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How does a woman build her house? Nancy Wilson begins with the table, remembering how each scratch and stain in the wood chronicles a memory—"hours of stories and jokes, questions and concerns (through courtships and pregnancies), prayers and discussions..." She continues, each essay full of stories and encouragement—the beauty of imperfection, the comfort of Velveeta, the strengths of mothers- and daughters-in-law, the honesty that is submission, the laughter of reading aloud. As ever, while Nancy draws out our sins and weaknesses and sore spots, she comforts us with the favor of God and rouses us to a joyous faith.

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Sally Baumann says

Some parts were good, others infuriating. She came across as ignorantly judgmental at times. At one point in the book, she actually says that women should not "go to war" and be in the military because it isn't a feminine ideal. Seriously? As a military veteran myself, I find her broad & sweeping judgments/comments both laughable and sad. Serving in the military does not make a woman "less female". Some of the girliest girls I know are currently serving overseas, and are class acts in terms of manners and feminine virtues. While I enjoyed the marriage aspect of this book, her "wisdom" regarding child rearing and how one should raise daughters missed the mark for me. GO NAVY!

Mary A says

This was a super fast read (read in about an hour!) It is an entertaining and helpful book on a variety of different subjects. The short essays had some gems in them that I will surely go back to again. It's not the most theologically deep of her books, but is a very practical overview and worth the read!

Johanna says

I see where Rachel Jankovic got her common sense and mom/wife skills: her own, wise mother, Nancy Wilson.

Like Rachel's books, this one from Nancy is chock-full of no-nonsense, very wise advice for common issues among wives and mothers. I love her straight talk and gentle toughness, and her unwillingness to bend from the kind of wife/mom Scripture declares Christian women ought to be.

Her brand of dealing with a grey day and bad attitudes? "When the rain brings a case of the blues, break out the good spirits and glad comfort and let the kids slosh around in it." She also prescribes Advil, Starbucks and good homemade Mac and cheese. :-)

i really enjoyed the book and will recommend it often.

Aaron Ventura says

Nancy Wilson's books are a refreshing tonic in an age of worldliness. This book is painfully practical, quick to read (the chapters are about 3 pages each), and full of stories that help illustrate how to apply basic Christian virtues. Highly recommend.

Becky Pliego says

I don't remember when was the first time I read this one, but today I re-read it -mainly because of the chapter about mothers-in law (very good!)- Nancy is always very practical and biblical.

This is a very light book, and super easy to read... like mac and cheese ;)

Hollie D says

Read first in 2012.

Revisited in 2017. Waited too long to pick this up again. So much excellent advice and exhortation.

James says

I think this is a spectacular book. I believe this book to be highly important for our ladies to read or listen to (there is an audio version). I also think that our men could benefit from this as they have to sanctify their wives and this would be helpful in understanding the process.

The book is written in a humble and cordial tone. It is friendly in its approach and caring in its application. The book fills the void of the older women mentioned in Titus 2:3-5, "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

I can't emphasize enough the need for this book to be read!

Catherine Gillespie says

I find Nancy Wilson's writing refreshingly practical and biblical without being judgemental or confusing methods with principles. Her latest book, Building Her House: Commonsensical Wisdom for Christian Women fits the mold and is at once encouraging and convicting.

I was personally convicted at many points, including how I talk to the kids when I get caught up in the whoosh of my schedule and to do list, and you will probably find your conscience pricked at different points. The book contains wisdom for mothers at all stages, and I enjoyed reading them all. I found it interesting to read the sections for mothers of all tiny littles and remember the days when I had three kids under three years old – from this vantage point I can see that God really did give me grace then, and I can see the wisdom in the advice Wilson gives to mothers in that stage. Likewise, it was interesting to me to read the sections for mothers of older children, so that I can see where I'm headed.

{Read my full review here}

Lauren Smith says

There is a lot of great advice in this book. I enjoyed reading it. Another wonderful book I just finished is called, "The Power of a Virtuous Woman" by author Paula Penn-Nabrit. This is a non-fiction book written for Christians, which explores Proverbs 31 and the issue of virtue for women with examples used from King David, Bathsheba and King Solomon. <http://www.telosinc.org/>

Molly Whelan says

I appreciate Nancy Wilson's wisdom and directness. She is concise and helpful. This was more of a review to me now, but I imagine that if I had read about these principles when I was engaged, it would have been a game changer for our early marriage.

Lauren says

I enjoyed reading this book. It was full of practical advice by a wise woman and delivered in a winsome manner. Though I did not agree with all the advice, I believe it is all worth considering. I especially appreciated her chapter on rainy days and sabbath dinners.

Daniel and Rebekah Eikum says

Practical thoughts on womanly faith (not about housekeeping, like the cover suggests). I was a little bummed because I thought she was going to talk strategy for house keeping but she talks strategy for heart-keeping and I needed that too.

I was challenged and surprised by the chapters on why you should put your son in sports. Needed that. And the danger of flattery to sons. Interesting!

Hannah says

I loved how this book opened the conversation on so many topics that I think need more discussion, for example, masculinity and femininity in sports. I think that sometimes further debate on these topics would refine Wilson's ideas on them a little, but really, I don't think she said anything I could ultimately disagree with.

<http://shakespeareswife.blogspot.co.u...>

Lindsay says

A fabulous short read for all Christian women. Nancy speaks truth with boldness and doesn't beat around the bush. Enjoyed it immensely.

Rachel says

Lots of great practical insights and godly wisdom for women of all ages from Nancy Wilson. I think my favorite chapters were those on the family table, rainy day blues, submission, and raising sons.
