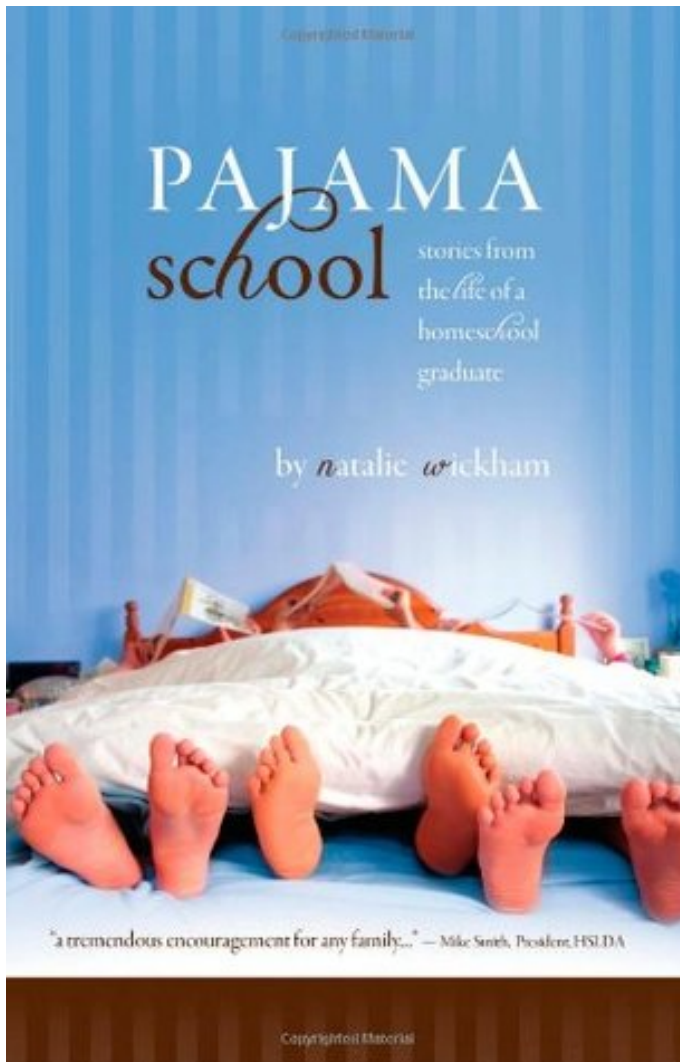

Natalie Wickham

Pajama School: Stories from the Life of a Homeschool Graduate



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Description

Do you get to wear your pajamas to school? Do you have recess or snow days? What about socialization? Every homeschooler fields dozens of questions like these. Natalie goes beyond providing simple answers and shares candidly about the experiences that led her to conclude that education is about much more than academics. Whether you have been homeschooling since the days of the New England Primer or are just embarking on this educational adventure, you will find hope, humor, and an ample dose of reality in the pages of *Pajama School*.

Insightful reviews

Melanie: At first glance, this girl has self-imposed isolating parents who were part of the ATI cult. The author doesn't seem to be bothered by her parents withdrawing from their church for another one, or her father picketing daily in front of an abortion clinic.

The entire book is from a heavily Christian homeschooling experience, as I suppose was commonplace in the 1990s. There is relatively little about the homeschooling itself and more about the things she did to occupy herself after graduating in 1999. It's more about her own personal faith development (sexual purity, biblical feminine role, blind obedience to God--- while condemning public school students who are obedient to school authority), complaining about public school being overly secular and politicians being overly partisan, and stuff like that. Lots about how she wrote curricula for piano students, local homeschooling groups, local church groups, and others. The two major takeaways from this book for me are 1) being a homeschool graduate doesn't condemn you to a lifetime of menial work or no work at all, and 2) there is a lot of flexibility in homeschooling, as it sounds like Natalie spent relatively little time on her studies and much more time on different projects and jobs, at least as a teenager.

Natalie Wickham: Is it narcissistic to include my own book on my list? Oh well! As much as I dislike reading a book more than once, I must say, I have read this one many times over... :-)
You can find out more about it at <http://pajamaschool.com>.

Mommiejenn: *Pajama School* - stories from the life of a homeschool graduate by Natalie Wickham is an encouraging book I would recommend to any homeschooling Mom.

I love reading about successful homeschooling. When a parent shares something that worked for them, I feel more secure attempting it than just a product promoted for sale. This is not a parent's tale of what worked rather a homeschooled graduate's story of her life.

