



Recommended by: **Brendan Grant**

Book Title: ***Auntie Clause***

Book Author: **Elise Primavera**



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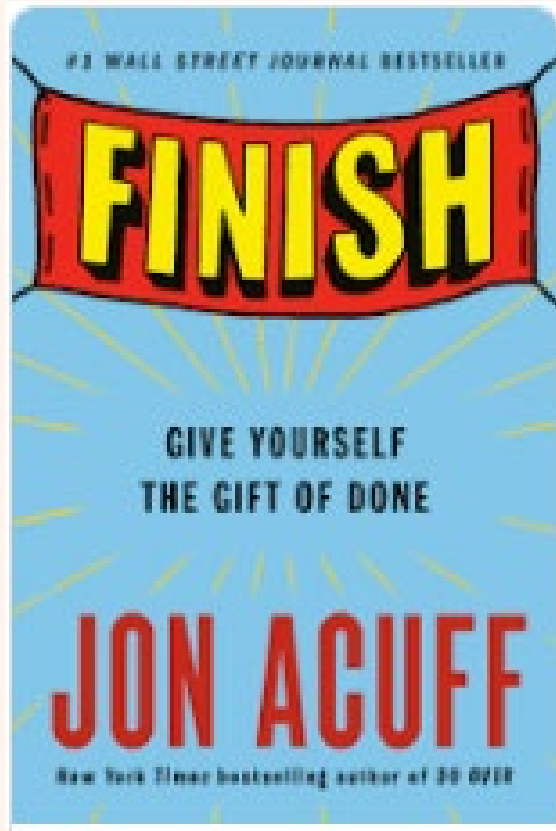


The book is Auntie Clause, and it is about child whose Aunt disappears every winter for a “Business Trip”. I picked this book because it was a book my own aunt always asked me and siblings if we had read it. I’ve never actually read it, but being asked every year by my Aunt is one of my favorite childhood memories. There are other books and stories we read, but the one we didn’t lives fondly with me. Now as an adult, I ask my nieces the same question. Hopefully someday one of us will read the book.





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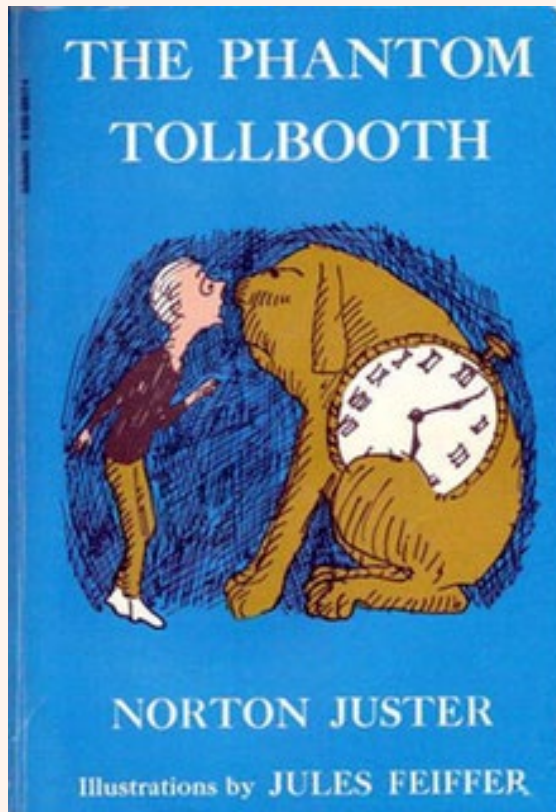
This book had a significant impact in my life as I was learning to create healthy (emotional, mental, physical, etc.) habits in my life. It taught me that perfectionism can hold me back from excellence and that it's okay to take a small step at a time. I have passed this methodology on to others, including my daughter.

Recommended by: **Vanessa Moldovan**

Book Title: ***Finish: Give Yourself the Gift of Done***

Book Author: **Jon Acuff**





**Recommended by: Stephanie Youstra**

**Book Title: *The Phantom Tollbooth***

**Book Author: Norton Juster**



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I mean, what's to even say. If you've read this book, you understand completely; if you haven't, then GET THEE TO THE LIBRARY!!!! My lifelong love of wordplay can be tied directly to *The Phantom Tollbooth*. A most magical story about "Milo, who has plenty of time."

There was once a boy named Milo who didn't know what to do with himself — not just sometimes, but always.

When he was in school he longed to be out, and when he was out he longed to be in. On the way he thought about coming home, and coming home he thought about going. Wherever he was he wished he were somewhere else, and when he got there he wondered why he'd bothered. Nothing really interested him — least of all the things that should have.

