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Hunt's "Bonding with your child through boundaries" (Book Review)

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Hunt, J. (2015). *Bonding with your child through boundaries*. Wheaton, IL: Crossway. 263 pp. \$15.99. ISBN 9781433543340

This book is well-suited to collections that center on higher level Christian books on child-rearing. It's not meant to be a theoretical, scholarly treatise on parenting, nor does it aim to instruct brand new parents in the area of infant care. Rather, it is meant as a practical guide for thoughtful parents on how to combine developing emotional closeness and raising children with consistent, effective discipline. Its principal author, June Hunt, has distinguished herself through many previous publications in the realm of counseling. Co-author Peggy Sue Wells adds depth and insight to the text.

Section 1 deals with boundaries and child rearing in general, including a Q & A chapter. In the second section, Hunt includes very practical, "how-to" chapters to guide parents in the details of how to implement the biblical concepts she espouses. She encourages parents to set boundaries in common areas of conflict with children, including use of electronic toys, TV, internet, and phones; bedtime and mealtime; eating; clothing; friendships, and schoolwork.

Boundaries extend to many other aspects of a child's behavior as he or she interacts with peers and adults. She also includes practical advice for areas such as etiquette, anger issues, temper, whining, and appropriate responses to adults. The process of training up a child within boundaries is meant to be handled with consistency, and a Christian love that is both firm and kind.

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Cook, J. H. (2106). *The burning of the White House*. Washington DC: Regnery History. 433 pp. \$29.99. ISBN 9781621574781

Jane Hampton Cook served on the staff of former president George W. Bush in the White House. As such, she saw the remaining scorch marks from the burning of the White House. While evacuating the Eisenhower Executive Office Building during the September 11, 2001 terror attacks, Cook imagined what the Madisons and other Americans felt during the invasion of Washington City, now Washington D.C., during the War of 1812. Developing this book after years of deep research resulted in an engaging narrative that provides viewpoints of many individuals affected by the burning of Washington in 1814.