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# Between Mom And Me: Mother Son Journal



## Synopsis

For the mother and son who crave a rule-free, creative way to connect with each other. This engaging prompt journal is the perfect tool to strengthen your mother son relationship. Record memories together, swap stories, compare perspectives, and explore common and unique interests. Letters back and forth and interactive lists invite you both to reflect, write, and doodle about topics timely to your life as he builds self-confidence and improves his penmanship. Let master storyteller Katie Clemons help your son unearth the power of his story and best of all . . . discover a great bond with his mom. For ages 9 and up.

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## Customer Reviews

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wait until our school semester started before we had begun writing in our "Mom and Me" journal. It's pretty cool when your teenage son can't wait to do a writing project with you!" - Heidi, Ohio USA "I bought the mother/son journal to do with my 13 year old. I am thrilled that I will have this keepsake. Memories not just from my perspective, but from my son's as well. Simply awesome." -Laura, Texas USA "The Secret to Getting Your Teen to Talk"--Wall Street Journal "So cute and thought provoking. My 8 year old son thought this was the best gift ever. I look forward to all the secrets and fun stories we are going to share with each other." --Mary Lee, Florida USA "I absolutely love this journal. My 13 year old adopted son has attachment issues that stem from trauma from his early childhood. This is an excellent way for us to bond." --Kathleen, Indiana USA "I ordered four journals [by Katie Clemons] recently, one for each of my children (ages 6-13). I knew my girls would love them, but my boys are reluctant writers, so I hoped they would tolerate the journals as part of their homeschool day. Well, both of my boys (ages 8 and 13) LOVE these journals! My 13 yr old son told me "This is the most awesome writing thing ever!" and didn't even wait until our school semester started before we had begun writing in our "Mom and Me" journal. It's pretty cool when your teenage son can't wait to do a writing project with you!" --Heidi, Ohio USA "I bought the mother/son journal to do with my 13 year old. I am thrilled that I will have this keepsake. Memories not just from my perspective, but from my son's as well. Simply awesome." --Laura, Texas USA

Katie Clemons is a storycatcher and award-winning journal crafter. She helps folks celebrate their life stories and nurture deeper bonds with their families while finding greater joy and gratitude.

I am a homeschooling parent who tries to work journaling into our studies at least once per week. Last school year, we did the traditional composition books with space for a picture at the top. However, that became very monotonous so I was on the search for something more fun, engaging, and ever changing for this year. I hit the nail on the head with this! I loved that it made journaling a give and take between my son and I, and when I asked him what he thought he was really excited about it. We're over 12 weeks in now, and it has most certainly lived up to both of our expectations. At the beginning of the book, you choose how you want to go about it and who can read it. We kept ours top secret between just the two of us, and that makes it even cooler. It's like passing notes with a friend at school. We're always thrilled to see what the other has to say. It's fun! I hope he looks back on it one day and sees how much I love him and worked to make his education and our communication with one another so special.

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### Our Most Difficult Bonding: Mother - Child

