

**Moms, Retire Early!**  
*Parent with Purpose to  
Work Your Way Out of a Job*

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*Moms, Retire Early! Parent with Purpose to Work Your Way out of a Job* will provide moms with a valuable starting point for growing healthy, responsible children. Moms will benefit from the **practical instruction**—techniques to help them teach children to be responsible, caring adults. By providing tried-and-true methods, moms advance toward the goal of effective motherhood: *work your way out of a job*. If moms accomplish this, it means their children are capable and prepared for adulthood. How much better if this instruction is **infused with humor** and cloaked in inspiration!

Helpful **features** include the following:

- **Sidebars and bulleted lists.** Most readers won't have time to spend hours with this book. Instead it will be a resource to grab during a mothering emergency, such as "How do I get my kids to put away their laundry?"
- **Specialty sections:**
  - The **Supply Shelf** sections list task tools in a bulleted list.
  - **Quick Quizzes** give moms valuable insight through open-ended questions.
  - **Household Helps** provide innovative solutions to universal problems.
- **Real-life anecdotes.** People learn best through storytelling. My stories are "ripped from the headlines" of my own family and others. Ranging from hilarious to hellacious, these tales will inspire and irritate, amuse and disgust readers—who are all the while nodding their heads in agreement and recognition.
- **Index.** The book's subject index allows readers to find information about issues ranging from allowances to money issues to travel games.
- **Appendix.** I include a valuable appendix annotating helpful and relevant books, magazines, Web sites, radio programs, and other resources.

The possibility exists for several **follow-up books** with the same premise of encouraging and equipping moms.

Other practical issues books include the following:

- *Moms, Retire Early! The Baby and Toddler Years*
- *Moms, Retire Early! The Preschool Years*
- *Moms, Retire Early! The Teenage Years*

A thorough assessment of **competing titles** about practical motherhood reveals that *Moms, Retire Early!* distinguishes itself in several distinct ways.

- *The Frantic Woman's Guide to Life: A Year's Worth of Hints, Tips, and Tricks* by Mary Jo Rulnick and Judith Burnett Schneider, 416 pages, Warner Books, January 2004.  
*Moms, Retire Early!* has a narrower focus, packing hints and helps into only 200 pages; it also appeals specifically to mothers of school-age kids.
- *Kid Tips* by Tom McMahon, 304 pages, Pocket Books, 1998.  
*Moms, Retire Early!* narrows the scope, appealing primarily to mothers of school-age kids who face problems and issues unique to that season of life.
- *The Year-Round Parent* by Mary Manz Simon, 133 pages, Vine Books, 2001.  
This book delves into the psyche of parents and children and how they can better relate to each other. *Moms, Retire Early!* presents great tips in an entertaining way to inspire and instruct moms day in and day out.
- *Everyday Opportunities for Extraordinary Parenting: Simple Ways to Make a Difference in Your Child's Life* by Bobbi Conner, 320 pages, Sourcebooks, 2001.  
This book's purpose is similar to *Moms, Retire Early!*, but it covers parenting from birth to the teen years in a broad scope, targeting the psychology of creating a secure home. *Moms, Retire Early!* targets mothers of school-age children and equips them in their quest to raise responsible, caring, godly children.
- *The Big Book of Family Fun* by Gwen Ellis, 256 pages, Fleming H. Revell, 1999.  
*Moms, Retire Early!* touches on issues specific to moms of school-age children and breaks up hundreds of tips and ideas with stories, supply lists, and quizzes.