

BOOK 4 · THE TRANSFORMATION SERIES

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The Investment

Raising Sovereign Children (And Re-Parenting Yourself)

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"What you heal in yourself, you never pass to your child. This guide is where that healing gets witnessed."

How to Use This Guide

This guide contains 41 questions organized into thematic sections, plus 5 experiential exercises designed to move the conversation from your heads into your lives. You will not get through all 41 questions in one sitting — and that's the point. Use the questions that pull at something. Skip the ones that don't. Come back to the ones that made someone go quiet.

This guide works best when the group has agreed to three things: radical honesty, generous listening, and confidentiality. What is shared in the room stays in the room. What is heard in the room can change a life.

A N O T E T O T H E F A C I L I T A T O R

This is the most emotionally tender guide in the series. Book 4 touches on childhood, parents, wounds, and the ways we pass what we never healed on to the people we love most. Create the safest possible container before you begin. Remind your group: we are not here to blame our parents or shame ourselves as parents. We are here to be honest about what we received, what we're passing on, and what we're choosing to change. Some people will cry. Some will go quiet. Both responses are welcome. Go slowly. Leave space.

Opening: The Patterns We Were Given

- 1 What did love look like in the home you grew up in? How was it expressed — or withheld?
- 2 What message did you receive as a child about emotions — was it safe to cry, to be angry, to need things, to take up space?
- 3 What did you have to be or do to earn love or approval in your childhood home? What happened when you didn't earn it?
- 4 What belief about yourself formed in childhood that you can see still operating in your adult life?
- 5 What is the most significant thing your parents got right? What is the most significant thing they got wrong? (Both can be true. Both matter.)

Part One: Seeing the Cycle

- 6 The book describes a 'playground moment' — the jarring recognition of your own wounds in your child's behavior. Has your group had that moment? What was it like?
- 7 The book argues that generational patterns are transmitted not just through behavior, but through what we model about worth, love, conflict, and self. What are the children in your life currently learning from watching you?
- 8 What patterns from your family of origin can you see showing up in your current relationships — romantic, friendships, professional?
- 9 The book says children will sacrifice their own needs to preserve the attachment to their caregivers. Can you see where you did that as a child? Can you see where the children in your life are doing it now?
- 10 What cycle — in your family's story — are you determined to break? How is that going?

Part Two: The Re-Parenting Practice

- 11 Re-parenting is defined in the book as deliberately giving yourself now what you didn't receive as a child. What does your re-parenting practice look like — or need to look like?
- 12 What does your inner critic say when you make a mistake? Where did that voice come from? Whose voice is it actually?
- 13 The book asks: what would it look like to parent yourself with the same grace and patience you give to the children you love most? What changes if you do?
- 14 What permission did you never receive as a child that you're finally giving yourself as an adult?
- 15 Who in your group seems to have the most developed re-parenting practice? What can the group learn from them?

Part Three: The Richard Williams Principle

- 16 The book uses Richard Williams as a model of radical intentional parenting — deciding, ahead of the world's confirmation, that his children were extraordinary and worthy of investment. Who believed in you that way? What did their belief make possible?
- 17 What vision do you hold for the children in your life — not for their achievements, but for who they believe themselves to be?
- 18 The book distinguishes between investing in a child's external success (grades, activities, achievements) and investing in their inner world (sense of worth, identity, emotional intelligence). How balanced is your investment in both?
- 19 What are you protecting your children (or the inner child within yourself) from that you should actually be preparing them for?

20 What specific, daily practice would most shift the trajectory of the children in your life?

Part Four: Legacy

21 The book defines legacy not as what you leave when you die, but as what you give while you're alive. What legacy are you currently building?

22 What do you want your children (or those who come after you) to say about you — not your accomplishments, but your character?

23 What story does your family tell about itself — its identity, its strength, its wounds? Is that story true? Is it serving the next generation?

24 The book ends with the declaration: the cycle stops here. Have you said those words to yourself? What would it cost you to fully mean them?

25 What would be different in your family's story 50 years from now if you do the healing work available to you today?

26 What is one thing this book has made you want to do differently — starting today, not someday?

Experiential Exercises

The best book clubs don't just talk about the book — they live it, together, in the room. These five exercises are designed to create exactly that: moments of genuine transformation that happen not in solo reading but in collective experience. Choose the one or two that feel most alive for your group, or work through all five across multiple sessions.

Exercise 1 of 5

◆ THE CHILDHOOD HOME VISUALIZATION

Guide your group through this: Close your eyes. Walk through the home you grew up in. What does it smell like? What is the emotional temperature? Where do you feel safest? Where do you avoid? Open your eyes and write for 5 minutes without stopping. Share only what you're comfortable sharing — but share something. Witnessing matters.

Exercise 2 of 5

◆ THE PATTERN MAP

Each person draws a simple three-generation map: grandparents → parents → you. Identify one pattern that runs through all three generations. Then write: 'It stops with me because I am choosing ____.' Share with the group.

Exercise 3 of 5

◆ THE RE-PARENTING LETTER

Each member writes a letter from their adult self to their child self at their most difficult age. What did that child need to hear? What do you wish someone had said? Read them aloud if the group is ready. If not, simply acknowledge what it felt like to write it.

Exercise 4 of 5

◆ THE INHERITANCE AUDIT

Each person lists three things they've inherited from their family: one strength (keep it), one wound (heal it), one belief (examine whether it's actually true). Discuss as a group: what are you consciously choosing to pass forward? What are you consciously choosing to release?

Exercise 5 of 5

◆ THE LEGACY DECLARATION

Each member writes and reads aloud: 'In my family's story, I am the one who ____.' One sentence. Present tense. Not future tense — present. What you're choosing to BE, starting now. The group witnesses each declaration in silence before the next person speaks.

Until the Next Book

The Investment is the book that breaks people open and puts them back together differently. What your group shared in this discussion is sacred. Hold it that way. Between now and Book 5, do one act of genuine re-parenting for yourself — something you needed and didn't receive. And do one act of intentional investment in a child you love. Not a gift. Presence. Belief. Words.

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Book 1: Shut The F**k Up

Book 2: Listen To Everything

Book 3: You, Inc.

Book 4: The Investment

Book 5: You, Reborn

Book 6: The Currency You Trade In

Book 7: Listen Everywhere

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