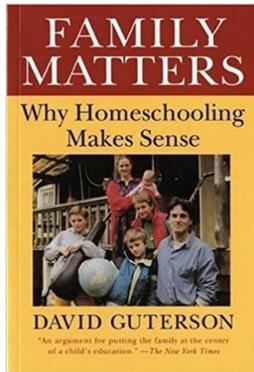


## ***The Homeschooling Handbook (Lorilee Lippincott)***

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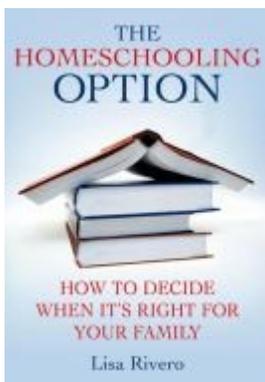
Lorilee Lippincott, a seasoned homeschooling mom, shows just how simple homeschooling can be.

But homeschooling well does require some planning and dedication, and a book like *The Homeschooling Handbook* to be your guide. Here you'll find all your questions answered in Lippincott's straightforward, warm, and witty style.



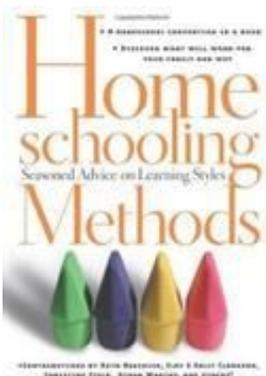
## ***Family Matters (Guterson) 371.042 GUT***

Examines the pros and cons of educating children at home, and makes concrete suggestions for cooperation between families and schools.



## ***The Homeschooling Option (Lisa Rivero) 371.042 RIV***

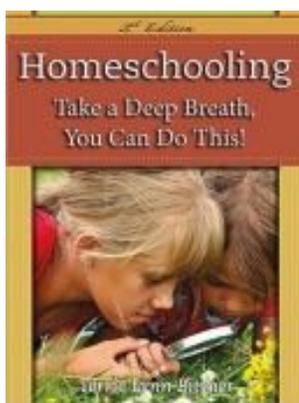
Correcting misconceptions through profiles of diverse families, Rivero uncovers the changing and complex needs of children today. This book addresses the major questions parents are bound to have as they consider the homeschooling option: socialization, curriculum, special needs arrangements, resources, and more.



## ***Homeschooling Methods (Paul, Gena Suarez)***

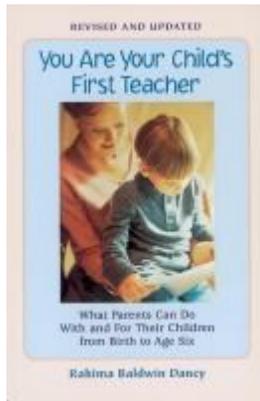
**371.042 HOM**

For new and veteran homeschool families alike, this extensive new release from the editors of *The Old Schoolhouse TM Magazine* serves as "a homeschool convention in a book." It details today's most viable education models, helping parents formulate an educational game plan and choose teaching methodologies.



## ***Homeschooling (Terri Lynn Bittner) 371.042 BIT***

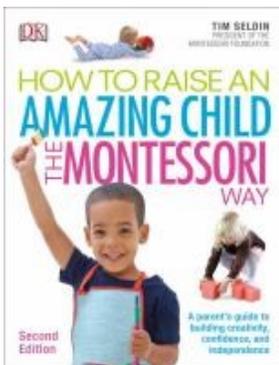
Terri Lynn Bittner's book will take you by the hand and show you how it's done. She breaks the job down into doable chunks and carefully explains each part, giving you the confidence you need to get it done.



## **You Are Your Child's First Teacher (Rahima Baldwin)**

**649.68 BAL**

Nowadays parents are bombarded by any number of approaches about how to be with their children. This book introduces a new way of understanding the human being so that parents can be best equipped to serve as their own children's best teachers.



