New Resources from Leading Experts in Literacy Education

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Dear Friends,

Imagine speaking without its natural partner, listening. It may seem impossible, yet in school, we routinely teach writing apart from its companion, reading—and vice versa. Three highly regarded educators who recognize and celebrate the undeniable reading and writing connection—and grace our catalog this season—are Ruth Culham, Lester L. Laminack, and Jan Richardson.

As a former children’s librarian, Ruth knows books inside and out and has always woven literature into her work in writing instruction via mentor texts. In Trait Crates Plus, Ruth showcases the traits—ideas, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, and conventions—that appear in the 6 engaging trade books and 24 ready-to-teach lessons you’ll find in each grade-specific crate. You’ll marvel as your students, inspired and informed by the music of literary language, stretch and soar as writers.

Lester, a gifted and versatile writer of both professional and trade books, uses his insider knowledge of writing to guide you on a fascinating journey through text in The Ultimate Read-Aloud Resource. Lester, who has elevated the interactive read-aloud to an art form, understands the ways in which authors shape language to spin a tale that expands the heart and mind. So, in addition to The Ultimate Read-Aloud Resource, we offer his Best Friends Fiction Collection, grade-specific trade books, rich enough to sustain multiple “visits” across a school year. Each visit, guided by the teaching cards that accompany each Best Friend Book, builds comprehension and adds new dimensions of understanding about the nature of the writer’s craft.

Jan Richardson, one of our leading guided reading experts, describes in meticulous detail in The Next Step Forward in Guided Reading not only how to teach reading in small groups, but also the role of writing in her Assess-Decide-Guide Framework. Targeted lessons that draw in word study and guided writing offer developing readers the potent power of both reading and writing as they enter text and move forward in comprehension.

In the foreword to Ruth’s best-selling The Writing Thief (which you’ll find tucked into Trait Crates Plus), children’s author Kate Messner writes,

“And as teachers we must recognize that our best resources for writing … are in the books that we love as readers—the beloved stories we read growing up and the brand new titles that we can’t wait to share with young readers today…. Children and adults alike learn to write through reading.”

Here’s to your success as a reading and writing teacher!

Lois Bridges, Ph.D.
Scholastic Professional
The latest in the Next Step series delivers amped-up tools and strategies to take your instruction to a whole new level. You’ll learn how to use targeted assessments to determine reading levels, data analysis to pinpoint reading strategies, and guided writing to support the reading process. The Next Step Forward in Guiding Reading and The Guided Reading Teacher’s Companion reinforce the basics, breaks the process down in easier-to-use steps, and makes guided reading more effective than ever.

You’ll find:
• Richardson’s proven Assess-Decide-Guide framework
• Prompts, discussion starters, teaching points, word lists, intervention suggestions, and more to support all students, including dual language learners and struggling readers
• 29 comprehension modules that cover essential strategies – monitoring, retelling, inferring, summarizing, and many others
• An online resource bank with dozens of downloadable assessment and record-keeping forms, Richardson’s all-new, stage-specific lesson plan templates
• More than 40 short videos showing Richardson’s modeling key parts of guided reading lessons for every stage

The Next Step Forward in Guided Reading
Grades: K–8 | 6AK816111
Price: $51.99 $38.99

The Guided Reading: Teacher’s Companion
Grades: K–8 | 6AK816345

The Next Step Forward in Guided Reading and
The Guided Reading Teacher’s Companion Bundle
Grades: K–8 | 6AK813380
Price: $71.98 $53.99

ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Jan Richardson, Ph.D., a leading expert in guided reading, is a former K–12 teacher, reading specialist, Reading Recovery teacher leader, and staff developer. She currently is an educational consultant, providing presentations and classroom demonstrations across the U.S. and Canada.

Based in Wisconsin, she has trained thousands of teachers and works with schools and districts to ensure that every student succeeds in reading. Richardson’s best-selling Next Step collection includes The Next Step Forward in Guided Reading; The Guided Reading Teacher’s Companion; Next Step Guided Reading in Action video suite; and Next Step Guided Reading Assessment.
TRAIT CRATE PLUS
Where Literature Lives in the Writing Classroom

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Bring literature to life in the writing classroom. With six all-new mentor texts and 24 ready-to-teach lessons per grade, K-5, Ruth Culham’s Trait Crate Plus expands and enriches the reading and writing experience.

In addition to many of the valuable features and components of the original Trait Crate, this enhanced edition offers:

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Grade K | 6AK803046
Grade 1 | 6AK803045
Grade 2 | 6AK803044
Grade 3 | 6AK583771
Grade 4 | 6AK583772
Grade 5 | 6AK583773
Price: $199.99 $149.99 each

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ruth Culham, Ed.D., launched a writing revolution with the publication of her book 6+1 Traits of Writing: The Complete Guide, Grades 3 and Up, followed by 6+1 Traits of Writing: The Complete Guide for the Primary Grades and Traits of Writing: The Complete Guide for Middle School, winner of the 2011 Teacher’s Choice award. Her groundbreaking work with the writing traits is the results of 40 years of research, practice, and passion. Most recently, Ruth has published Trait Crate Plus and the bestselling The Writing Thief: Using Mentor Texts to Teach the Craft of Writing that demonstrates how to read with a writer’s eye to lift the best writing techniques from favorite authors.

