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# A Gracious Space: Fall: Daily Reflections To Sustain Your Homeschooling Commitment (Volume 1)



## Synopsis

Homeschooling parents looking for support in this daunting commitment will find it in *A Gracious Space*. This volume provides daily readings that offer insights into the home education experience, as well as supplies encouragement, inspiration, and companionship on the journey. The entries are honest reflections drawn from Julie's life and her interaction with the thousands of homeschoolers that are members of the Brave Writer community. Each entry is accompanied by a "quote of the day" written by a parent like you, or a notable individual. The day's entry is concluded with a "sustaining thought" to take with you. If you are looking for a safe space to reflect on your homeschooling life, free of buzz words, rigid application of ideology, and excessive cheeriness, this little volume may be just the right reading. Sink into your real lived experience, and read an entry a day to find strength and resources to keep going. May your home be a reflection of who you are, and a gracious space for growth and learning.

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## Customer Reviews

This book has been so uplifting for me this fall. Sometimes as a mother or home educator I feel alone and not understood. This book has given me validation when I deserved it, encouragement when I needed it, and a warm hug on those mornings that I dragged my feet. Every essay, not just a few, resonated with me. This paperback with so many meaningful words, has given me power and strength to defend my choices as a mother; and has taught me how to look back at all the beautiful things I have done with my family and know that I have succeeded. I'm very thankful to the author that she has shared her words with me. And I am looking forward to reading more by her.

If you are a homeschooling parent (or any parent for that matter) who wants non-sectarian encouragement in bite-size pieces from someone who has been in the trenches and really "gets" it, you need this book. You will swear that Julie Bogart can read your mind as you ponder these daily readings written to sustain your homeschooling commitment. She speaks to the fears, the pitfalls, and the hope and are universally felt by parents who choose to educate at home. I cannot recommend this book or any of Julie's products or work highly enough. She is a life-changer!

I've been listening to the author read these essays on Periscope all month and have been loving each one. Julie is so inspiring and reassuring. I only heard a few before I got online to order the winter book (will buy this one, too, for next year!).

While Julie focuses primarily on the homeschooling family, as that has been most of her experience, she shares the wisdom to help parents understand that education of our children, no matter what pathway selected, truly occurs with a happy engaged family. I am starting my 3rd year of homeschooling & I feel so grateful to have found Julie! Many times people ask me what book what I recommend for them to look if they were considering homeschooling - This book and her two other journals would be at the top of my list! Julie helps you understand that home education, actually ANY avenue of education used, really requires an intact family & healthy mom! My children love her online writing & literature courses. I feel like I have found my focus, intention & am better able to create the education I desire with her support, honesty & guidance! Check her out on periscope! It will change your life!!

I'm usually sipping my coffee and reading A Gracious Place while my kids make their way to the breakfast table. This is part of my morning routine. Light a candle, turn on our composer, make my coffee, open A Gracious Place and wait for my children to join me. I am currently reading A Gracious Place for the second time this fall. The entries are the perfect length to read before we start our morning time together. I can head into the day with encouragement and confidence. It doesn't matter that I've read them before or what I have going on in my life, each day's reading is just what I need. A Gracious Place is non-sectarian and is applicable to parents of many homeschooling philosophies, methods, and world-views.

When you listen to Julie speak through her Periscope chats you can really see, hear and feel how

passionate she is about homeschooling. Julie Bogart is a professional writer and mother of 5 children, who she homeschooled over the course of 17 or 18 years. Her children are all adults now and if you are wondering, they all seemed to have turned out beautifully. A real compliment to her highly empathetic parenting and education style. In *A Gracious Space: Fall*, Julie's voice and support for all homeschooling families comes through loud and clear. Each of her thoughtful essays lets you know that she understands where you have been on your homeschool journey, lets you know that there is a season in life for everything and above all, she wants you to know that you are doing the best job you can. She knows that there is light at the end of each tunnel and that she will help guide you in any way you can. If you, as an educator need an encouraging friend. Julie and *A Gracious Space* have a place for you, at the table. Highly recommended.!

This has some lovely encouraging thoughts for use home educators. It is so hard to get up in the morning and keep on till bed every day. Reading one of these each morning doesn't take long but it is giving me encouragement to last the whole day! This isn't a religious book as in it doesn't promote any religion but it also doesn't deny religion either so can for sure fit in with your own personal devotional time as well.

Anyone who has read *Teaching From Rest* by Mackenzie or *For the Children's Sake* by Schaeffer Macaulay really should read these as well! Julie Bogart says that the homeschooling parent is the engine of the whole system and these essays speak to that in a way that I have never seen in any other homeschooling book. Being a homeschooling mom can be a lonely job, but you will feel so encouraged and supported by Julie's tender and inspiring words. Do something kind for yourself and get *A Gracious Space*!

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