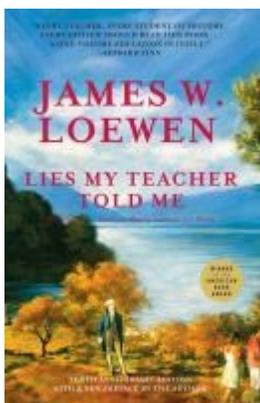
## **How to Raise an Amazing Child the Montessori Way (Tim Sheldon) 649.123 SEL**

A practical parenting program to help build a calm and happy home life with your child, from birth through age six. This guide is based on Montessori school methods and packed with creative activities to help children discover more about their world as well as foster independence, concentration, and respect for others.



## **The Old Schoolhouse Magazine (Youth Department)**

The Old Schoolhouse is a quarterly magazine packed with information and articles that homeschoolers enjoy reading. Check out our How to Homeschool page for a wonderful library of homeschooling articles. Deborah Wuehler, Senior Editor.



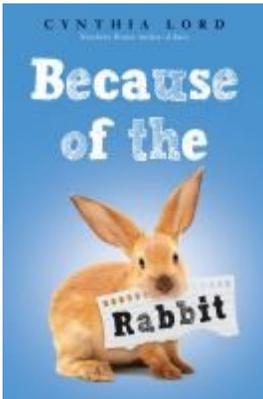
## **Lies My Teacher Told Me (James W. Loewen) 973 LOE**

In a year-long study at the Smithsonian Institution, Loewen reviewed 12 leading high school history textbooks and was appalled by the unscholarly, inaccurate, and overtly ideological material he found. Textbooks, Loewen argues, "supply irrelevant and erroneous details, while omitting pivotal questions and facts in their treatments of issues ranging from Columbus's second voyage to the possibility of impending ecocide."

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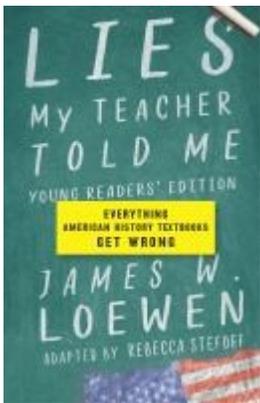
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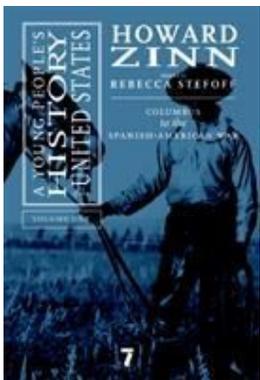
### ***Because of the Rabbit (Cynthia Lord) J FIC LOR***

On the last night of summer, Emma and her Maine game warden father rescue a small domestic rabbit stuck in a fence; the very next day Emma starts fifth grade after years of being home schooled, excited and apprehensive about making new friends, but she is paired with Jack, a hyperactive boy, who does not seem to fit in with anyone--except that they share a love of animals, which draws them together, because of the rabbit.



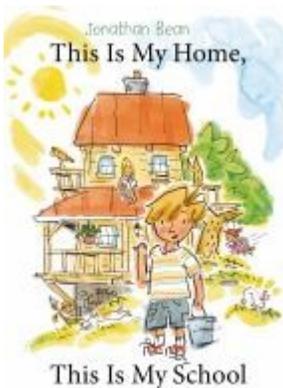
### ***Lies My Teacher Told Me: Young Readers' Edition (James W. Loewen) J305.23 LOE***

This streamlined young readers' edition is rich in vivid details and quotations from primary sources that poke holes in the textbook versions of history and help students develop a deeper understanding of our world.



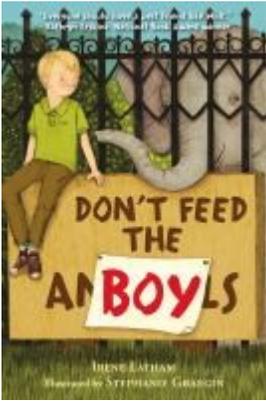
### ***A Young People's History of the United States (Howard Zinn) J973 STE V.1 & V.2***

A history of the United States from its beginnings to the early twenty-first century, as told from the point of view of ordinary people, including slaves and Native Americans, to reveal the violence, racism, and injustices which occurred during key events.



