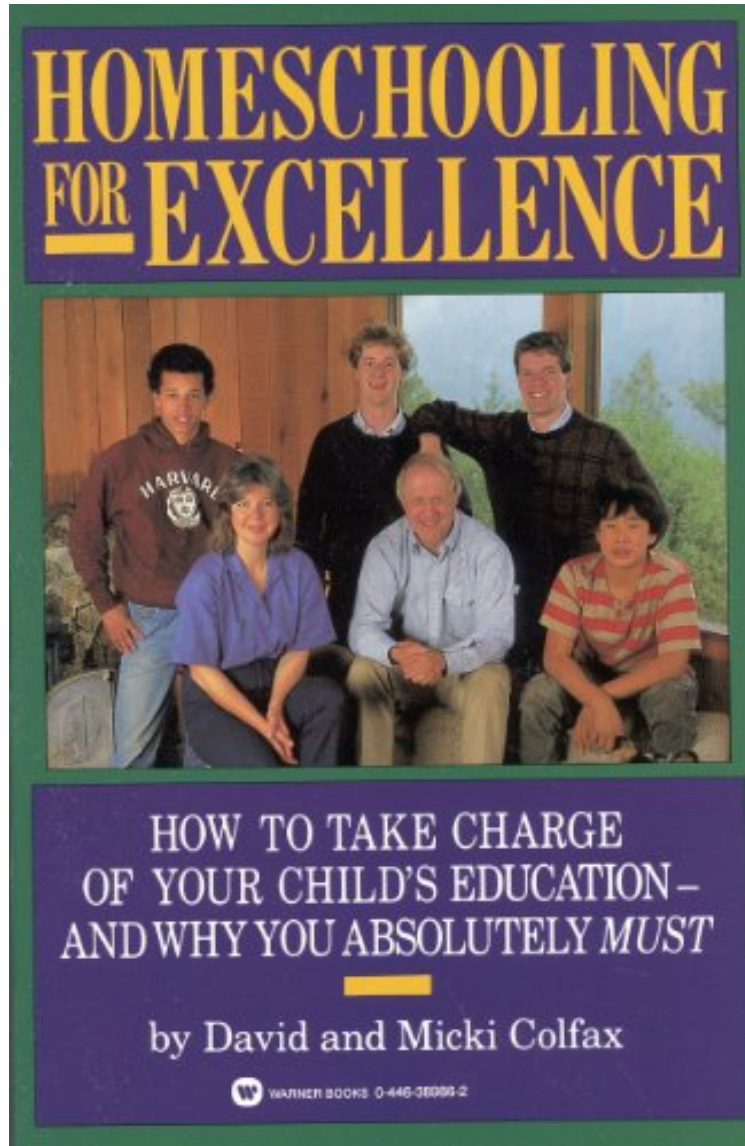


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Von David Colfax, Micki Colfax : Homeschooling for Excellence (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Homeschooling for Excellence (English Edition):

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Homeschooling is excellent Von MEB When I bought "Hard Times in Paradise" and "Homeschooling For Excellence" in 1988, I was pregnant with my only child. I did not think that a federally controlled, compulsory education was healthy, nor did I think that small children should be removed from their parents' care at such an early age. I was

hungry for information that would give me a perspective on what to expect. David and Micki Colfax have done a wonderful job of explaining the hits and misses that comprised the raising of their children outside of the standard educational systems. The long term successes of their sons are enough to inspire any parent. Also, the landscape of their homestead is a wonderful backdrop to their lives. I can't recommend their books enough.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. See Below.....Von Ein KundeWill homeschool affect my child's chance to become a scientist? Many parents wonder about science more than anything else. I know a 16-year-old who were homeschooled and also had research paper published on Nature, the world No. 1 science journal. This kid's parents recommend this book to their friends. One important thing they disagree with the authors is their attitude toward "test". They said test should be a part of homeschool package. Under the stress of test, kids learn to think faster and make the learning more solid. It helps them to build confidence. If the kids do well in the test, their morale will be high and view testing to be fun thing which also offers a sense of "achievement". They use tests to strengthen their kids attitude toward challenge and reinforce their confidence. Colfax mentioned the "needs of the children", but fail to explain them. My friend said it is "what the kids want to learn" and "to learn at their own pace" so that they can enjoy the enrichment of learning. Well, this is what I like to share with you. Again, this little book is not a "bible" for homeschooling. It can be used as a case of one family's successful experience. We as the parents need to work with our kids to develop a suitable method and curriculum to meet their unique "needs". If you are looking for "guidance" or someone's leadership, you may as well try the school system again. There are indeed real good experts who can help you to "update" the reading list and help you any way you want.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This is a book that will change your family's life!Von Ein KundeAfter reading this book five years ago, I reinforce my commitment to seek excellence in my children's education by taking it into our own hand. Both my wife and I have MS in engineering and MBA from Ivy League university. I have to say this decision has changed our family life completely. This book is good, but it has its own shortcoming which I would like to point out to you if you are seriously thinking about homeschooling. This book does not talk about music and physical education for children which we think are very important. As a matter of fact, one of our daughter decides to go for professional violin training, we have no choice but to pull her out of a private school. This book is also weak in math and science part. The Appendix 4 is great, but it does not classify books by literature level. So, you can find pictural books among classical masterpieces. :-)

