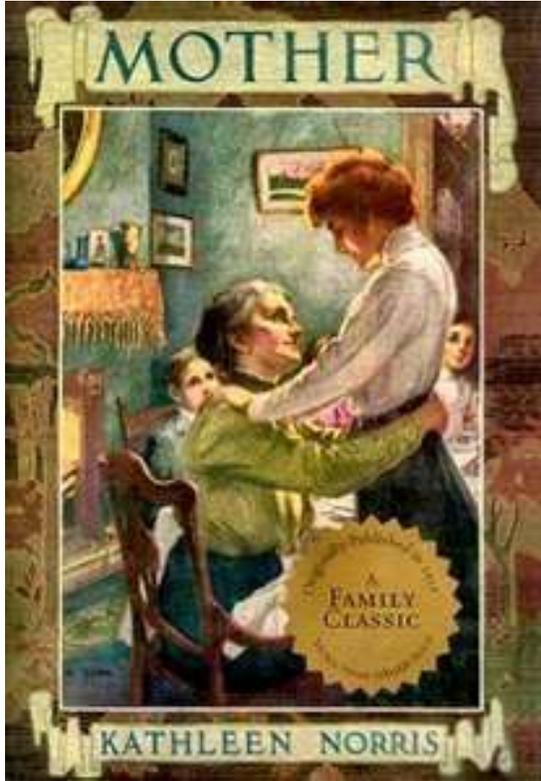


Book Review



Kathleen Norris – *Mother*



Age Appropriateness

6 10 14 16 18+ All **None**

Reading Level

6 10 14 16 18+

Genre Fiction

Language (Col 3:8; Eph 4:29; Matt 5:37; Titus 2:8)



Mature Themes



Feminism (Although this book is anti-feminism)

False Teaching (Titus 1:10-11)



Violence (1 Tim 3:3; Prov 16 29)



Impurity (Eph 5:5; Isa 64:6; 1 Thes 4:7-8)



Bad Characters (1 Cor 15:33)



Foolishness (Prov 15:2; Prov 15:14; Ecc 10:13)



Foolish women who believe elegance, fine speech, and learning is better than children and family.

“There’s something magnificent in a woman like your mother, who begins eight destinies instead of one ... Responsibility, - that’s what other women say they are afraid of! But it seems to me there’s no responsibility like that of decreeing that young lives simply shall not be. Why, what good is learning, or elegance of manner, or painfully acquired fineness of speech, and taste and point of view, if you are not going to distil it into growing plants, the only real hope we have in the world!”

Mother is an amazing book about a young lady who rejects the idea that a woman’s calling is in her home. She leaves home to find fulfillment in a career and social life, but in the end, God brings her back and shows her what it really is to be a mother.

Prov 31:10-31

Who can find a virtuous wife?
For her worth is far above rubies.
The heart of her husband safely trusts her;
So he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
And willingly works with her hands.
She is like the merchant ships,
She brings her food from afar.
She also rises while it is yet night,
And provides food for her household,
And a portion for her maidservants.
She considers a field and buys it;
From her profits she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength,
And strengthens her arms.
She perceives that her merchandise is good,
And her lamp does not go out by night.
She stretches out her hands to the distaff,
And her hand holds the spindle.
She extends her hand to the poor,
Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid of snow for her household,
For all her household is clothed with scarlet.
 She makes tapestry for herself;
 Her clothing is fine linen and purple.
 Her husband is known in the gates,
When he sits among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells them,
And supplies sashes for the merchants.
 Strength and honor are her clothing;
 She shall rejoice in time to come.
 She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And on her tongue is the law of kindness.
She watches over the ways of her household,
And does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praises her:
 "Many daughters have done well,
 But you excel them all."
Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing,
But a woman who fears the Lord , she shall be praised.
 Give her of the fruit of her hands,
And let her own works praise her in the gates.

Major Book Themes

Motherhood, Family, anti-feminism

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