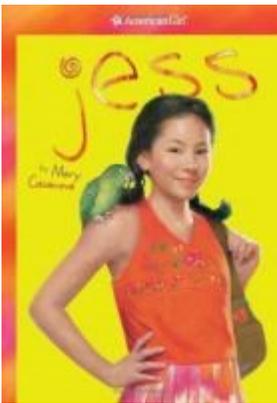
### ***This is My Home, This is My School (Jonathan Bean) P Community School BEA***

The boy from BUILDING OUR HOUSE takes us through a typically boisterous homeschooling day with his big family.



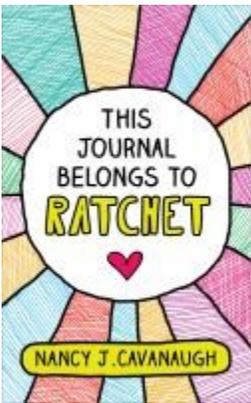
### ***Don't Feed the Boy (Irene Latham) J FIC LAT***

Eleven-year-old Whit's zookeeper parents have rarely allowed him to go outside of the Alabama zoo they run, but he stops seeing it as such a cage when he meets "Bird Girl, for whom the place is a refuge from problems at home.



### ***Jess (Mary Casanova) J FIC CAS***

When ten-year-old Jess McConnell meets a new friend on her trip to the ancient Maya ruins in Belize, she is invited on an eco-adventure and makes some real discoveries about the dangers in the Belizean jungle, about the people who have lived there since long ago, and about herself.



### ***This Journal Belongs to Ratchet (Nancy J. Cavanaugh) J FIC CAV***

Homeschooled by her mechanic-environmentalist father, eleven-year-old Rachel "Ratchet" Vance records her efforts to make friends, save a park, remember her mother, and find her own definition of "normal".



### ***My Name is Mina (David Almond) J FIC ALM***

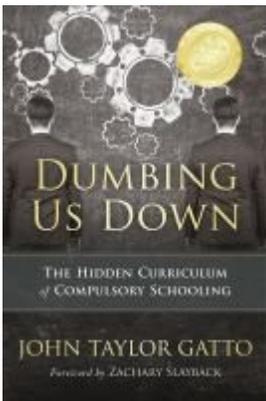
Creative, intelligent, nine-year-old Mina keeps a journal in her own disorderly way that reveals how her mind is growing into something extraordinary, especially after she begins homeschooling under the direction of her widowed mother.

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## RECOMMENDED READING

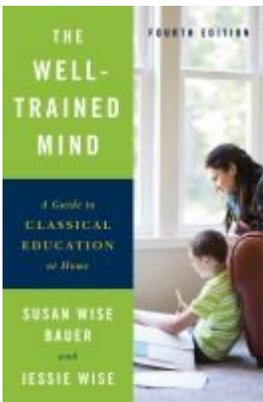
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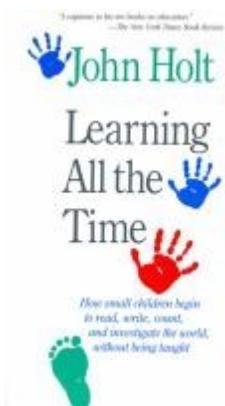
### ***Dumbing Us Down (John Taylor Gatto)***

John Taylor Gatto's treatise on public education continues to advocate for the unshackling of children and learning from formal schooling. Now, in an ever-more-rapidly changing world with an explosion of alternative routes to learning, it's poised to continue to shake the world of institutional education for many more years.



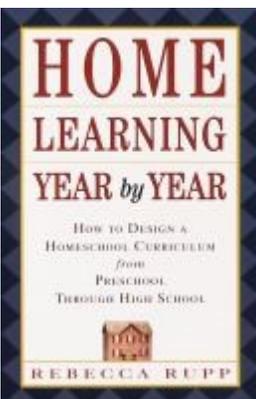
### ***The Well-Trained Mind (Susan Wise Bauer)***

This book will instruct you, step by step, on how to give your child an education from preschool through high school -- one that will train him or her to read, to think, to understand, to be well-rounded and curious about learning.



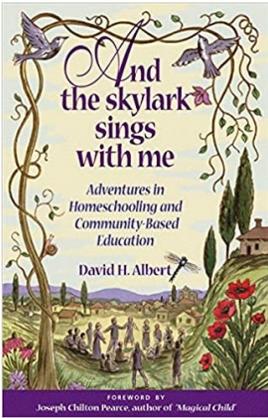
### ***Learning All the Time (John Caldwell Holt)***

John Holt, in this his last book, clearly demonstrates how children begin to read, write, count, and investigate the world without being taught. Learning cannot be coerced, he maintains; indeed, it is "as natural as breathing." "A capstone to his ten books on education."--The New York Times Book Review.



