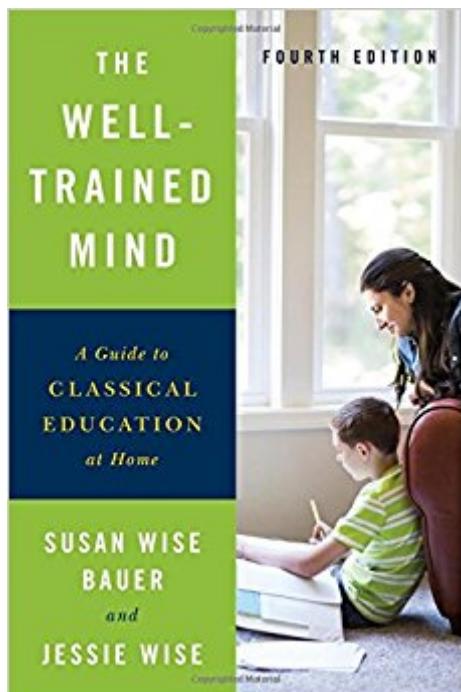


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# The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide To Classical Education At Home (Fourth Edition)



## Synopsis

Is your child getting lost in the system, becoming bored, losing his or her natural eagerness to learn? If so, it may be time to take charge of your child's education by doing it yourself. The Well-Trained Mind will instruct you, step by step, on how to give your child an academically rigorous, comprehensive education from preschool through high school—a cone that will train him or her to read, to think, to understand, to be well-rounded and curious about learning. Veteran home educators Susan Wise Bauer and Jessie Wise outline the classical pattern of education called the trivium, which organizes learning around the maturing capacity of the child's mind and comprises three stages: the elementary school “grammar stage,” when the building blocks of information are absorbed through memorization and rules; the middle school “logic stage,” in which the student begins to think more analytically; and the high-school “rhetoric stage,” where the student learns to write and speak with force and originality. Using this theory as your model, you'll be able to instruct your child—whether full-time or as a supplement to classroom education—in all levels of reading, writing, history, geography, mathematics, science, foreign languages, rhetoric, logic, art, and music, regardless of your own aptitude in those subjects. Thousands of parents and teachers have already used the detailed book lists and methods described in The Well-Trained Mind to create a truly superior education for the children in their care. This extensively revised fourth edition contains completely updated curricula and book lists, links to an entirely new set of online resources, new material on teaching children with learning challenges, cutting-edge math and sciences recommendations, answers to common questions about home education, and advice on practical matters such as standardized testing, working with your local school board, designing a high-school program, preparing transcripts, and applying to colleges. You do have control over what and how your child learns. The Well-Trained Mind will give you the tools you'll need to teach your child with confidence and success.

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Ã¢ "If youÃ¢ are a parent who has decided to educate your children yourself, this book is the first you should buy.Ã¢ - Washington TimesÃ¢ "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.Ã¢ - Educational Freedom PressÃ¢ "[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 (Ã¢ -Ãœa mixed blessingÃ¢ -).Ã¢ - The New YorkerÃ¢ "An A for Home SchoolingÃ¢ -Ã|a remarkable compendium of information designed to help home-schooling parents give their children a traditional liberal education.Ã¢ - City JournalÃ¢ "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 homeÃ¢ -Ã¢ cpulling her and brother Bob out of school in 1973 when home-schooling did not have social acceptance and explicit legal sanction. But itÃ¢ -Ã¢s so much more than a good yarn. ItÃ¢ -Ã¢s a mind-stretching tome.Ã¢ - Robert Holland, Richmond Times DispatchÃ¢ "This book has caused a revolution within the homeschool community.Ã¢ - The Old SchoolhouseÃ¢ "Homeschooling parents on a mission to find the ultimate resourceÃ¢ -Ã¢ or parents of traditionally-schooled children interested in an excellent supplementÃ¢ -Ã¢ care all well advised to peruse the pages of Wise and Wise BauerÃ¢ -Ã¢s classy guide to classical education at home.Ã¢ - Boox ReviewÃ¢ "An invaluable road map.Ã¢ - Daily Democrat

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. She lives in Virginia. Jessie Wise, a former teacher, is a home education consultant, speaker, and writer. She has decades of experience as a classroom teacher, elementary school principal, private tutor, and educational consultant, and is the co-author of the best-selling *The Well-Trained Mind* and the groundbreaking elementary grammar text *First Language Lessons for the Well-Trained Mind*. She lives in Charles City, Virginia.

Love love love this book. I was a little hesitant to purchase since I have the older version, but there is so much that has been updated. The literature selections by grade level alone make this money well spent.

The new addition is more clear on the how-to, less overwhelming. And they only recommend the curriculum that is tried and true. Less guess work. Parents do need to know that the authors mean for you to choose from among the recommendations. You are Not expected to fit in every single thing. They thought they made this clear, but they have received complaints about 6 or more hours of schoolwork every day. You are supposed to decide what is most important to you, or come up with a year-round schedule that balances it all. We save art and music, and science for Summer, but continue with math all year long. History and writing we do in the Fall/Winter. We use Duolingo free online for Spanish. It is quick and is less involved than Rosetta Stone. My son is learning to speak Spanish from the neighbor kids he plays with, which is more a real-life application he can actually use, along with the formal word training he gets online. I also highly recommend the podcast downloaded for a small price from the authors' website. You'll see they are much more human and like the rest of us than the book makes you think they are. It's not meant to be heavy and grueling, or perfect and ideal. This is very doable if you catch the way it is intended to be used. This edition simplified it for me. The schedule recommendations, once I understood that they are just showing the different subject possibilities to choose from and I'm not actually supposed to do every one of them, are one of the most helpful features of this book. And the steps and how-to's were more clear this time around.

Excellent how-to reference book for those wanting to provide a solid college-prep education for their own kids at home. Helps with the nitty gritties of homeschooling, from teaching reading to chemistry. Down-to-earth practical advice for homeschooling families who want a reliable academic plan.

I use this book as a guideline when choosing curriculum for homeschooling. I find the reading lists for high school history/literature very helpful when you are putting together your own curriculum instead of using a "boxed" one. Would highly recommend to those who are interested in using this as a guide to giving their children a classical education.

Anyone looking at homeschooling with the classical model of education should get this book! Its a great resource for homeschooling families.

A great homeschooling classic update. As always, the Well-Trained Mind offers parents plenty of good advice and recommended resources.

My new go-to for anything homeschool. I have told numerous people About it! This is the book I have been desiring for YEARS!!! Now I know it exists! Thank you so much for writing it

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