

ADVANCE PRAISE for *RAISING BOOKWORMS*

"*Raising Bookworms*" does something rare—it recognizes that to get a kid reading means lighting an internal fire, not just applying an external push. This book shows you how to make reading a habit they'll want to form all on their own."

James Patterson, Multi-Bestselling Author

19 Consecutive #1 titles; NY Times Adult and Children's #1 bestseller *simultaneously*

"If children did come with a parenting manual, this would be it. Good books are the core of good parenting, and ***Raising Bookworms*** is a common-sense guide to instilling a love of reading in your children. Given the right guidance and incentives, children will read for the sheer joy of it. This practical guide to how to make that connection is an essential resource for every parent and parent to be. Lovingly written and packed with recommended reading and activities for parents and children, this essential guide to raising readers connects children with the joy of discovering the world through books. The message is simple: Children can learn to love reading books. Caring attentive adults can make the difference, and that difference changes lives."

Leonard Kniffel, Editor in Chief
American Libraries

"Parents who bemoan the fact that their children cannot read, do not read for pleasure, or spend too much time watching television or playing on the computer can turn to the well organized and informative ***Raising Bookworms*** by Emma Walton Hamilton - a blueprint for building successful readers. ***Raising Bookworms*** excels in suggesting ideas for scenarios that encourage reading. Many parents hesitate to read to their children because they feel uncomfortable reading aloud. Using her theatrical background, Ms. Hamilton makes simple suggestions that would assist any shy parent. Those who turn to this book will learn how to make their home into a reading studio that will catapult their little ones into a life of literary success."

Ilene Abramson, Director of Children's Services
Los Angeles Public Library

"Emma Walton Hamilton's many practical, thoughtful, sensible, creative, kid-friendly, and just plain fun strategies for raising bookworms are just what all parents need to get their children reading and loving it. Her annotated booklists of family favorites for preschool through middle school underscore her simplest and most important hypothesis: Reading=JOY. What better gift can we give our children?"

Judy Freeman, Children's Literature Consultant,
Author of *Books Kids Will Sit Still For*

"The book is filled with words of wisdom and inspiration but the practical tips will help parents ensure that their children not only can read but love to read. The tables at the end offer a tidy matrix of activities that will reinforce reading efforts."

Jeanette Larson, Children's Literature Consultant
TLA "Librarian of the Year," Austin, TX

"Emma Walton Hamilton has the key to putting joy back into reading for children. Her tips and suggestions for reading together as a family activity are a boon to busy parents and will lead them to many happy connections with their children."

Connie C. Rockman, Children's Literature Consultant
Author/Editor of annual *Book of Junior Authors and Illustrators (Editions 8, 9 & 10)*

"Emma Walton Hamilton's *Raising Bookworms* celebrates the experience of bonding with children through books and shows just how dynamic and creative a process that can be. Reading aloud, dramatizing stories, and using books as guides to the arts, sciences and larger world, are just a few of the great ideas shared here. *Raising Bookworms* is filled with tips for parents and caregivers of children of all ages, and it reminds us of the joys and benefits of having books as part of our lives."

Susan Raab, children's literature industry consultant
Raab Associates Inc.

"I think *Raising Bookworms* should be required reading for all parents of school-aged children and for all educators. If more people found joy in life, the world would be a better place. Joy in reading would open so many doors for each child. It's the springboard to a lifetime of success."

Jennie Dunham, Children's Literature Agent
Dunham Literary

"Stories make us human, and reading them connects children with a multitude of worlds and possibilities. Emma Walton Hamilton knows this, and has brought stories to life in her work in the theater and in her books for children. Now, in *Raising Bookworms*, she gives the rest of us the tools we need to share stories with the children we love. A clear, concise, and hands-on manual for parents, educators, and anyone interested in celebrating the written word."

Catherine Creedon, librarian and author
"Blue Wolf"

"*Raising Bookworms* is the book that every family needs! It is filled with brilliant and creative ways to bring the pure pleasure of reading into your child's life - a gift that if given early will stay with them forever. As a family that spends all of their time together making music - reading together is still such an important part of our lives. Thank you, Emma, for sharing what we believe to be one of the greatest gifts of all."

Lisa Michaelis, Billy and Emily Schlosser, "Laughing Pizza"
Parents Choice Award-Winning Family Band