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"*Raising Children Who Think for Themselves* provides plenty of sensible, down-to-earth advice for parents. A goldmine of suggestions and guidance."

—Thomas W. Phelan, PhD, author of *1-2-3 Magic*

"Rich stories and examples from her own parenting experiences and those of her patients make Medhus's book a comprehensive guide for teaching our children to become honest, intuitive, and independent thinkers, using not only their heads but their hearts."

—Jeanne Elum, coauthor of *Raisin a Son* and *Raising a Daughter*

From the Publisher

Beyond Words is proud to announce that *Raising Children Who Think for Themselves*, by author Elisa Medhus, M.D., has earned three highly prestigious awards: The 2002 Parent's Choice Award, The 2002 NAPPA Gold Award (National Parenting Publications Association,) and the 2002 National Parenting Center Seal of Approval.

From the Author

Raising Children Who Think for Themselves shows parents how to raise their kids to make choices for themselves—choices not shaped by destructive influences like negative peer pressure, movies, song lyrics and their junk culture.

Today, our children are bombarded by so many messages through so many channels. Unfortunately, they are also programmed to satisfy their instinctive pack animal urge to fit in or belong to a group by striving to comply with those standards of "worthiness" that their peer groups demand they follow. But since those standards are often rooted in corrupt and misguided priorities (being cool, acting tough, being sexually active, belonging to a certain gang, being nice looking, being thin, etc.) any choices that are held hostage by such standards are often going to be inappropriate or immoral.

By raising our children to free their choice-making process from their need to fit in, they will grow to be independent, moral, happy, contributing, self-assured and contributing adults with the courage to do what's right, even when their world and morality is crumbling around them. Enough kids like these, and we'll see a stop to that crumbling. We'll see a happier, saner and safer world—one our children deserve.

Thank you for sharing my dream to create such a world.

Love and respect,

Elisa Medhus, M.D.

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