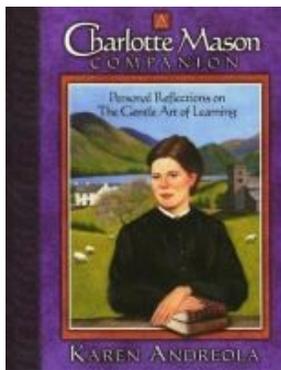
### ***Home Learning Year by Year (Rebecca Rupp)***

Finally, homeschoolers have a comprehensive guide to designing a homeschool curriculum, from one of the country's foremost homeschooling experts. Rebecca Rupp presents a structured plan to ensure that your children will learn what they need to know when they need to know it, from preschool through high school.



## ***And the Skylark Sings with Me (David H. Albert)***

Acting on their conviction that to educate a child well is to enable her to find her destiny, David Albert and his partner Ellen listened carefully, with respect and with love, to how their children expressed their own learning needs. Leaving traditional homeschooling methods behind, they followed their daughters' unique knowledge quests—from astronomy and botany, to opera and mythology—and then went about finding the resources and opportunities to meet those needs within their community.



## ***A Charlotte Mason Companion (Karen Andreola)***

This is a thorough chapter-by-chapter overview of the inspiring teaching principles of Christian educator Charlotte Mason from the original Charlotte Mason authority, speaker, and columnist, Karen Andreola. With warmth and humor, Karen provides a wealth of insight, practical advice, and narratives, illustrating how educating "the Charlotte Mason way" actually works.

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## **ONLINE SOURCES**

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### **PHILOSOPHY**

John Holt Growing Without Schooling [johnholtgws.com/](http://johnholtgws.com/)

Waldorf Education [waldorfeducation.org/](http://waldorfeducation.org/)

Well-Trained Mind [welltrainedmind.com/?v=7516fd43adaa](http://welltrainedmind.com/?v=7516fd43adaa)

Charlotte Mason [simplycharlottemason.com/](http://simplycharlottemason.com/)

A Thomas Jefferson Education [tjed.org/](http://tjed.org/)

Montessori [montessori.edu/homeschooling.html](http://montessori.edu/homeschooling.html)

### **LOCAL RESOURCES**

Greater Rochelle Area Christian Educators [gracerochelle.org/](http://gracerochelle.org/)

Home Oriented Unique Schooling Experience [llinoishouse.org/](http://llinoishouse.org/)

Itty Bitty Homeschoolers and I-H.O.P.E. [localhs.com/?Boone,IL](http://localhs.com/?Boone,IL)

## HELPFUL HOMESCHOOLING WEBSITES

[thehomeschoolmom.com/](http://thehomeschoolmom.com/)

[a2zhomeschooling.com/](http://a2zhomeschooling.com/)

[techiehomeschoolmom.com/](http://techiehomeschoolmom.com/)

[imhomeschooling.com/](http://imhomeschooling.com/)

[heritagemom.com/index.php/category/homeschool/](http://heritagemom.com/index.php/category/homeschool/)

[steamsational.com/](http://steamsational.com/)

[upabovetherowantree.com/](http://upabovetherowantree.com/)

[thehomeschoolresourceroom.com/](http://thehomeschoolresourceroom.com/)

[homeschool.com/](http://homeschool.com/)

[allinonehomeschool.com/](http://allinonehomeschool.com/)

Home School Legal Defense Association [hsllda.org/](http://hsllda.org/)

Dekalb County Regional Office of Education

[dekalbcounty.org/departments/regional-office-of-education/](http://dekalbcounty.org/departments/regional-office-of-education/)

### ON FACEBOOK:

Dekalb County Home Educators (Contact—Colleen Rittmeyer)

Illinois Homeschooling Families

NIAH Northern Illinois Alternative Homeschoolers

Dekalb and Boone County IL Homeschool Families

Cortland, Sycamore, Dekalb, Homeschool Families

Dekalb County Unschoolers