"It seems to me that almost everything is a waste of time," he remarked one day as he walked dejectedly home from school. "I can't see the point in learning to solve useless problems, or subtracting turnips from turnips, or knowing where Ethiopia is or how to spell February." And, since no one bothered to explain otherwise, he regarded the process of seeking knowledge as the greatest waste of time of all.

As he and his unhappy thoughts hurried along (for while he was never anxious to be where he was going, he liked to get there as quickly as possible) it seemed a great wonder that the world, which was so large, could sometimes feel so small and empty.

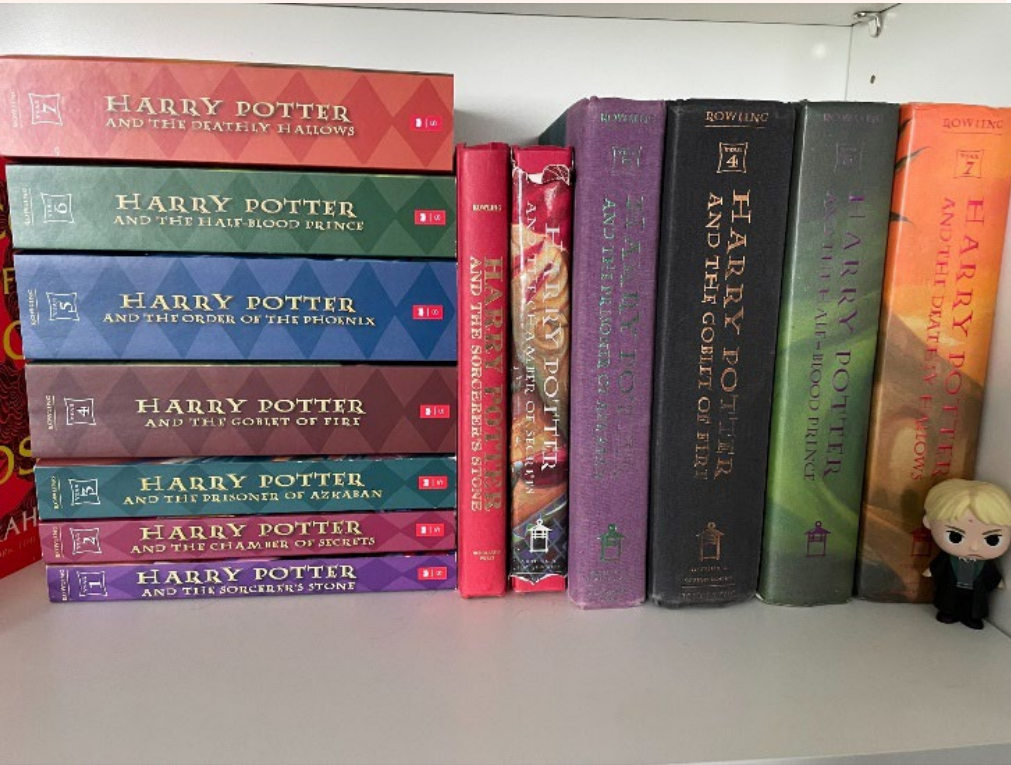
"And worst of all," he continued sadly, "there's nothing for me to do, nowhere I'd care to go, and hardly anything worth seeing," He punctuated this last thought with such a deep sigh that a house sparrow singing nearby stopped and rushed home to be with his family.







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**Recommended by: Alicia Costilla**

