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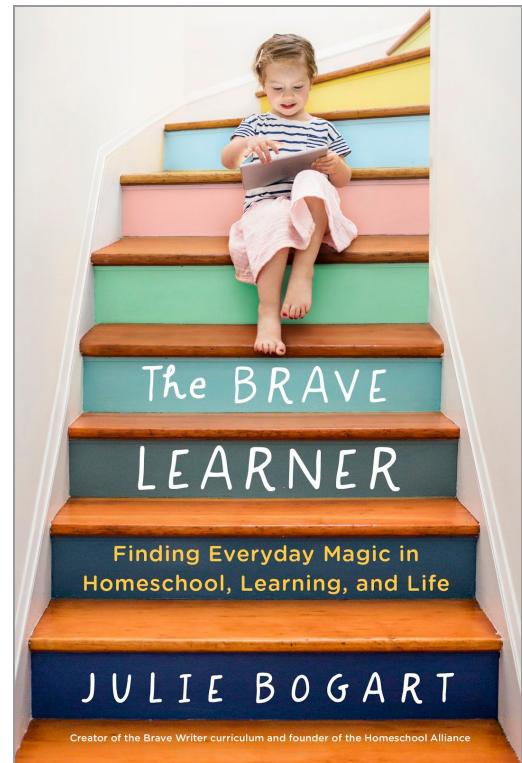
The Brave Learner: Finding Everyday Magic in Homeschool Learning and Life

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Press Release

CINCINNATI, OH -- February 5, 2019 -- Julie Bogart is the popular voice of common sense and compassion for home educators. Her online coaching community, The Homeschool Alliance, her podcast, and her YouTube channel are lifelines for tens of thousands of weary homeschoolers all over the world. She is the creator of the award-winning, innovative online writing program called Brave Writer and the fast-growing weekly habit called Poetry Teatime.

Her new book, The Brave Learner, Finding Everyday Magic in Homeschool, Learning and Life debuted at #1 in Parent Participation in Education and #1 in Homeschooling on opening day of pre-order on Amazon. **Her book ranked 13 on Publisher's Weekly Trade Paperback List opening week of sales.**

Parents who are deeply invested in their children's education can be hard on both themselves and their kids. When exhausted parents are living the day-to-day grind, it can seem impossible to muster enough energy to make learning fun or interesting. How do parents nurture a love of learning amid childhood chaos, parental self-doubt, the flu, and state academic standards?

In her book, Bogart takes **a joyful and accessible approach to homeschooling** that harnesses children's natural curiosity and makes learning a part of everyday life. She identifies twelve principles or "Superpowers" that help kids learn, which include the Four Forces of Enchantment, the Four Capacities for Learning and the Four Ports of Entry.

Says Bogart, "Not every parent is in the position to educate their children at home, nor do they want to. **My book is written for ALL parents**, and provides a hands-on approach with real-world examples that show parents how to make education an exciting, even enchanting, experience for their kids, whether they're in elementary or high school, and whether at home or in a traditional classroom setting."



She continues, “Parents will learn how to incorporate surprise, mystery, risk and adventure in their family’s routine—each day at home and on nights and weekends—so that they create an environment that naturally grows a child’s love of learning. When we, as parents, incite a child’s curious spark, they approach life with curiosity, joy, and the courage to take learning risks.”

Each chapter includes practical activities and ideas that can be implemented right away. A few of the engaging educational activities that are illustrated in the book include: creating a “Continent of Learning” based upon your child’s passions, using perceptual tools such as microscopes, telescopes or kaleidoscopes to help your child see a “different point of view,” and creating a “Great Wall of Questions” filled with colorful sticky notes to research, discuss and answer as a family, as well as themed parties centered around different topics or subjects.

The book is available wherever books are sold and on Audible and Kindle. For more information, visit www.thebraverlearner.com. A free digital downloadable companion guide is available on the website as well.

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Reviews

"This is a valuable handbook on education, one I wish I'd had when my children were young."

Susan Wise Bauer, author of The Well Trained Mind and Rethinking School

"A masterpiece. This is the deepest, most meaningful book on parenting I have ever read. If you want to raise your child to be a happy learner, whether via homeschooling or conventional schooling, read this book."

Barbara Oakley, author of Learning How to Learn and A Mind for Numbers

"Julie Bogart is tireless in providing ingenious and creative help for homeschoolers."

Peter Elbow, Professor of English Emeritus, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

"No one says it like Julie Bogart. Her eyebrow-raising candor, permission-giving practices, and smack-in-the-forehead insights will breathe fresh life into your homeschool days."

Ainsley Arment, Founder of Wild + Free Homeschool Community

"Julie Bogart's everyday magic is her knack for combining galvanizing inspiration and hands-on practicality... This is the guidebook I wish I'd had when I was starting out."

Melissa Wiley, author of Fox and Crow Are Not Friends





About the Author

Julie Bogart homeschooled her 5 children for 17 years who are now adults. She's been awarded the Madges Award from Xavier University for her Outstanding Contribution to Society in 2017 for her creation of Brave Writer. She's an international speaker and her podcast has over a million downloads.

Quotes from The Brave Learner

"To bring enchantment right into your family room, amply supply a table with art materials for use at any time."

"Enchanted education and living are all about small surprises of happy—scattered, littered, peppered throughout the garden-variety days."

"An enchanted education is like kindling a fire. All you need is a book of matches."

"Maybe learning is a big roulette wheel—some kids land on grammar, some on microbiology, and others on video games. It's like a mystery religion getting kids to be interested in the 'right' subjects."

"One principle of an enchanted education is to see the surprising interconnections. Notice the magical doorknobs and turn the handles!"

"The key to a successful education is not remembering the sequence of battles in WWI or getting an A on the geometry test—it's the ability to make meaningful use of any and all information."



"Everything can be taught through anything."

"When your child feels connected and happy, your child is learning the most."

"We can't create space for traditional school subjects to be loved by children until we help them to be meaningful to children."

"Anything can teach everything and everything can teach anything, if we choose to see the connections and trust the child's love of learning already at work."

Sample Interview Questions

1. How do you square the notion of enchantment with education and academic objectives?
2. You describe that educators and parents can either "blow a bellows" at an interest or douse it with a "bucket of water." Can you give examples of when we do each one without even realizing it?
3. What is the role of independence and collaboration in learning?
4. How does a parent or teacher use a child's interests to arouse interest in traditional school subjects?
5. Would you describe the "B-HAG" (big hairy audacious goals) and how it helps children "own" their education?
6. How can I be sure my child will be ready for college if I follow a Brave Learner model of education?

