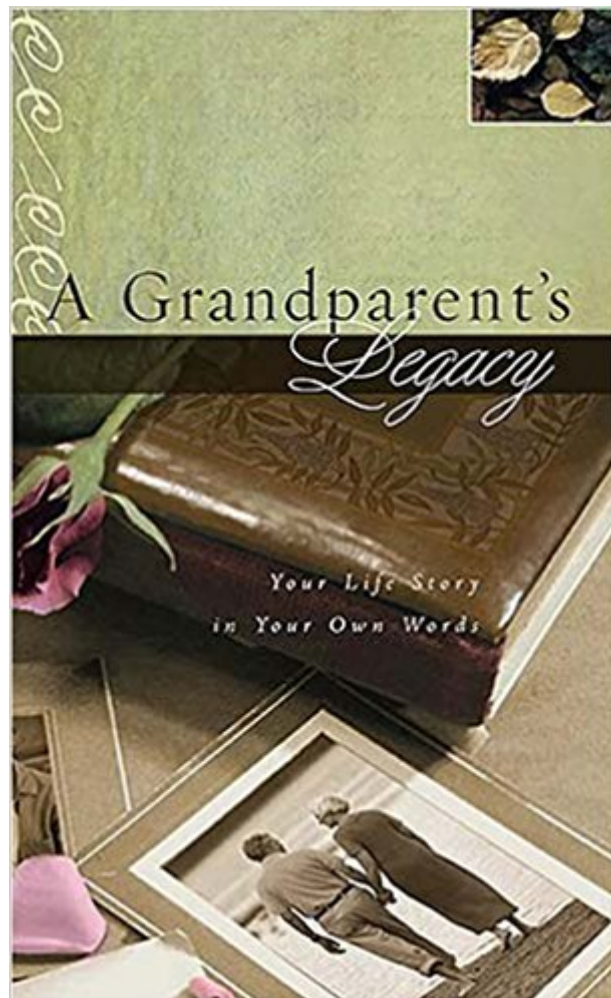




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A Grandparent's Legacy: Your Life Story In Your Own Words



Synopsis

This grandparent's memory journal takes you on a journey that will become a cherished family memoir. Designed in a 12-month format, each month features 12 intriguing questions with space to write a personal answer. Questions explore family history, childhood memories, lighthearted incidents, cherished traditions, and the dreams and spiritual adventures encountered in a lifetime of living. The written words become windows to a grandparent's heart.

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Customer Reviews

(review written by Nick's wife) I came across these memory books in a parenting magazine and loved the idea of having my children's grandparents fill them out. I even bought some for my grandparents to fill out for me. After searching through everything has to offer, I ended up purchasing a variety of books. I chose Mom, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, Tell Me Your Memories, A Grandparent's Legacy and Memories for My Grandchild. A Grandparent's Legacy is probably my favorite of the books I purchased. It is laid out month-by-month with topics to discuss. The book measures 8" x 5" with a nice covered spiral binding and is about .75" thick. Each page has topics to discuss and lines for writing. I was slightly disappointed in all the Tell Me Your Memory books. I'm not sure what I was expecting, but I really didn't think they would all be the same with a different cover page as they are. I was really disappointed in the size of the books. They are 4" x 5.5" with a 1" spiral binding. Each is about 1" thick. It is laid out for a full calendar year - each day having a different question or memory for the person to write about. The pages have a question at the top and are blank (no lines) below. Memories for My Grandchild has the most flexible layout - meaning

there is no guide for filling things out at a certain time. It is also the largest book, measuring about 8" x 10" and just less than 1" thick. It has a covered spiral binding. This is the only book with a pocket in the back to drop in any special items and a pull-out page to fill in the family tree. The pages in this book are lined as well. The books all cover similar questions and memories. I haven't gone page-by-page to compare, but have been pleased with what I've seen so far. Since the books are so similar, I'm basing my overall opinion on the appearance and friendliness of the layout.

I bought 3 different grandparent books to review so I could reorder the best one and give to my parents and parent-in-laws to write in for my son. Here are my thoughts on this one: Positives are that it seems to have enough space to write and the questions seem good. Negatives are no envelope for extra pictures or memories, and not much space for photos (only 2 pages in the book for photos). It is designed to complete in a year, each chapter is a month and there are about 7-10 questions per month (some questions have 2-3 parts). I would recommend *Memories For My Grandchild* instead, which is what I am going to order and hope it gets here by the holiday.

Lots of interesting questions for whoever is filling this out to answer. I recommend that people forget about the monthly format and just thumb through and answer the ones that seem to be the most interesting at the time. The downside is that the ink used for printing is very light. (That's the reason for my 4 stars.) It was even hard for me to see without bright light. Hoping my 95 year old dad can see the print well enough not to get discouraged. (He still uses his rototiller and chainsaw, so he is quite capable.) Hint for the publisher....not everyone has excellent eyesight and light gray printing is harder to see than black printing.

Of all the "grandmother/family history" books I have seen (and I've checked out over 25!) this one is the most creative, personal, and offers the best opportunities to capture part of a history that no one else in the family can replicate. For example, it asks the writer to reflect on such topics as: "What was the most difficult choice you ever had to make? Would you make the same choice again?" Telling your grandchild something like that is REALLY sharing on the most intimate levels...and is so much more enlightening than "What was your mother's favorite recipe?". I have not only enjoyed writing the answers in this book but have enjoyed the challenge of sifting through my memories and trying to select the most meaningful episodes to share with my grandchild! If you are a person who has enjoyed keeping a journal or diary then this is THE best memory book to share with your grandchildren! Truly exceptional!

I can only review the quick look I took at them. I bought one for each of the 4 grandparents and gave them as gifts for Christmas. They are going to fill them out over the next year and give them back to my daughter for Christmas next year. It is broken up into month sections so they only have to answer a few questions every month. I thought this feature would make it more likely that the men would fill it out. I don't worry about the grandma's but the grandpa's needed something simple. My grandparents died when I was in high school so I hope this is a way for her to get to know them no matter how long they are in her life. I wish I had something like this from my grandparents, but I am a total sap. :)

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