**Book Title: *The Harry Potter series (I own most of my original books when I was a little kid, plus a newer set.)***

**Book Author: J.K. Rowling**

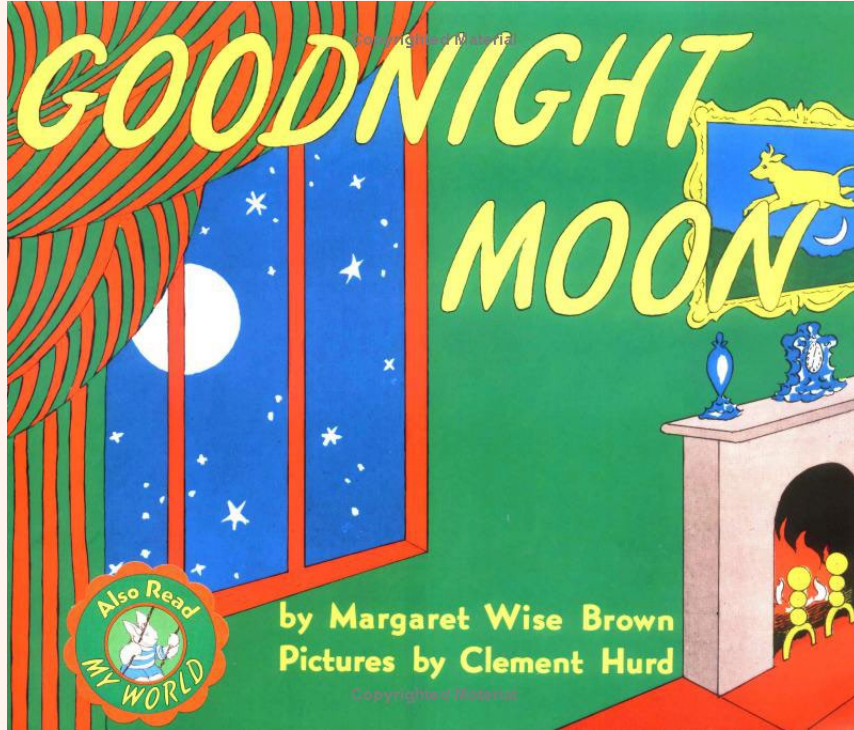


I chose this series because I grew up reading it, and it was the first series I ever read. It made me fall in love with reading, and opened my imagination to a place I didn't really know existed. I still to this day, re-read the series every couple of years to view the stories from a new perspective. I learn something new almost every time.

It has made me the avid learner and reader that I am. It has shown me that it is awesome and okay to be a female book nerd/love school, and also be heroic and strong (like the character Hermione Granger, who I related to very much). I feel it has also made me a good person, who isn't quick to judge others, has empathy, and a passion/love for my friendships.



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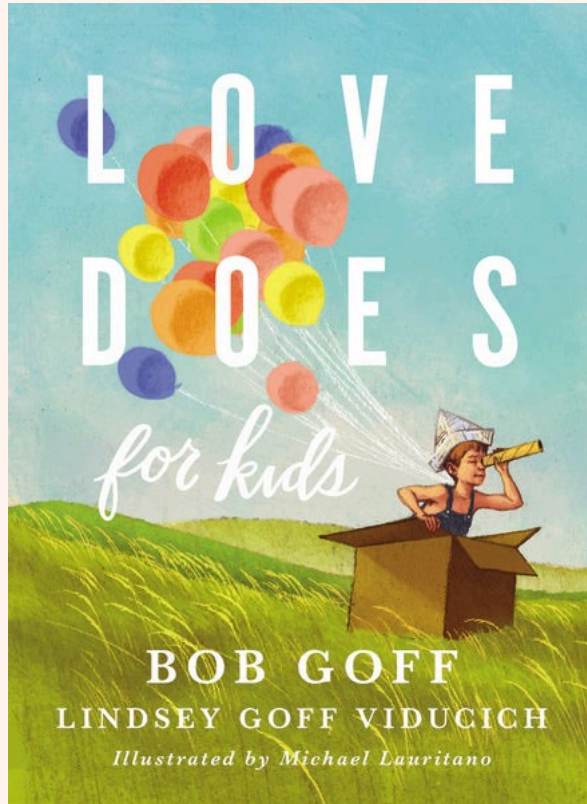
In our house we read Goodnight Moon every night. I have a teenager and a toddler! The toddler is almost 2 and every night he grabs his book and gets his brother (Bubba) and we read this book together for him before bed. This brings our family together to celebrate the day and allows us to find peace and rest in our togetherness.

