

SAMPLE: BOOK PROPOSAL EXCERPT  
*GRADUATIONS AND GROWTH:  
HELP FOR POST-HOMESCHOOLING MOMS*

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(Successful: Publisher is currently considering publication.)

CONCEPT/COVER LETTER

The purpose of this nonfiction book is to help mothers who have home educated their children make the transition to the next season of their own lives.

The number of families home educating continues to grow. When we think of these families, the focus is almost always on the children, currently 850,000 to 1.5 million, depending on whom you ask. But in each family a mother is investing her life in teaching and training her children. As these legions of children graduate, all those mothers face a major transition in their lives. They deserve our focus, too. Moms who finish homeschooling must learn to let go of the children in whom they have invested their lives, and they must find God's new direction for their own lives.

I have shared this experience. I think I have some insights to share and the writing experience to authentically communicate them to women. I am a real mother with whom they can identify, and so are the mothers whose interviews appear throughout the book.

Homeschooling parents can go to bookstores and find whole shelves of books of help and encouragement. Research has been done on how alumni of homeschooling fare when they enter the various spheres of young adulthood. But I have found nothing that addresses the transition that affects women when their home teaching careers end at the same time that their nests empty.

Women who home educate are readers. They will continue to read when home education draws to a close. In fact, they will have more time to read than they did before, and they will use it to read what helps and interests them. I foresee the possibility of presenting the post-homeschooling transition as a workshop topic or at home-education conferences. I recommend that local support groups begin mentor programs for women whose children are graduating, and this book would aid that ministry.