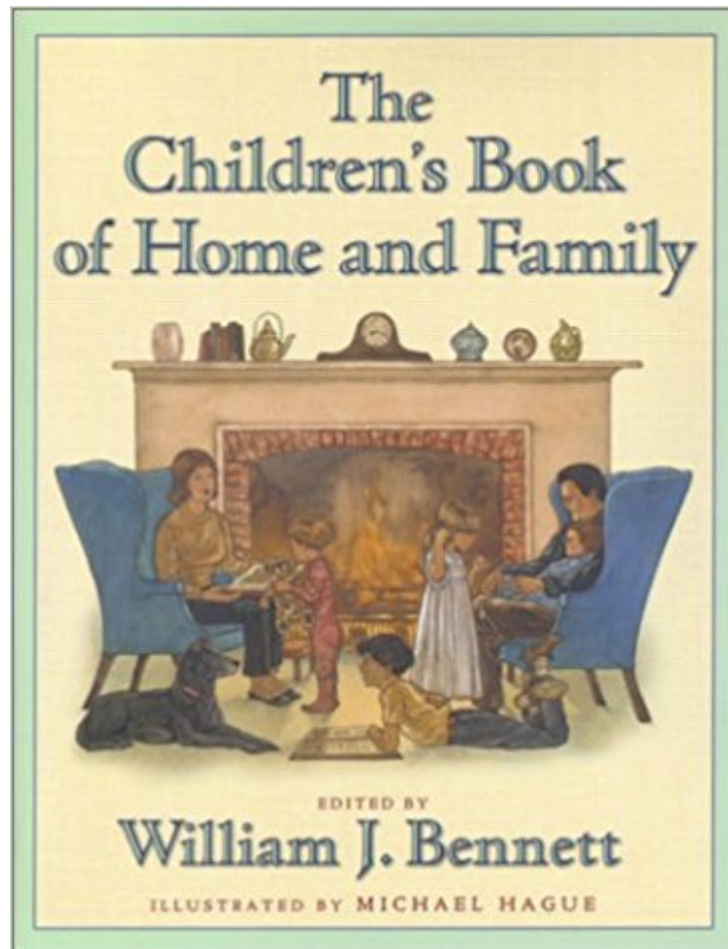




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The Children's Book Of Home And Family



Synopsis

A wonderful treasury of stories, poems, biographies, and more. From the inspirational biographies of Teddy Roosevelt and Jane Addams to heartwarming stories such as "Ruth and Naomi" that will captivate young listeners, this beautifully illustrated hardcover is destined to become a classic. A must-have for every family!

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Customer Reviews

Conservative social critic and former Bush "drug czar" William J. Bennett collects here over 30 secular fables, prayers, Bible stories, and poems, all devoted to a central theme: "reinforcing the vital lessons all parents must teach" about home and family life. Some of the entries address intersibling relations (like "The Hill," adapted from Laura Richards, and Aesop's classic "The Bundle of Sticks"), while others focus on the love of husbands and wives for their children ("What Bradley Owed," adapted from Hugh T. Kerr) and for one another ("The Water of Youth," adapted from Rudolph Baumbach). Poems and prayers from Alfred, Lord Tennyson ("What Does Little Birdie Say?") and Robert Louis Stevenson ("Prayer for Home and Family") help class up the book, complementing Michael Hague's '50s-style, quasi-Rockwellian illustrations. While many of the lessons imparted here are inarguably "vital," parents should beware that the book still carries some not-so-subtle political freight, which you might or might not buy into: As Bennett makes clear in his grownup books (The Broken Hearth: Reversing the Moral Collapse of the American Family, etc.),

references to "husband and wife" mean that and only that. Likewise, don't be surprised by antiquated takes on gender roles (as in "The Husband Who Was to Mind the House") and that the only black characters in the book have tribal names like Keen-Eyes, Sharp-Ears, and Strong-Arms. (The sole Hispanic family lucks out with some good Catholic names, but Hague's proto-Israelites in a King Solomon story still look pretty conventionally European.) (Ages 9 to 12) --Paul Hughes

William Bennett (The Book of Virtues) brings together stories, poems, biographies and more in The Children's Book of Home and Family, illus. by Michael Hague. Among the offerings: "The Legend of the Hummingbird" a South American story about the value of hard work as well as a brief biography of Hull House founder Jane Addams, who created an oasis for poverty-stricken children. All ages. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This book is a gem - rich in inspirational and morally edifying stories and poems (a few prayers too), beautifully written. This is good literature in the real sense.- I have nothing against Dr. Seuss, but I completely disagree with the other reviewer who suggests swapping The Lorax for this. Good literature brings to life the beauty and greatness of the sublime. It stirs the soul and often reveals many layers of meaning all at once, if one is careful enough to look. One gleans something new or something deeper each time it is read. Maybe that's why it's not so "enjoyable" to children in our "fast-food culture" - but that's precisely why you should buy it and start exposing your children to good literature at a young age. In a sense, you become what you read.

Wonderful, enriching stories. My girls are already talking about and remembering the stories we've read. Beautiful pictures, well written. Excellent book!

Love this book. Great item. Fast shipping. Good experience.

I bought this after using Bennett's Children's Book of Virtues with our Sonlight homeschool curriculum. This book is a similar vane, but different collection of stories. There are 100 pages of over 30 modern and classic stories and poems with Michael Hague's beautiful illustrations. Some of the stories and poems are pretty mainstream, including Mr. Nobody and the Bundle of Sticks, but there is a lot of interesting variety: The Golden Windows, Bless This House, What Bradley Owed, The Water of Youth, The Robin to his Mate, Ruth and Naomi, Prayer for Home and Family, Cornelia's Jewels, The Boy We Want, Monica and Augustine, The Golden Touch, The Line of

Golden Light, Elizabeth's Roses, What Does Little Birdie Say? The Wright Brothers, The Hill, Little Eyes Upon You, My Little Sister, The Legend of the Hummingbird, Teddy Roosevelt: Family Man, The Place of Brotherhood, Jane Addams and Hull House, The Baby, Louisa May Alcott's Dream, A Father's Return, Hush Little Baby, The Husband Who Was to Mind the House, Penelope's Web, The Bridge Builder, Grandmother's Table, All the World is Sleeping.

I love this book! Good values, I would recommend to any mother.

I've recommended this book to family and friends. It's filled with delightful stories, poems and quotations that celebrate the love of husband and wife, parents, grandparents and children. It contains some of the best from Robert Louis Stevenson, Louisa May Alcott, Lord Tennyson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and the Old and New Testament. (A few illustrations merit 4 stars instead of 5.)

A very disappointing book. Poorly presented. Uninteresting. Badly written. Morally unedifying. This is how my 10 year old summed up his present (this book) after a day long read. After perusing it myself I must agree. Buy Dr. Seuss's The Lorax instead. Do not buy unless as a gift for a child you do not like.

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