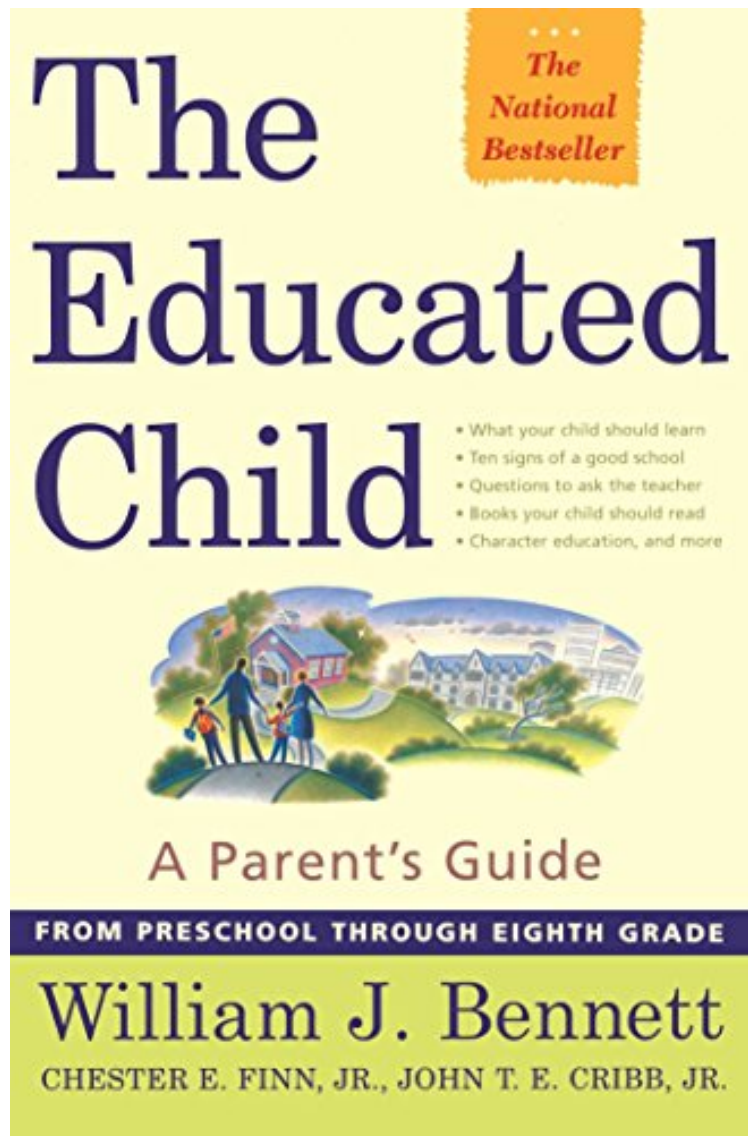


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Von Jr., Chester E. Finn, Jr., John T. E. Cribb, William J. Bennett : The Educated Child: A Parents Guide From Preschool Through Eighth Grade (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Educated Child: A Parents Guide From Preschool Through Eighth Grade (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of the most important gifts you'll ever give your child! Von Irvin Goodman The knowledge you can gain from this 688 page volume can help your children get the kind of education that will be of value to them for the rest of their lives. It provides a how-to-do-it guide for getting your children successfully through the current U.S. educational system, properly prepared for high school and beyond. What greater gift can a parent offer ! You'll discover what a "well educated" child should know, what our responsibilities as parents are, and covers the major current issues in our education system. It not only covers academics, but also all of the other factors that can affect a child's ability to learn. Mr. Bennett even gives us a yardstick to judge the quality of education provided by any school. His purpose is to help parents get a good education for their children from early childhood through the 8th grade. I believe that he truly achieves that goal. He points out what we as parents should stand for in the school system and what we should not stand for. The author points out that the parent is the child's most important teacher, and the problems with delegating educational responsibilities to others. The parent must instill the highest ideals in their children, and a strong sense of responsibility to really succeed in school and in life. He provides us with the rules for us to establish for our children, to help them gain the most from their schooling, and how to direct them so they know how to properly conduct themselves. Mr. Bennett emphasizes that elementary school has a far greater impact on our children, than higher education, and notes that "we ask elementary schools to help shape our students' first and lasting ideas about themselves, their country, and the world." He notes that "reading is the heart and soul of elementary education." He feels that educators today tend to emphasize that students need to "learn how to learn," and remain vague about what they should learn. The unruly atmosphere of our schools is addressed. He also covers the issues of teachers feeling that they work with very little help from parents. The basics of what makes good students and good schools is clearly spelled out for parents, and presents his "Ten Principles For Parents Of Educated Children." This books is a MUST READ, if you really want to help your children succeed, not just with lip service, but it provides all the facts you'll need, if you just expend a little effort. Wow ! 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Strike three against the "Unschoolers" Von Ein Kunde This book is a must for anyone interested in the education movement. However, after such reports as "Why Johnny can't read" and a plethora of other well documented works, many have come to the conclusion that the public schools are not working and are beyond help; therefore, a work of this nature is wasted upon that system. This book's value lies in providing the objective research that supports a structured curriculum based educational system for those who have jetisoned the public schools as a failed and irreparable system and now or in the future will home school thier children. However, within the home school movement there is a very small but vocal group that call themselves "unschoolers". They adhere to the philosophy that the child will learn whatever he needs just by allowing the child to select his own curriculum content. Bennett, in this work, lays the coup de grace at the root of that theory, and I hope for ever more settles the issue of whether the "unschooling" mindset is a viable alternative to a curriculum directed home school. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Must Have! Von KC This is such a fabulous book. I have four children (ages 3-9) and I have found more valuable information, guidance, and great ideas in this book than in all the other education related books I have read -- combined. I particularly liked the grade specific study topics (core curriculum), reading lists, helpful tips to improve reading and other ways to help your child succeed in school, questions to ask the teacher, info. on gifted and special needs children, and kindergarten readiness list. Even though I consider myself somewhat experienced in the first three to four years of school (due to the volume of children I have), I found that this book provided me with new insight and reinforced my desire to help my children develop a love for learning. I know I will use this as a reference for many years to come. My only regret is that I did not have this book when my oldest child started preschool! Well worth the price!