Around this time last year I was having the most difficult time in my relationship with my oldest son. To say we were in crisis would be accurately describing it. I had tried all the ways I knew how to motivate him to do what I thought was best and had failed. Yeah, did you catch that? Our interactions became so stressful. He was frustrated and I was unyielding. I didn't know what else to do (punishment, positive motivation, prayer). Have you been there? A dear friend rescued me. Aware that I was going through this, she showed up on my doorsteps, un-announced, during one of my desperate attempts to fix it all, one day. I am so grateful I have beautiful amazing friends to grow wise with, as we wing this Mom gig together. Cherish those friends in your lives, be that friend, dear Moms! Her visit was a turning point for me (because I don't wanna call it an intervention). I realized my son's love language is what I needed to KNOW and LIVE OUT if I wanted to reach him. Yes, I heard it straight from him. Knowing this and taking action has been transformative. [read some of my other Connecting With Your Child posts for more on this.] Then just last month, I found something that perfectly fits his love language. The Between Mom & Me - Mother Son Journal. I've known that my son always saves every little note I write to him. He hangs on to every heart shaped post-it that I stick on his laptop screen. But I was not prepared for this. I read through the journal and decided to introduce it to him and start using it this week. Honestly, I just hoped I could keep it together and not bawl through every page I wrote or read. We've done four pages. So far just ONE page lacked bawling. The other three, forgettaboutit. Katie Clemons, a brilliant author and mom herself, created this journal so Mom and Child can record memories together, swap stories, compare perspectives and explore common and unique interests. Letters back and forth and interactive lists invite you both to reflect, write, and doodle about topics timely to your life as your son builds self-confidence. The intro has a Mom's Perspective note with great ideas on how to implement this. I love that Katie writes, "...boys can also feel uncomfortable or embarrassed to share intimate things aloud --like "hey Mom, I have armpit hair now!" I laughed and imagined that type of randomness out of my son making its way into our journal...which of course, I would be totally open to! Of course. [Putting in my request now for Katie to work on a Dad and Son Journal next, please and thank you!]. Besides the writing itself, my son's other favorite part of this is that we get to pick a special spot (read: no little brother meddling) where we place the journal in order to pass it back and forth when we're done with our entries. We decided that when he finishes writing his page he places it in between the stack of books on my night stand. When I finish reading what he wrote and replying, I place it in between the stack of books next to his bed, too! Guess what is the first thing he does when he wakes up in the mornings? Twice now he came running to wake me up and I got the best, most heartfelt I-love-you with a hug. But the first

time it was followed by some eye-opening, heartrending words. After hugging me, he said: "I always knew you loved me, but it makes me feel loved when I read all of that and know that you took time to write it, not just say it." Seriously, people. Am I just too busy or caught up in the days that I couldn't see this before??? Yes, since my last stress crisis, I had definitely slowed down from the frantic scheduling and accomplishment-driven mode in hyper academics, volunteering commitments, and everything else in between, BUT I had NOT taken that very same energy and determination to focus on the heart matters. I had NOT given it priority. Have you been there? If I would prioritize tending to his heart as much as I prioritize tending to his academics, his sports, his extracurricular, his faith, his volunteering, his social life... The journal is not just back and forth individual writing, some of the pages you and your son get to do together! We have made time to sit together, uninterrupted to work on the pages at the same time. I can't tell you how precious those minutes were! I also imagine, as Katie very much intended, what it will be like to pick up this journal in 5 and even 10 years. Don't even get me started. The waterworks. I saw that one of the pages we haven't done yet has this prompt question from your son to you: "Tell me about a relative I didn't get to know well." My own Mom. I get to write the best funniest, fun, loving, and treasured memories about her to my son who was so little when she went to Heaven. I'm gonna need to do this one during deep sobbing, shuddering-shoulder, ugly-cry day when I'm home alone. Penciling it in now, right after my pedicure. I purchased this journal myself and received no monetary compensation for it or for writing this post. My opinions here are truly because we love this and the additional emotional connection and bonding it has provided my son and me. Now here is the page of our journal I am able to share with you because it was funny and I only teared up a little bit as I smiled writing it to him. His page with the same question about me, however, did me in. Yep. Not gonna lie. But he did write that he "gets his sarcastic humor from me." Which I thought was hilarious. No idea what he's talking about! This is my page, writing to him: ... "More including personal photos on RealMomsWingingIt.

My son struggles with writing and generally hates it. I bought this hoping he would enjoy the back and forth and "secret" nature of the journal, and he has. He enjoys the questions and finds it fun. He likes to pick out the questions to ask me and looks forward to reading my responses.

This is cute and provides a journal that can be quickly filled out without having to be overthoughtful. It is perfect for bonding through writing with a busy schedule.

Cute book. We'll put together. Read through all the reviews that mom's had great bonding moments with their son. I presented to my son and he looks at me with that grin I love so much and the mischievous twinkle in his eye and said, "umm mom, I'm not the type of kid who likes this type of thing". We had a huge laugh because I knew it was true and had just hoped. Ha Ha. So we had a good bonding moment anyway.

A great way to bond with your child. My seven year old loves it, but my 11 year old says it feels like homework.

Adorable little journal. My son was resistant to writing in it at first, but he now loves that it is our special thing.

Bought for 14 yr old son and mom to do. We're having fun with it.

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