Another homeschooling Mom first mentioned this book to me. She shared one of the real life learning examples from the book, and I wanted to read it for myself. Soon after that, I had the privilege of hearing Natalie Wickham speak at the HOTM conference, and I wanted to hear more of her success story. That isn't how she markets the book- as a success story, but that is my own view of it.

This is such a personal story, almost as if Natalie Wickham opened the door of her home to her

readers and let us be a part of her own homeschooling experience. She speaks from her heart, even honestly sharing about hard times. By the end of the book it is as if you are listening to a friend.

First hearing her as she shared at the conference, then again while reading about her scripture memory, I was inspired. NavPress was referenced both times and I have since placed my order for their Topical Memory System.

She also shares creative teaching ideas that she has used with her own piano students. It was encouraging to read of her personal training route instead of college, to become a certified piano teacher.

I gave the book to my oldest daughter to read and discuss with me. One thing she remembered was reading how their schoolroom didn't work. (We also have a schoolroom, of sorts, but it becomes more of a storage room and our actual school lessons are more often done in the dining room.) She also discussed the real life examples she read, how plans changed when life happened. I enjoyed using this book as a discussion starter with her.

Natalie Wickham graciously shared a copy of her book for the purpose of this review. All opinions shared are my own.

Rachel Thomson: as soon as upon a time, a blonde and blue-eyed kin of ladies (three, to be exact, all with names beginning with "N") left previous methods in the back of and coated up on the foot of the steps for his or her first university photo as a homeschooling family. that they had desks, equipped bookshelves, maps and images at the walls, and a placard proclaiming "School Room." Well, such a lot people homeschoolers know the way that goes. The Wickham kinfolk quickly gave up attempting to be like a faculty and acquired extra fascinated with being a house that teaches, and Pajama college — Natalie Wickham's memoir of homeschooling, researching God, and studying to steer — used to be born. I got here clear of Pajama tuition feeling like I'd gotten to understand Natalie, who's slightly older than i'm and has had a trip in many ways like mine and in alternative ways very different. The booklet is steeped within the standpoint not only of a homeschooler, yet of a homeschooler who grew up attached to ATI (Bill Gothard's complicated education Institute), that's a way of life all its own. in lots of methods I loved that aspect, which jogged my memory of expensive acquaintances who have been additionally stated in ATI and who, like Natalie, came across locations of provider inside that ministry as younger adults. In fact, Pajama university focuses way more on these reviews of provider as a tender grownup — with ATI in Children's Institutes and first and foremost phases of the nature First! program, in politics, in working a tea shop, and in educating — than it does at the youth reports I anticipated from the title. this can be much less a homeschooling publication and extra the list of 1 homeschooler's non secular journey. greater than anything, Pajama university is a memoir of Natalie's stroll with God — a memoir that's honest, humorous, and insightful. Natalie has spent a lot of her years as a tender grownup teaching, even if in public-school school rooms as a part of the nature First! program, in assemblies at large homeschool conferences, or in her personal piano studio. i discovered her emphasis on educating tools and experimentation a bit ironic for a "homeschooling book," but in addition very inspiring. She's

carried out a few incredible ideas, and an individual who works with young ones will locate whatever to inspire them here! In fact, I handed the booklet directly to my associate in Soli Deo Gloria Ballet, as we're constructing summer season camp ideas. For homeschool grads and older teens, mom and dad who are looking to see how homeschooling can play out of their student's life, and someone who enjoys good, clean, thought-provoking memoir, Pajama tuition is definitely worthy reading.

Heidi: i finished up no longer completing this book. by the point i used to be midway via it i spotted that i did not care approximately the way it could end. It used to be simply no longer what I anticipated it to be.

Kristen: i must say that a few may well get extra out of this booklet than I did. i've got learn many books on homeschooling and that i simply discovered that this writer didn't connect to me. even though she shared many lifestyles stories I by no means felt a connection. I learn part the booklet and felt like i used to be losing my time. i did not believe inspired or challenged. I made plans to prevent examining that is very challenging for a booklet malicious program like myself to do. However, the previous couple of bankruptcy I did skim. It appeared like there has been greater chapters as you went on. For me this e-book wasn't well worth the read. i've got a hectic existence and time is precious. If I learn via part a e-book earlier than it starts off to talk to me than i am not analyzing a booklet for me. There are greater books out there.

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