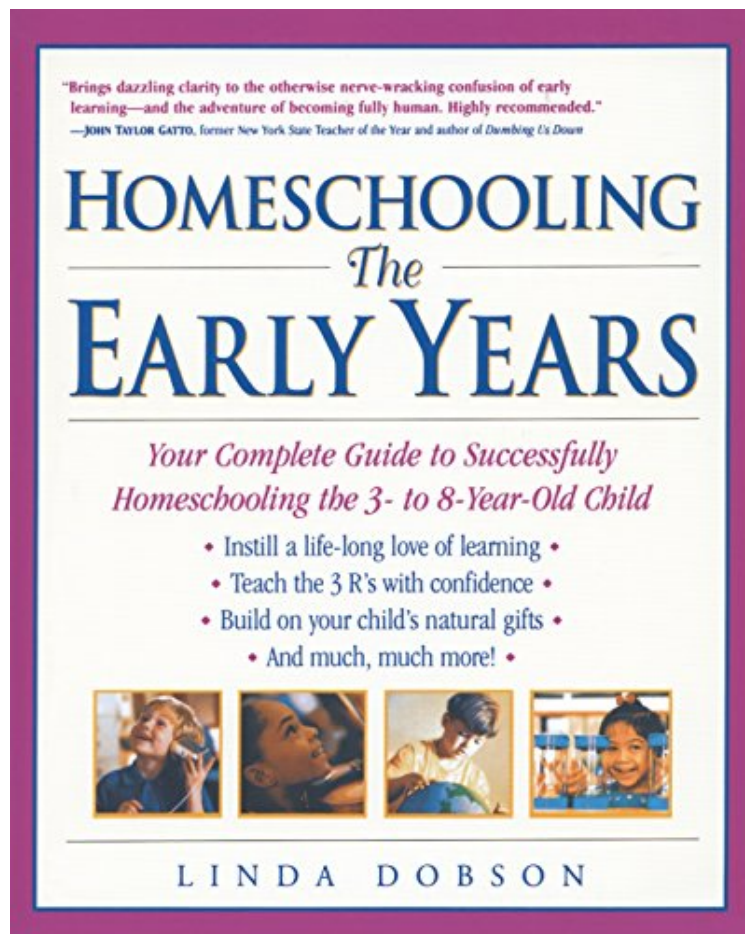


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Homeschooling The Early Years is a great resource.Von Ein KundeExcerpts from a review I did for Home Education Magazine on this book:Linda Dobson's book, Homeschooling The Early Years: Your Complete Guide to Successfully