Kurzbeschreibung If you care about the education of a child, you need this book. Comprehensive and easy to use, it will inform, empower, and encourage you. Just as William J. Bennett's The Book of Virtues has helped millions of Americans teach young people about character, The Educated Child delivers what you need to take control. With coauthors Chester E. Finn, Jr., and John T. E. Cribb, Jr., former Secretary of Education Bennett provides the indispensable guide. Championing a clear "back-to-basics" curriculum that will resonate with parents and teachers tired of fads and jargon, The Educated Child supplies an educational road map from earliest childhood to the threshold of high school. It gives parents hundreds of practical suggestions for helping each child succeed while showing what to look for in a good school and what to watch out for in a weak one. The Educated Child places you squarely at the center of your young one's academic career and takes a no-nonsense view of your responsibilities. It empowers you as mothers and fathers, enabling you to reclaim what has been appropriated by "experts" and the education establishment. It out-lines questions you will want to ask, then explains the answers -- or non-answers -- you will be given. No longer will you feel powerless before the education "system." The tools and advice in this guide put the power where it belongs -- in the hands of those who know and love their children best. Using excerpts from E. D. Hirsch's Core

Knowledge Sequence, *The Educated Child* sets forth a state-of-the-art curriculum from kindergarten through eighth grade that you can use to monitor what is and isn't being taught in your school. It outlines how you can help teachers ensure that your child masters the most important skills and knowledge. It takes on today's education controversies from phonics to school choice, from outcomes-based education to teaching values, from the education of gifted children to the needs of the disabled. Because much of a youngster's education takes place outside the school, *The Educated Child* also distills the essential information you need to prepare children for kindergarten and explains to the parents of older students how to deal with such challenges as television, drugs, and sex. If you seek high standards and solid, time-tested content for the child you care so much about, if you want the unvarnished truth about what parents and schools must do, *The Educated Child* is the one book you need on your shelf.

deWilliam J. Bennett, that doyen of common sense who brought us *The Book of Virtues*, has returned to the topic of child rearing, delivering a massive canon on the education of young children. He joins fellow veterans of the U.S. Department of Education Chester E. Finn Jr. and John T.E. Cribb Jr. in offering a traditional, back-to-basics resource for parents. *The Educated Child* is a tome to page through and return to as the years go by, with chapters divided by subjects and grade levels. One of the most helpful aspects of the guide is its outline of what to expect--or demand, in some cases--in the K-8 essentials. The writers list book titles, historic dates, science topics, and other issues that should be covered, borrowing heavily from E.D. Hirsch's Core Knowledge Series, the fact-specific book series that begins with *What Your Kindergartner Needs to Know*. But Bennett et al.'s take on education goes further, with the authors weighing in on such controversial topics as sex education, TV, the Internet, self-esteem, and school uniforms with statements that largely reflect their conservative reputations. They also stick to the insistence that Western culture be emphasized in American classrooms. In some cases, however, the three don't always agree--acknowledging diverging views on year-round education, for instance. Some of what they cover is basic, instinctive stuff: we don't need another guide telling us to talk to our children about their school day. But there's valuable advice, too, such as how to save your child from a bad teacher and what questions to ask in a parent-teacher conference. For parents puzzled or overwhelmed by what the authors refer to as "the blob" of the education bureaucracy, *The Educated Child* can be a helpful insiders' view from those who once governed the biggest blob of all.

--Jodi Mailander Farrell

From Booklist

Bennett, former education czar and author of *The Book of Virtues* (1993), collaborates with Chester Finn and John Cribb to provide a guide for what parents should expect their children to learn at each stage of grade school. The book is organized by age and grade level, with information on preparing young children for their first school experience to preparing adolescents for high school. The three sections ("The Preschool Years," "The Core Curriculum," and "Making It Work") focus on parents of preschoolers, academic curriculum from kindergarten through eighth grade, and teaching character and educating children with special needs. The book is meant to be a resource and reference guide, with the caveat that although it provides suggestions, it's not intended as an absolute measure of a child's education. The authors offer "no magic bullets or profound secrets," just commonsense advice. They also provide grade-appropriate suggested reading lists and promote parent involvement in educating children, and they note the limitations of what any school can teach children, emphasizing that parents are the first and most important teachers, particularly for teaching ethics. Given Bennett's interest in virtue, it's no surprise that the book explores how to build good character. And, given his criticism of public education in the U.S., it's no surprise that the book examines current issues in education from academic standards and multiculturalism to school uniforms and teacher unions. Vanessa Bush