Recommended by: **Jessica Woosley**

Book Title: ***Goodnight Moon***

Book Author: **Margret Wise Brown**





**Recommended by: Andrea Long**

**Book Title: Love Does for Kids**

**Book Author: Bob Goff**



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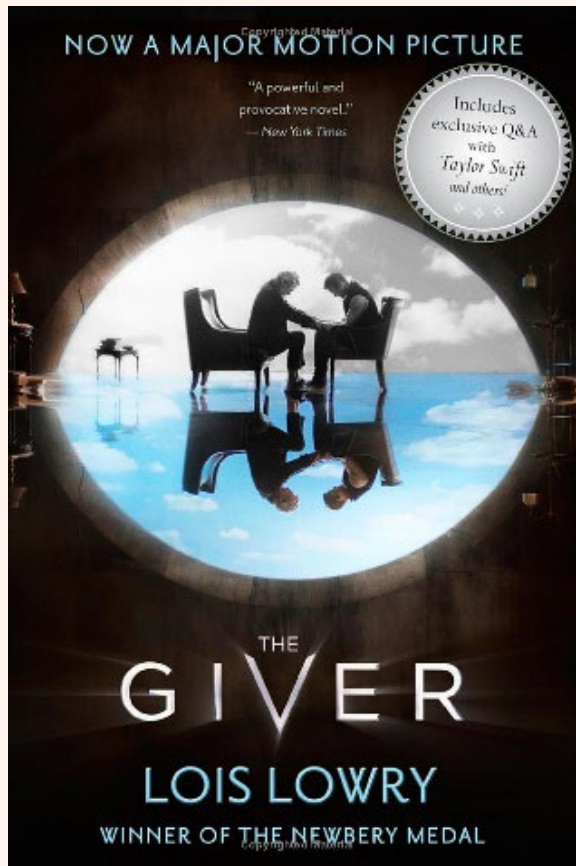


I chose this book because I believe most of life's situations/problems can be solved with love. The book is written in story format with each chapter having a different story/life lesson related to some of the struggle's children in our society face. It frames the situations in a way that helps children take ownership of their mistakes, forgive others and never give up. The overall lesson is to live a life full of love for others.

I have read this book with my children (ages 7 & 9), and they love hearing the stories. One of the chapters talks about the importance of sitting around the table and it sparked an idea for our family. We started a list of dinner guest to have over 1-2 times a month. We cook dinner for them, play games and just love them. Our attendees so far have been friends and family, but we extended the invite to people we don't know that well, such as elderly neighbors and acquaintances. My 2 girls love this tradition, and it helps teach them to accept and love everyone no matter what. It's also been good for me to open up my home to others for the social aspect. Since working from home, I have lost a lot of connections, and this gives me something to look forward to.







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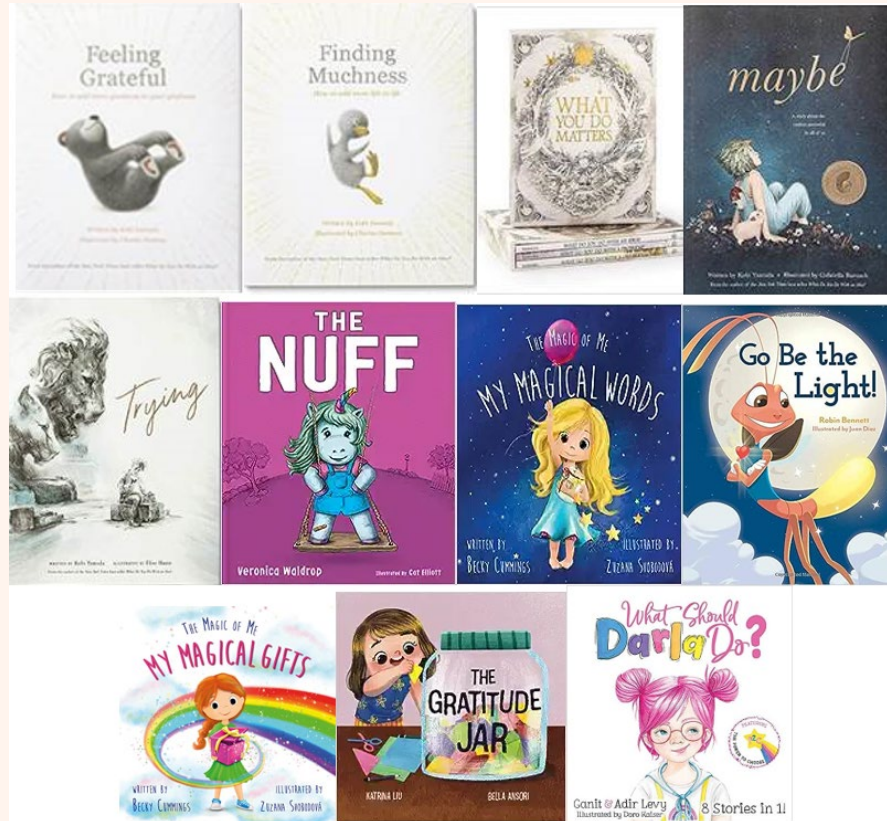
It forces one to think about what being human means. Our family has been discussing this book for years. The things that we sometimes think are “bad” are what makes us human. And we cannot appreciate the good without the bad. It shows how being different is a “good” thing versus everyone being identical. Celebrate the differences. Fantastic deep book