Homeschooling the 3 to 8 Year Old, is a wonderful resource for parents of young children. It is a celebration of children's innate curiosity and eagerness to learn about their world. She has captured the essential wonder of early childhood learning. While the book is full of parents' delightful stories about how children learned one thing or another, the theme Linda deftly brings forward into the spotlight is that learning is the natural pursuit of any child - "little learning machines," she calls them. The book is unique right from the beginning - an interesting brief overview of homeschooling diversity, building up to the comforting reassurance that "It doesn't matter where you begin - just begin!" This is a fairly radical notion for many of those in the first stage of contemplating the move. New and prospective homeschoolers often want to have it all planned and orderly before they jump in. And yet, as Linda points out, you can expect a lot of perfectly comfortable change and adjustment as you learn to tailor the homeschool to the child, rather than the child to the homeschool - it's just an ongoing process. "Because it's so easy to change any aspect of homeschooling when necessary," she reassures the reader, "you can get started with a minimum of worry and preparation. Once you're on the road, you'll constantly discover new information, resources, and friends to help you fine-tune your journey into the most rewarding and fun possible." Linda provides helpful insight into the nature of young children as learners, and the way they gather information as physical, sensory beings. This leads into an inspiring discussion of the importance of play, imagination, and creativity. "With schooling so firmly established in our culture and in our personal experience as the method for learning, it's often hard to grasp and accept the idea that, for the early years, play - unadulterated by adult 'good intentions' - is a powerful learning method... If we can bend our own thinking processes far enough to give play its rightful due, we could even call creativity the play of the mind." This is where the delightful stories start to come in - stories that capture the essence of how beautifully natural learning is for children. The stories highlight the magic that happens when a child has the opportunity to learn beyond the box. One very helpful chapter, The Joy of Learning With the Early Years Child, deals with tuning in to notice how your child learns. Again we find stories from other parents about their experiences with their children. Being able to share the revelations these "aha!" moments can go a long way in leading to one's own insights. The chapter also goes into building on strengths, and sensitively shoring up weaknesses. Socialization and relationships are discussed, as well as the ways families pass on their important values. Some interesting points are made about health and how it relates to schooling - and last, but not least, tips for making the transition from school and "getting started." Parents of young children sometimes want to homeschool, but don't have any idea how they'll go about teaching the important basics - the three Rs and related academic subjects. A lengthy section provides detailed practical tips, solid information, and referrals to favorite resources used by a variety of families. This is really a wonderful resource for those who feel ill-prepared to tackle all this - and it's an inspiring resource even for those who already feel confident. Again, the point is made that there are many successful ways to learn, and that "The methods used are as individual as fingerprints." That's such a captivating line: "The methods used are as individual as fingerprints." No one style of homeschooling is promoted in the book, but the constant theme of respecting and supporting individuality comes through loud and clear. "Once ready, homeschooled children learn to read at age 3 - or thirteen. They learn to read in one hour - or over the course of three years. They use workbooks - or comic books. They begin with easy readers - or Dad's Louis L'Amour novels. Their preparedness includes phonics or whole language or both or none - or their parents don't really know what they use, because they're too busy reading and learning to worry about naming it." The general styles of homeschooling are illustrated through parents' personal descriptions of the way their children go about learning, woven together by Linda's insightful running commentary. This is rich material, because it becomes obvious that the commonly used classifications of homeschooling "styles" are realistically referring to fairly amorphous processes. Ideally, a parent will be alert and sensitive to each child, nurturing interests, and being comfortable in making changes when something doesn't seem to be working. This is good for beginning homeschoolers to realize - that it can all be mixed and matched, and that it can, and probably will, keep changing and evolving. Too many people get frustrated and anxious, sometimes deciding homeschooling isn't for them, because of not being aware of how this dynamic can work. Homeschooling The Early Years should be quite effective in calming the beginners' anxieties that are based on limited expectations. Many other topics are covered, from financial challenges, single parenting, special needs, large families, to computer and internet resources, and much more. This is a solid resource - it touches the heart and provides bountiful food for the mind. I wish it had been available when I began the homeschooling journey. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A wonderful read for anyone with young children! Von Ein Kunde I am thrilled to have discovered this gem of a book while my children are still young. Linda Dobson presents homeschooling the young child as the exciting adventure that it is: "On the go, morning 'til night, doing, doing, doing. As naturally as a mountain spring, the early years child bubbles with energy. Unfortunately for little ones today, childhood energy is often considered a bad thing. Interestingly, it's most often considered a bad thing in the context of school." Children are natural little learning machines, as the author describes them. Each chapter covers an important aspect of learning with young children, including reading, writing, arithmetic and Beyond the Three R's. Included in each chapter are warmth, humor, many quotes from a diverse group of homeschoolers, and sections on Simple Starting Points and Resources. If you're thinking of homeschooling little ones, this is a must-read! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wonderful book about homeschooling ! Von Ein Kunde This is a wonderful book for

anyone interested in homeschooling their young child. In an easy - to - read and follow format, it discusses most every issue of concern to homeschooling parents. It not only discusses facts about homeschooling (such as find out the laws in your state) but then brings together the experiences of many parents who are homeschooling to demonstrate that there is no one right way to HS your child. This book is enough to give me the confidence to begin on a homeschooling journey!

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