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# **From Reader Review Growing Grateful Kids: Teaching Them to Appreciate an Extraordinary God in Ordinary Places for online ebook**

**Sienna says**

This book was awesome! Not only did I learn a lot about being a better parent, but this book forced me to think about myself and my own habits and behaviors, and I really appreciated this book.

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**Mandy J. Hoffman says**

## **BOOK OVERVIEW:**

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## **MY REVIEW:**

*Growing Grateful Kids* is amazing!

Susie has written a parenting book that breaks the mold on traditional parenting books with it's approach that you can't give what you don't have. This 236 page book not only gives biblical advice and direction on how to raise your children, but points out ways to implement godly perspective and character in your own life. Each of the 16 chapters is followed be a "personal application" and a "parental application" section that will help you to apply the truth of what you just read.

I was personally blessed by Susie's humble and real life manner and examples. Her writing addresses issues such as grace, humility, wisdom, contentment, compassion, forgiveness - and more - with deep biblical truth presented in an easy-to-understand format. I was convicted with every chapter and encouraged with each turn of the page. The focus is not about what to-do, or not-to-do, instead the focus is on the Word of God, the life of Chris,t and what that means to our daily lives as parents.

This book should be a must-read for all parents at any stage of the game. You will be encouraged and blessed, challenged and refreshed! There are not many books I give a 5-star rating to, but this is one of them! It is worth investing in your own copy so that you can dog-ear and underline important truths that will bring inspiration each time you browse through this book again.

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### **Faith says**

Best book on parenting I've read. "You cannot impart what you don't possess." Life-changing.

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### **Jake Jordan says**

Surprise, surprise - the best way to raise grateful kids is to model it! You can't give what you don't possess. This is a practical application book that wals through some funny and heart warming stories of how we can be expecant, and pray for wisdom when it comes to gratitude.

Bottom line gratitude, much like forgiveness, is not an event but a lifestyle that is only possible with God.

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### **Melissa says**

One of the best parenting books I have read! Loved it! Worth reading again and will refer back to this book as needed. Learned a lot about myself and how to approach different life situations with my kids.

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### **Kristin Harris says**

I loved this book! Usually, I will read a parenting book, garner bits and pieces of applicable advice, and then pass it on To a friend. Not this one! Call me selfish, but I plan to keep and retread this book countless times! This will be a gift to my friends with children as well.

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### **Emmy Boesch says**

This is one of the best parenting books I have ever read, I cannot recommend it enough. I found it so inspiring and also convicting in a lot of ways and it definitely changed the way I look at want vs. need both for myself and my kids.

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### **Becky says**

A favorite quote: "Remind them (your children) who they are. Tell them what they mean to you. Seek God for insights into their character and their God-given destiny. When the Lord created your beautiful child, He had a specific calling in mind for him or her. Right now He is working behind the scenes, engineering circumstances, and working on divine appointments for your child because their life is that important to Him! As far as God is concerned, your child is an absolute masterpiece. A treasure to be treasured. A gift to

be nurtured. And a life bursting with potential."

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### **Darcy says**

I really enjoyed the themes of this book and the author's use of Bible verses and personal examples to get her points across. She is confident in her points but writes with humility and humor...I often times found myself smiling as I read one of her stories. This is a book that I plan to refer to again and again over the years to keep the concepts fresh and on the forefront...and for encouragement too.

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### **Laureanne says**

One of the best books on Christian parenting I have read!

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### **Heather says**

I marked a few pages that I thought had good points but overall, I was disappointed. I was expecting more practical advice.

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### **Kristin says**

I enjoyed this book a lot, although I believe her presentation was outstanding. I heard her speak at Hearts at Home and was brought to tears by her story. She battled Lymes Disease and her husband had cancer and at some times they couldn't afford to make more than one pancake! She has a great attitude about life and if I would encourage you to try and hear her speak.

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### **Tami says**

This book has four sections:

Model Thankfulness

Teach Perspective

Encourage Faith

Live Abundantly

Each of these sections contain four chapters. Within each chapter contains relevant scripture and quotes, personal application and parental application. Yes, moms, that means we have to apply what we learn to ourselves before we can begin to having a changing effect on our children. This book spoke to my heart.

Guilt emerged. Yet, I realized that guilt would only prevent me from moving forward. So, I repented of my slackness as a parent and have asked for God's help to redeem the time I've wasted. Using the suggestions in this book to become a grateful parent, I'm sure to rub off on my kiddos.

One section of the book really stuck out at me. Susie writes:

"We plants seeds with every word we say. The thing is... are we planting weeds or something beautiful?"

I'm afraid there are many weeds, thanks to my mouth. Thank God for His forgiveness and the Holy Spirit who can change me from the inside out, as I allow Him to.

Thanks to Moody Publishers for the review copy of this book. I received it in exchange for my honest review.

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### **Lori says**

My mom's Bible study group did this book together. Susie's stories are so inspiring! She gives great ways to grow spiritually grounded kids. Her writing style is so personal, and easy to read. Thoroughly enjoyed this book and it gave me so much to think about!

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### **Kristen says**

A must-read for all parents. This book is amazing. It has definitely made me think even more about the awesome responsibility that we have been given as parents to raise the future "world changers." The words that we say to our children, how we react to their good AND bad choices, and how they see us live our lives will influence the kind of people that they grow up to be...a very humbling thought. My favorite quote from the book that pops in my head on a regular basis: "We cannot impart what we do not possess."

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