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“If you’re a parent who has decided to educate your children yourself, this book is the first you should buy.” (Washington Times)

“An excellent resource for any family with a desire to incorporate a classical education in their home, whether as a curriculum or as a reference.” (Educational Freedom Press)

“[Jessie Wise and Susan Wise Bauer] are thorough and pragmatic, offering a detailed curriculum for kindergarten through grade 12, as well as opinions on everything from Latin (an indispensable language) to the Internet (‘a mixed blessing’).” (The New Yorker)

“An A for Home Schooling...a remarkable compendium of information designed to help home-schooling parents give their children a traditional liberal education.” (City Journal)

“This book would be entertaining simply as the story of how Jessie, then a schoolteacher, decided to teach Susan, who now teaches literature at the College of William and Mary, at home?pulling her and brother Bob out of school in 1973 when home-schooling did not have social acceptance and explicit legal sanction. But it’s so much more than a good yarn. It’s a mind-stretching tome.” (Robert Holland - Richmond Times Dispatch)

“This book has caused a revolution within the homeschool community.” (The Old Schoolhouse)

“Homeschooling parents on a mission to find the ultimate resource?or parents of traditionally-schooled children interested in an excellent supplement?are all well advised to peruse the pages of Wise and Wise Bauer’s classy guide to classical education at home.” (Boox Review)

“An invaluable road map.” (Daily Democrat)

About the Author

Susan Wise Bauer is a writer, teacher, and historian. Her books include *The Story of Science: From the Writings of Aristotle to the Big Bang Theory*, *The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home*, *The Well-Educated Mind: A Guide to the Classical Education You Never Had*, *the History of the World series* (W. W. Norton) and *the Story of the World series* (Well-Trained Mind Press). She has a Ph.D. in American Studies from the College of William & Mary in Virginia, as well as an M.A. in seventeenth-century literature and a Master of Divinity in Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Literature. For fifteen years, she taught literature and composition at the College of William and Mary.

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