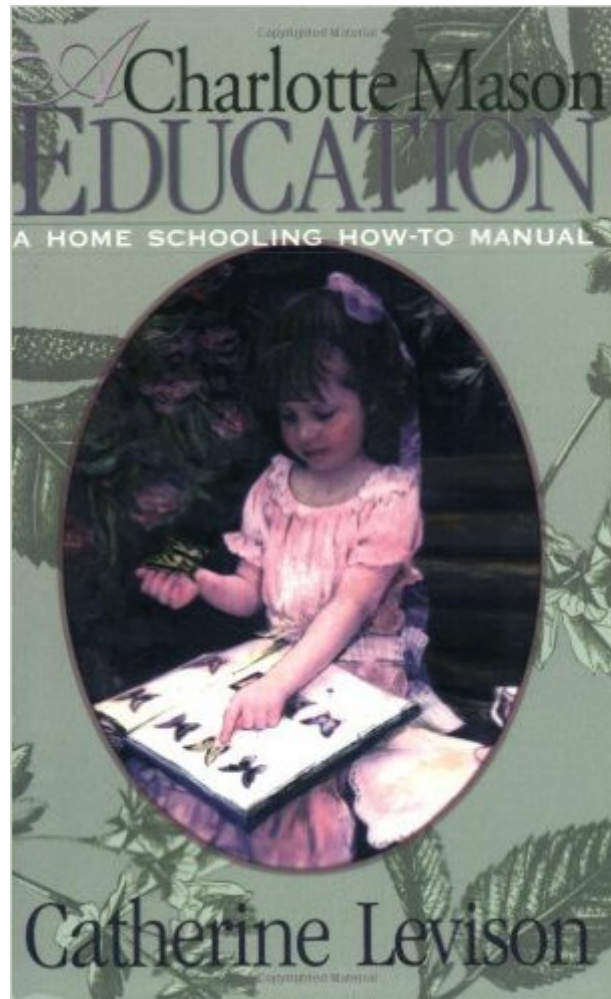


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# A Charlotte Mason Education: A Home Schooling How-To Manual



## Synopsis

The immensely popular ideas of Charlotte Mason have inspired educators for many decades. Her unique methodology as written about in her six-volume series established the necessary protocols for an education above and beyond that which can be found in traditional classroom settings. In *A Charlotte Mason Education*, Catherine Levison has collected the key points of Charlotte Mason's methods and presents them in a simple, straightforward way that will allow families to quickly maximize the opportunities of home schooling. With weekly schedules, a challenging and diverse curriculum will be inspire and educate your child. *A Charlotte Mason Education* is the latest tool for parents seeking the best education for their children. "I found these books extremely practical and thoughtful."--Cathy Duffy, author of the *Christian Home Educators' Curriculum Manuals* "When I became interested in this way of learning and wanted to know how to begin, this was the only book that accomplished my goal. Highly recommended."--Lorrie Flem, editor of *Teach Magazine* "Surely, you will, as I did, find something to enhance the education of your children immediately. Catherine makes it so simple for us!"--Bob and Tina Farewell, *Lifetime Books & Gifts* "As a teacher of twenty years, I have greatly appreciated Catherine's guidance in introducing the Charlotte Mason method in my teaching."--Maggie Dail, MA, of *Master Enterprises Learning Center* "Catherine Levison has written the perfect introduction to the Charlotte Mason method. A must."--Penny Gardner, author of *Charlotte Mason Study Guide* Catherine Levison has over a decade of home schooling experience. The mother of five, and a grandmother, Catherine is a popular teacher and lecturer.

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As a homeschooling parent I want to give my two children a great education. They are young, both in first grade. I was feeling so frustrated with my young daughter. She was not listening to me (tuning me out) and I was not sure how to deal with her. She would play around, not finish her lessons. A friend suggested the Charlotte Mason approach. I purchased Catherine Levison's book and read it through. Wow, it was wonderful. Right away I told the children there would be some changes at school. I reset our school classes. We read our Bible lessons 3 mornings a week, and classic literature 2 mornings a week. I started timing our classroom work, allowing only 20 minutes for each subject or paperwork. I told them that they each had 20 minutes for each subject, such as math, history, ect.. If they did not finish the paper that they would then stay behind and do their schoolwork "during their recess/play time". When Sarah had to stay in her seat and finish up during her recess/playtime she was not too happy. It only took two times for her to realize that mom was serious. I did not nag her. I just quietly reminded her once of the new rules. She is now listening better, finishing her work ahead of the time allowed on many days. Mom has been happier and our school days are so much more pleasant. We went shopping for some whole, living books. We chose Charlotte's Web and Stuart Little, also Aesop's Fables to read during school time. We all three read together out loud. Then I have each child tell me what they read. I was amazed (embarrassed too) when I read the list of great literature for suggested reading, in Catherine's book. Here I was a mom, and I as a child had never read any of the books listed. I soon purchased "Little Women, also Anne of Green Gables" for myself to start with.

If you're brand new to Charlotte Mason and looking for a quick reference of the practical how-to's of Mason's educational methods, then this is the book for you! I believe that this book successfully accomplishes what it was written for--to present the reader with a step-by-step, topic-by-topic introduction to Miss Mason's methods. This book isn't an in-depth treatment of Charlotte Mason's entire philosophy of education, and I don't believe it was meant to cover anything more than just the practical how-to's. If you're looking at your home educational efforts and thinking something like, "How can I quickly and easily add art appreciation and poetry to our curriculum?", then you'll find the answers here. I find this to be one of the easiest to use, most helpful home education books on my shelf. I refer back to it often (ie: "I need more ideas for Nature study. I'll go back and see what Levison recommends"). The book is short, to the point, and written from the wisdom of a long-time homeschooling parent who spent several years digging through Charlotte Mason's original books and many out-of-print resources to distill Mason's vast writings on the philosophy of education into

the practical nuts and bolts of how to do it at home. Presented in a manageable and readable format. Contrary to some opinions, Levison's second book, *More Charlotte Mason Education*, definitely isn't a rewrite of this first book. *More Charlotte Mason Education* does go into greater depth on things like the life of Charlotte Mason, but none of the practical how-to's are repeated from one book to the next.

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