Recommended by: **Amy Blackburn**

Book Title: ***The Giver***

Book Author: **Lois Lowry**





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After much deliberation, I decided it was just too hard to select only ONE book to share. My girls and I went through and decided to nominate a few of our favorites that we've read a thousand times. These are our house favorites and hold a special place in our hearts. I love the message that these convey, especially to littles! They encourage knowing your worth, spreading kindness, practicing kind speech and being grateful for the blessing you have, celebrating uniqueness and empowering children to make good choices. I personally LOVE Kobi Yamada as an author! His books articulate powerful, inspiring messages that I LOVE reading to my girls. They've not only helped my children but have often made me practice more mindfulness when communicating with others and building relationships. I strongly recommend checking out his work! I think As a mother who has daughters, I try to always convey how special they are. My hope is that as they grown, they will come to learn and to know their worth, be brave and always demonstrate kindness to others. Here a just a few of the books my girls, Autumn and Emersyn, wanted to share with everyone:

**Recommended by: Taylor Justice**

## **Various Books:**

**The Nuff – Veronica Waldrop**  
**What Should Darla Do – Adir Levy**  
**My Magical Words – Becky Cummings**  
**My Magical Gifts – Becky Cummings**  
**Be the Light – Robin Bennett**  
**Gratitude Jar – Katrina Liu**

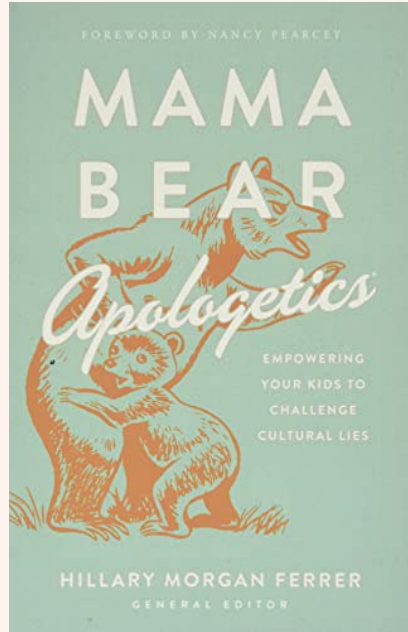
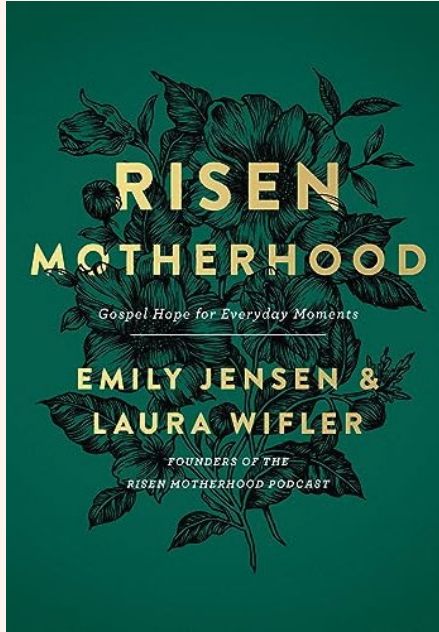
## **By Kobi Yamada:**

**Feeling Grateful**  
**Finding Muchness**  
**What you Do Matters (3 book series)**  
**Maybe**  
**Trying**





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For moms, I would like to also recommend the following books. I found them to be encouraging and offer grace when at times we feel stretched thin, overwhelmed or second guess ourselves with how we are raising/disciplining our children.

Recommended by: **Taylor Justice**

Book Title & Author:

***Risen Motherhood* – Emily Jensen  
& Laura Wifler**

***Mama Bear Apologetics* – Hillary  
Morgan Ferrer**





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It sparked my daughter's interest right away and we read it several times over and over.

I have always loved to read and write and this book gave me the courage to pursue a lifelong dream to write and publish my own book 😊

Since we were all quarantined at home in 2020, I thought this would be the perfect time to put what I learned to use!!

I wrote and published my first book called "Lydia Jean in Quarantine" !!!

This sweet rhyming book will now hold such a special place in our hearts as it described our life during an unprecedented pandemic stuck at home.

Additionally, I wrote a second book last year in 2022 called "Lydia Jean Loves Halloween". My daughter Lydia and I had so much fun putting this together and coming up with ideas. I have attached photos of me and my daughter enjoying How to Make a Book as well as the books I've written since.

Recommended by: **Melanie Mike**

Book Title: **How to Make a Book**

Book Author: **Becky Davies**

