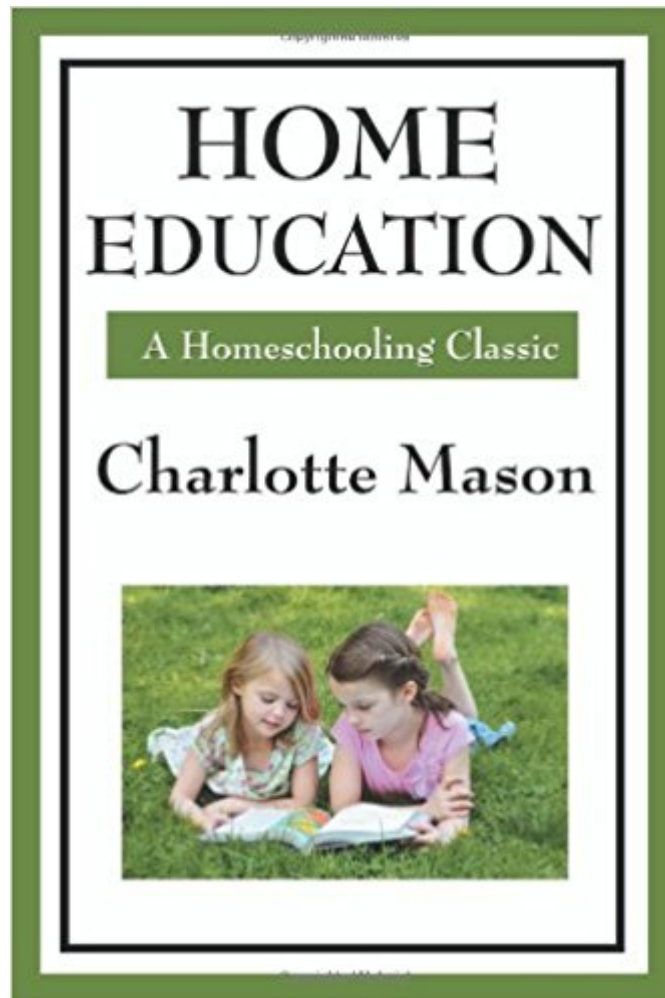




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Synopsis

Home Education consists of six lectures by Charlotte Mason about the raising and educating of young children (up to the age of nine), for parents and teachers. She encourages us to spend a lot of time outdoors, immersed in nature and handling natural objects and collecting experiences on which to base the rest of their education. She discusses the use of training in good habits such as attention, thinking, imagining, remembering, performing tasks with perfect execution, obedience, and truthfulness, to replace undesirable tendencies in children (and the adults that they grow into). She details how lessons in various school subjects can be done using her approach. She concludes with remarks about the Will, the Conscience, and the Divine Life in the Child. Charlotte Mason was a late nineteenth-century British educator whose ideas were far ahead of her time. She believed that children are born persons worthy of respect, rather than blank slates, and that it was better to feed their growing minds with living literature and vital ideas and knowledge, rather than dry facts and knowledge filtered and pre-digested by the teacher. Her method of education, still used by some private schools and many homeschooling families, is gentle and flexible, especially with younger children, and includes first-hand exposure to great and noble ideas through books in each school subject, conveying wonder and arousing curiosity, and through reflection upon great art, music, and poetry; nature observation as the primary means of early science teaching; use of manipulatives and real-life application to understand mathematical concepts and learning to reason, rather than rote memorization and working endless sums; and an emphasis on character and on cultivating and maintaining good personal habits. Schooling is teacher-directed, not child-led, but school time should be short enough to allow students free time to play and to pursue their own worthy interests such as handicrafts. Traditional Char

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Customer Reviews

As a homeschool graduate, and author of *Homeschooling: The Bigger Picture* (your conversation with a homeschool graduate) I know a thing or two about homeschooling. I also know that while things have changed a lot from the times of Charlotte Mason, the way that children learn naturally and are provided with the best "education" is not something that changes over time. This book is an excellent resource and I would highly recommend it. Personally I loved the chapter on foreign language as I studied Latin in high school. The works of Charlotte Mason are truly remarkable and a much needed education in itself.

Although the older language & style takes some getting used to, the concepts in this book are both timeless & priceless. Would highly recommend to any parent - home schooling or not.

so gifted, what an instructor! she has such a heart for children and incredible insight into what they need. education should be exciting, and she helps you "lay the feast" so children love learning. i'm so happy to be able to get a hold of these books. i can't understand why educators today aren't using her methods. she really helped me to understand where my kids are developmentally so i'm no longer frustrated with them not "behaving" and not paying attention.

I think that if you are considering home school this book is well worth the read. Or if your an educator this book had a lot of very good ideas.

Fantastic ideas. Especially for the elementary years. I appreciate the amount of care Mrs. Mason put into her articles. Despite being slightly outdated, the woman was much wiser than most people I know nowadays. Whether this is a rip off from some site - I don't know, but hopefully not, as this is a nice addition to our homeschooling library.

This was a very informative book on homeschooling and traditional ideals were presented. I found it helpful and was interesting reading.

This book was a quick and very informative read on CM. It gives a nice overview of how to implement CM in the home learning environment.

Charlotte Mason's Home Education is an EXCELLENT book and anyone considering homeschooling should look into her methods. But.... There have been many CM series that have been copied straight out of amblesideonline.com, and while I am not 100% sure this is one of those stolen copies, there are many typos and errors that leave me suspicious. I have also seen other books in the series by this publisher with comments saying it was stolen. So be warned: At the very best you will be purchasing a badly edited book. As for me, I will be buying the remainder of the series from a different publisher.

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