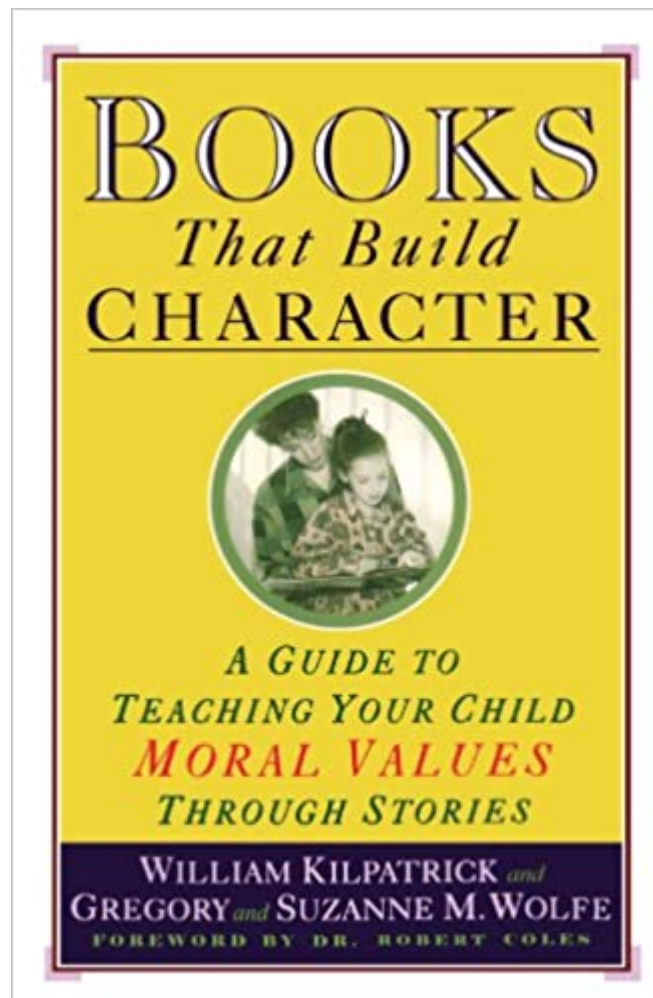




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# Books That Build Character: A Guide To Teaching Your Child Moral Values Through Stories



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All parents should have this book. It is a great guide for finding good books in the library for all school ages!

Good overview of interesting reading in keeping with various themes.

Very helpful !

Excellent resource for homeschooling.

Great book. I look forward to using it through the years.

This is an excellent book. It has chapters on various aspects of rearing as well as an annotated list

of recommended books. The emphasis on the role of stories in building character is so true and valuable. This is a great resource for any family.

My children are great readers, (I taught them using Hooked on Phonics) but keeping up with their unending demand for new books is a full-time job. This book is a great help, it offers quality books my children love with values and ideas I want to expose them to. The reason I did not give it 5 stars is I have had trouble locating some titles.

I am still slowly working through this book, but have been impressed by the scope of books summarized. The book lists are extremely helpful during my searches for additional literature for my kids. Kilpatrick and Wolfe's summaries have created give a great overview of each book reviewed, which is such a time-saver for a busy mom. Kudos!

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