A Grandparents' Memory Book: Did You Really Walk Five Miles To School
I purchased 4 of the "grandparents" books because even after going through all of the reviews, I couldn’t decide on which to get. These are for my two young children to give to my parents and my in-laws. The following are the 4 I purchased: Grandparents’ Memory Book: Did You Really Walk Five Miles to School? Memories for My Grandchild A Grandparent’s Legacy: Your Life Story in Your Own Words Grandparents Journal We decided to keep the "Memories for My Grandchild" for both of my Mom’s and my husband’s grandma. It was between this and "A Grandparent’s Legacy: Your Life Story in Your Own Words" which I also liked very well. Both have spiral notebook style rather than regular book style. Ultimately we decided on "Memories for My Grandchild" because I liked the organization better and the pocket in the back for storage is nice. The questions in both were great but, we returned ""A Grandparent’s Legacy: Your Life Story in Your Own Words". I liked that it was organized by month. This would be a good method for having grandparents complete it within one year yet, they could complete it differently if they preferred. I was just thinking if you were ever looking for specific info on the person who completed it, you would have to read through the entire book to find as it isn’t organized in any other way besides months. And we kept "Grandparents’ Memory Book: Did You Really Walk Five Miles to School? " for both of our Dads. The questions in "Grandparents’ Memory Book: Did You Really Walk Five Miles to School? " were really both of our favorites, very original and things we wouldn’t normally think to ask. It is a very casual, easy going book while still organized nicely into categories. It seemed to fit both of our Dads better.

This is a great book - at least, for MY family. Some families might have the kind of grandparent who...
can talk about their lives easily, but my dad can’t. this book is different from all the others in that it is questions asked by children, so there are many fun questions along with the more serious ones. My FAVORITE question in the book is “did you have to eat carrots when you were seven?” and it’s asked by a seven year old. There is also a question something like “did a war ever effect you in any way?” Anyone who has ever lived through a war can appreciate the irony in the fact that there are only about 10 blank lines to answer that question! My dad just chuckled and said ”yes!” so that he wouldn’t fill up the entire page (or pages..) We’ve heard all my dad’s stories a million times, but this book brought out lots of new ones. Asking about carrots is a clever way to hear how great a cook my dad’s grandmother was.. the questions can just prompt more questions! We weren’t sure how he was going to take it - he can be grumpy. but he seems to really enjoy looking at it!Also, we got several books to try out, as I understood they were all quite different. This was the only one that seemed to have some humor (lightheartedness?) to it. The others we got seemed SOOOOO melancholy: the good old days and all that. Also, they were geared toward people who had had a successful, traditional marriage. We got these for several grandparents, and the books just did not fit the patterns of their lives. They were also laid out in monthly installments (so December was about holidays and June was all about weddings and marriage). Also, the style of this book is more upbeat: the coloring and style of the others we got seemed like it was from 1989.

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