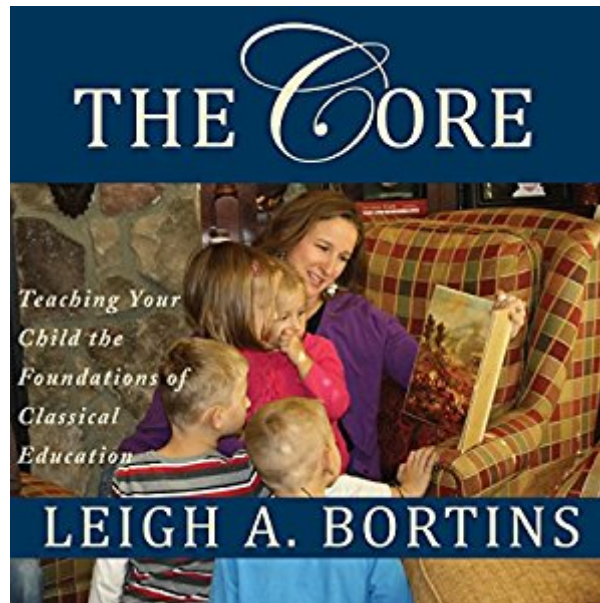




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# The Core: Teaching Your Child The Foundations Of Classical Education



## Synopsis

In the past, correct spelling, the multiplication tables, the names of the state capitals and the American presidents were basics that all children were taught in school. Today, many children graduate without this essential knowledge. Most curricula today follow a haphazard sampling of topics with a focus on political correctness instead of teaching students how to study. Leigh Bortins, a leading figure in the homeschooling community, is having none of it. She believes that there are core areas of knowledge that are essential to master. Without knowing the multiplication tables, children can't advance to algebra. Without mastery of grammar, students will have difficulty expressing themselves. Without these essential building blocks of knowledge, students may remember information but they will never possess a broad and deep understanding of how the world works. In this book, Bortins gives parents the tools and methodology to implement a rigorous, thorough, and broad curriculum based on the classical model, including: Rote memorization to cement knowledge Systematic learning of geography, historical facts, and timelines Reading the great books and seminal historical documents instead of adaptations and abridged editions Rigorous training in math and the natural sciences

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## Customer Reviews

Excellent! Perfect read if you are looking for ideas on how you want your children educated. It gives a completely different perspective on the best ways to help your child learn at the various stages. Transformed how I think about education. She is right on target.

First of all, the book arrived quickly in Brand New Condition. As a former public educator for 7 years in elementary and special education, I honestly feel that Leigh Bortins opened my mind and wrote my beliefs, concerns and disappointments with current public education as she wrote THE CORE. Her research on current and past educational standards is superb and thorough. Personal opinion is offered, but more as personal reflection or experience. Her national and global experience in educating children classically is welcomed by the reader as they may be tackling the idea of introducing classical education in their own family.

I really recommend this book for anyone homeschooling or considering homeschooling. It is very insightful and opened my mind to schooling in a classical model.

Great book, very information for a family new to classical conversations. I am looking forward to reading Leigh Bortins next 2 books - "The Question" and "The Conversation"

This is a wonderful book that has helped me break down classical education into bite sized pieces that are easy for me to understand, and implement.

This book has helped me to get back to the basics of learning and remember what we are doing and trying to achieve through homeschooling. Leigh Bortins does a fantastic job of explaining what classical learning is all about. Quick and easy read but very informative!

Leigh Bortins has hit the nail on the head with her new book, The Core. No matter in what educational format your child is learning--public, private, home school-- their education can be better. Leigh shares from her heart, her experience, and from a wide variety of sources. She helps the reader to see that not only has our education missed the mark, and that it should be better, she also shows the reader how our children's and our own education, CAN be better. Full of thought-provoking information and practical suggestions, this is a must read for anyone who has a child, or loves a child.

I really enjoyed this book. I am reading it for the third time. I have actually started a book club and this is our first book we are reading. I highly recommend this book if you are interested in Classical Education. It is not like the Well Trained Mind book because it does not give you curriculum recommendations.

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