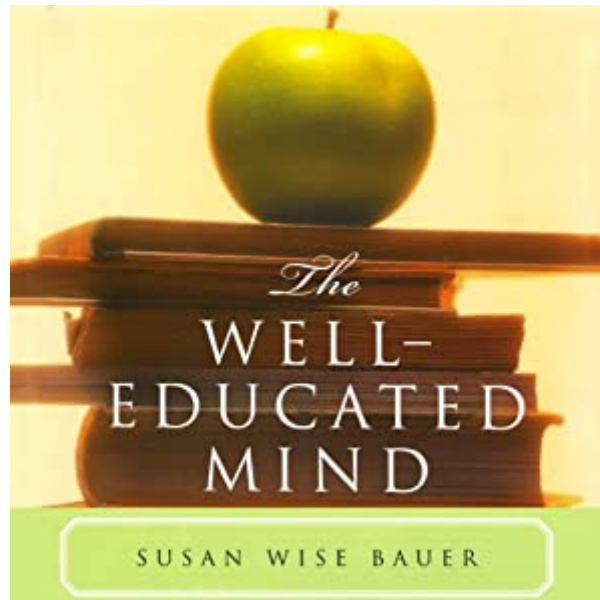




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Synopsis

An engaging, accessible guide to educating yourself in the classical tradition. Have you lost the art of reading for pleasure? Are there books you know you should read but haven't because they seem too daunting? In *The Well-Educated Mind*, Susan Wise Bauer provides a welcome and encouraging antidote to the distractions of our age, electronic and otherwise. In her previous book, *The Well-Trained Mind*, the author provided a road map of classical education for parents wishing to home-school their children, and that book is now the premier resource for home-schoolers. In this new book, Bauer takes the same elements and techniques and adapts them to the use of adult readers who want both enjoyment and self-improvement from the time they spend reading. *The Well-Educated Mind* offers brief, entertaining histories of five literary genres - fiction, autobiography, history, drama, and poetry - accompanied by detailed instructions on how to read each type. The annotated lists at the end of each chapter - ranging from Cervantes to A. S. Byatt, Herodotus to Laurel Thatcher Ulrich - preview recommended reading and encourage readers to make vital connections between ancient traditions and contemporary writing. *The Well-Educated Mind* reassures those readers who worry that they read too slowly or with below-average comprehension. If you can understand a daily newspaper, there's no reason you can't read and enjoy Shakespeare's Sonnets or Jane Eyre. But no one should attempt to read the "Great Books" without a guide and a plan. Susan Wise Bauer will show you how to allocate time to your reading on a regular basis; how to master a difficult argument; how to make personal and literary judgments about what you read; how to appreciate the resonant links among texts within a genre - what does *Anna Karenina* owe to *Madame Bovary*? - and also between genres. Followed carefully, the advice in *The Well-Educated Mind* will restore and expand the pleasure of the written word.

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This is an excellent guide to increasing my scope of knowledge.

Great way to get a self education for yourself.

Came as advertised.

It gave me a good background for many different subjects. I was able to judge whether or not I would want to read more of a particular author.

An Excellent book by an EXCELLENT Teacher. Every parent should read this and other writing by Ms. Bauer.

Susan Wise Bauer is well educated, articulate and unusually witty. It is not often one can do serious reading and smile a lot at the same time. I first learned of her in her book, "The History of Science," which I picked up at the local library. I purchased this copy so I would have one to keep. I have purposed to read every work she has authored. Her work is painstakingly researched and profusely cited, and her insights are marvelous. A joy to read.

I owe this book much of what I've learned in the past few years. Beside it being a road map for navigating wide variety of modern and classical texts in numerous fields, it helped me develop my own models to acquire and assimilate knowledge.

Great book!

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