

Suggested Cyber Savvy reading for Parents

The following books have been identified as good companions to the topics presented in my Internet Safety programs. As with any material on the subject of technology and the Internet, much content becomes outdated as soon as it is put into ink. However, this selection of reading material remains relevant and insightful overall. Most books are written by Christians with a faith-based perspective. Regardless of your faith status or where you are in your journey of parent-hood, the information contained in these selections can be of value to you in helping nurture the youth in your life as well as benefiting you as you, yourself, communicate through technology.

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“Logged On and Tuned Out”

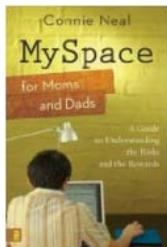
By Vicki Courtney

B&H Books

ISBN 0805446656

Paperback, \$12.99

Logged On and Tuned Out is a timely wake-up call to low-tech (tuned out) parents whose high-tech (logged on) kids use modern computer and cell phone technology like second nature. In simple language, moms and dads overwhelmed by today's digital world will learn the imperative basics and checkpoints of Instant Messaging, text messaging, social networking Web sites (MySpace, Facebook), chat rooms, and photo and video uploading. The book even has its own related Web site where parents can download online safety contracts, get updated information about safety filters, and more.



“MySpace for Moms and Dads”

By Connie Neal

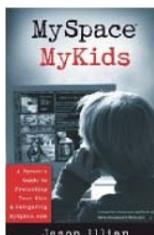
Zondervan Books

ISBN 0310277434

Paperback, \$14.99

Whether you're computer illiterate or a seasoned web surfer, MySpace for Moms and Dads will help you understand the social networking revolution and equip you to make smart, confident decisions about your son's or daughter's use of MySpace and sites like it.

Learn how to minimize the risks of MySpace and bring out its benefits and positive opportunities. You can not only ensure that your teen uses MySpace safely, but also use MySpace yourself to gain a window into your teen's world. Find out how to tailor your teen's use of MySpace to his or her present maturity level--and deepen your appreciation of the unique individual your son or daughter is in the bargain.



“MySpace MyKids”

By Jason Illian

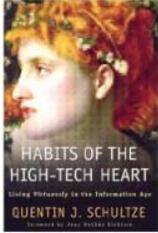
Harvest House Publishers

ISBN 0736920447

Paperback, \$8.99

Jason Illian demonstrates that with careful use and close monitoring, MySpace can help kids facilitate relationships and help parents understand and interact with their children's world like never before.

In addition to teaching adults how to log on to MySpace and set up an account, this valuable guide explains how parents can talk with their kids about their MySpace communications, join groups, forums, and bulletin boards to keep informed, and use filters, alerts, and other technologies to track their kids' online activities.



“Habits of the High-Tech Heart - Living Virtuously in the Information Age”

By Quentin J. Schultze

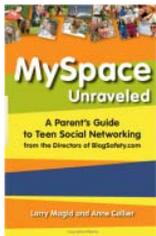
Baker Academic

ISBN 0801027810

Paperback, \$18.99

In a study that is long overdue, renowned media studies expert Schultze (Internet for Christians) provides a clear-eyed critique of the perils of being seduced by the flash and glitter of information technology. No Luddite himself, Schultze does not advocate the eradication of the Internet or other such technological services. Rather, he argues, we must focus as much on the quality of our character as we do on technological innovation. He contends that our society is governed by infomationism, a quasi-religious faith in the power of information to improve our lives.

Our infomationist society, however, values short-term technological goals over long-term humanistic ones, uses people instrumentally and devalues religious teachings on morality, community and humility that, in Schultze's eyes, foster virtuous living.



“MySpace Unraveled – A Parents Guide to Teen Social Networking”

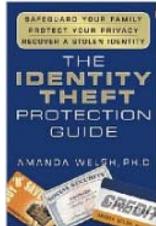
By Anne Collier and Larry Magid

Peachpit Press

ISBN 032148018X

Paperback, \$14.99

Do you know what your children are up to on MySpace? *MySpace Unraveled: What it is and how to use it safely* discusses the booming MySpace social-networking phenomenon and shows you exactly what you need know about MySpace and how to create a safe online experience for your kids. Written by Larry Magid and Anne Collier of Family Tech Talk, this short and extremely useful guide discusses what children are doing on social-networking Web sites and why they have become so popular.



“The Identity Theft Protection Guide”

By Amanda Welsh, Phd

St. Martins Griffin

ISBN 0312327099

Paperback, \$12.95

Identity theft is the fastest-growing category of crime in the United States today, and dealing with privacy and identity issues has become an essential part of life in our modern society. Each chapter in *The Identity Theft Protection Guide* contains a self-quiz to identify personal areas of concern, information to help you "take action," and more.