Homeschooling is not for every family for five reasons. 1. It is extremely time-demanding on the parents. You need to study, research, teach, review, correct test and discuss course materials. 2. You definitely need to have patient. Don't be surprised to teach the same material over again. The children need a lot of TLC. 3. You need to be able to teach at least to the level of high school curriculum. Mrs, Colfax was a high school english teacher and Mr. Colfax was a college sociology professor who didn't get his tenure. Our commitment is to teach our children to the college sophomore level in science and math depending on the children's interest. We pretty much set "the sky is the limit" policy. We use current MBA readings (used by Stanford)to teach our children to go straightly for future entrepreneur career path. To us, the degree is useful only to get their first job. After that, their career depends on their capability in creativity, management (including interpersonal skill)and continuing learning on their own. They need to be agile and assertive to seize once in their lifetime opportunities like B. Gates and S. Jobs. 4. Financially, you will sacrifice a lot at least on one spouse income. Occasionally, both of you have to quit working for a short period of time or take on flexible job such as consultant. Sometimes, it will put stress on your marriage. 5. Finally, not all kids are suitable for this type of freedom in learning. Their efficiency of learning will be severely compromised. You may even have disciplinary problem. Don't put high hope on your homeshooling result imaging that you will have your kids to go to Harvard. You need to aim high but be willing to accept low. We certainly have our share of hardwork. Does it worth the trouble? I have to say a thousand Yes! The result is beyond our wildest imagination.

KurzbeschreibungTHE COLFAXES DIDN'T START TEACHING THEIR BOYS AT HOME TO GET THEM INTO HARVARD - BUT THAT'S WHAT HOMESCHOOLING ACCOMPLISHED!For over fifteen years, David and Micki Colfax educated their children at home. They don't think of themselves as pioneers, though that's what they became. Unhappy with the public schools, the Colfaxes wanted the best education possible for their four sons: a program for learning that met the evolving needs of each child and gave them complete control of how and what their children learned. The results? A prescription for excellence-Harvard educations for their sons Grant, Drew, and Reed. (Their fourth son is still too young for college.)Now the Colfaxes tell how all parents can become involved in homeschooling. In a straight-talking book that reads like a frank conversation among friends, they tell what they did and how they did it: their educational approaches, the lessons they learned, and what materials-books, equipment, educational aids-proved most useful over the years. Best of all, they show you how you can take charge of your children's education-in an invaluable sourcebook that will help you find a rewarding and successful alternative to our failing schools..deRole models for a generation of homeschoolers, David and Micki Colfax are teachers turned ranchers who taught their four sons at home in the 1970s and '80s and schooled three of them into Harvard. Isolation

on their northern California homestead forced them into the experience, but this resourceful family eventually discovered all kinds of advantages to home education. Like a modern-day Little House on the Prairie, the Colfax children learned about geometry while constructing outbuildings on their ranch, explored aspects of chemistry and biology as they improved their livestock and garden, and generally discovered the value of self-reliance as they went about life without TV or neighbors. Their world is described in clear, warm words that illustrate the fondness these parents and children possess for each other. Family photos grouped throughout the book show the boys working and learning together. The Colfaxes don't purport to be experts; they don't prescribe a formula for their success. Rather, their experience is described as a trial-and-error effort, with some of their mistakes offered up as lessons for others. The value of critically examining textbooks in advance, for instance, is learned after one son falls behind in algebra using a schoolbook that touts "new math" principles. The Colfaxes' philosophy is that every child is gifted. Parents don't need to be certified teachers to teach them (although it does ward off doubters). But, despite the contention of some homeschoolers, the Colfaxes do caution that teaching at home requires much time and money--and they don't advise it for single parents or most working women. Any parent interested in connecting with his or her child, however, will find the Colfax take on life an enjoyable and enlightening read. The couple closes the book with an appendix of suggested references for building a family library and a delightful list of their children's favorite books. --Jodi Mailander Farrell

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