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A heartfelt tribute to the love between a mother and child from a
celebrated mother–daughter pair

THANKS TO YOU

Wisdom from Mother & Child

By Julie Andrews Edwards and Emma Walton Hamilton

From the beloved and bestselling mother–daughter team, Julie Andrews Edwards and Emma Walton Hamilton comes a timeless new book filled with tender verses honoring the special life lessons shared between mothers and their children. **Thanks to You** (HarperCollins Children’s Books, May 2007) is a joyous expression of gratitude for all the simple gifts that mothers and children bestow on one another. From time spent together looking at clouds to splashing in puddles, these special moments lead us to a deeper appreciation of life.

In the book’s introduction, Julie and Emma explain, *“Writing this book was something of an awakening for us both. Lessons from mothers and grandmothers are often handed down and shared with children and grandchildren. But what emerged as we began to write this together was an awareness of how much we’ve learned from our children—of how motherhood itself has been perhaps the greatest education of our lives. We realized that nothing has taught us more about risk taking, faith, courage, perspective, strength, generosity, the passage of time, or the power of love than being a parent.”*

Coupled with beautiful photographs from the authors’ personal collections, **Thanks to You** is the perfect gift for Mother’s Day—or an affirming keepsake for everyday.

Julie Andrews Edwards is one of the most recognized figures in the world of entertainment. She is perhaps best known for her performances in “Mary Poppins,” “The Sound of Music” and “Victor/Victoria.” She has also received critical acclaim for her stunning performances on Broadway in “My Fair Lady” and “Camelot.” Ms. Edwards is the author of several favorite children’s books, including four novels, *The Great American Mousical*, *Dragon: Hound of Honor*, *The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles* and *Mandy*, as well as *Little Bo: The Story of Bonnie Boadicea*, and *Little Bo in France*, both illustrated by Henry Cole. She lives with her husband Blake Edwards in Los Angeles.

Emma Walton Hamilton is a founder and co-artistic director of Bay Street Theatre in Sag Harbor, New York, and is dedicated to bringing theater to young adults through her works with the Bay Street Theatre's Educational Outreach and Young Playwrights programs. She is the co-author of the *Dumpy the Dump Truck* series, *Dragon: Hound of Honor*, *Simeon's Gift* and *The Great American Mousical* with her mom Julie Andrews. She lives in New York with her husband, son Sam and daughter Hope.

The Julie Andrews Collection encompasses fiction and non-fiction for young people, ages 1-16, which nurtures the imagination and encourages a sense of wonder. Julie Andrews' work as an actress and an author has delighted children of all ages throughout her long career. Her own books speak of appreciating the joys of the world around us and the importance of preserving it for future generations. Books chosen for the Collection reflect these values and embrace the themes of integrity, creativity and the gifts of nature. The Collection includes new works in addition to out-of-print gems worthy of resurrection. Offering connections and gentle wisdom for the growing years, *The Julie Andrews Collection* helps to stimulate feelings of self-worth for young readers and promote understanding, consciousness and respect for the natural world.

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