As a pioneering researcher in writing assessment and instruction, Ruth creates and conducts teacher workshops to provide professional development at local, district, and state levels. At state and national conferences she’s a featured speaker on using traits of writing, designing effective writing instruction, and reading to teach writing, and other related topics.
The Ultimate Read-Aloud Resource
Making Every Moment Intentional and Instructional With Best Friend Books

LESTER L. LAMINACK
Award-winning children’s author and acclaimed educator Lester L. Laminack provides guidelines, lessons, and resources for making every read-aloud experience intentional and instructional.

You’ll also find:
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• An online resource bank containing videos of Lester modeling read-alouds plus, downloadable organizers for teachers and read-at-home resources for families
• “What the Research Says” boxes that point to studies supporting Laminack’s professional advice
• A list of Laminack’s favorite Best Friend Books
• “Home Visit” boxes containing tips and tools for welcoming families into the work

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Grade 4 | 6AK811041 • Grade 5 | 6AK811042
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Lester L. Laminack is Professor Emeritus at Western Carolina University. His professional books include Cracking Open the Author’s Craft and Writers ARE Readers. He is also the award-winning author of several books for children.
Reading

The Reading Zone, Second Edition
How to Help Kids Become Skilled, Passionate, Habitual, Critical Readers

NANCIE ATWELL & ANNE ATWELL MERKEL
Decades of observation of readers and expert teaching inform the expanded second edition of The Reading Zone. Dynamic teachers and writers, mother and daughter Atwell and Atwell Merkel show us how to teach reading as a personal art, develop passionate readers for a lifetime, and build a schoolwide reading culture on a foundation of voluminous, self-selected book reading.

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• In Defense of Fiction

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ABOUT THE AUTHORS
A teacher since 1973, Nancie Atwell is the inaugural recipient of the Global Teacher Prize and founder of the Center for Teaching and Learning, a K-8 demonstration school in Edgecomb, Maine. She’s the author of the acclaimed classic In the Middle and numerous titles about literacy.

Anne Atwell Merkel is Lead Teacher at the Center for Teaching and Learning and teaches 7-8 writing, reading, and history. She coordinates the program for visiting educators from around the world who wish to adopt CTL’s award-winning methods of writing and reading instruction.
Disrupting Thinking
Why How We Read Matters

KYLENE BEERS AND ROBERT E. PROBST

This new book from bestselling authors and beloved educators, Kylene Beers and Robert E. Probst is a resource for the entire faculty. Supported with student conversations, classroom scenarios, practical strategies, and turn-and-talk moments, teachers and administrators can use this book as a guide for changing the way they think about teaching kids to become the thoughtful, skillful, attentive, responsive readers we want them to be, our democracy needs them to be. Beers and Probst help educators understand engagement, relevance, and talk along with day-to-day concerns of choice reading, in-common reading, and leveled reading. The authors push our thinking in this book as they take on the challenge of changing how it is we read.

Grades K–8 | 6AK813290
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ABOUT THE AUTHORS
Kylene Beers and Robert E. Probst are the co-authors of the best-selling books Notice and Note and Reading Nonfiction as well as other popular titles including When Kids Can’t Read/What Teachers Can Do (Kylene), Response and Analysis (Bob), and Adolescent Literacy: Turning Promise into Practice (Kylene and Bob with Linda Rief). Their most recent book is Disrupting Thinking: Why How We Read Matters. Kylene began her teaching career in middle school in the Houston area and Bob began his in junior high and high school in the Baltimore area. Both have taught at the university level, Bob at Georgia State University and Kylene at the University of Houston.

Throughout their careers, they have worked tirelessly to help connect children and teens to literacy. While their focus has been working with struggling readers, they also help teachers who work with English language learners, gifted students, and special education students. Highly popular speakers and consultants throughout the US and Canada, Kylene is a past president of the National Council of Teachers of English and Bob is a former member of the NCTE Commission on Reading. You can reach them at beers.probst@gmail.com and connect with them at @kylenebeers and @bobprobst.
From Striving to Thriving: How to Grow Confident, Capable Readers

BY STEPHANIE HARVEY AND ANNIE WARD

When it comes to readers who need the most support, teachers can’t afford to waste time using fragmented, skill-and-drill interventions that don’t work. Reading experts Stephanie Harvey and Annie Ward demonstrate how to “table the labels” and use detailed formative assessments to craft targeted, personalized instruction that enable striving readers to do what they need above all - to find books they love and engage in voluminous reading. Loaded with ready-to-go lessons, routines, and “actions,” as well as the latest research, this book is a must for any teacher who strives to make every reader a thriving reader.

This book shows educators how to effectively assess and support striving readers by:

• drawing from an expert understanding of the reading process
• using strength-based performance data
• implementing knowledge of high-quality instruction

List Price: $42.99 | $32.24

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Stephanie Harvey is the president of Stephanie Harvey Consulting. After fifteen years of public school teaching, both in regular education and special education classrooms, she worked for 12 years as a staff developer for the Denver based Public Education and Business Coalition. She is a regular presenter at literacy conferences around the country, including her own annual Reading is Thinking conference each summer.

Annie Ward has served as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for the Mamaroneck Public Schools in Westchester County, NY since 2004. Prior to that, she was a Local Instructional Superintendent for the New York City Department of Education and the Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction for the Ridgewood, NJ Public Schools.
ALAN SITOMER

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Alan Lawrence Sitomer is a California Teacher of the Year award-winner and the founder of The Writer’s Success Academy. He’s a former inner-city high school English teacher and professor in the Graduate School of Education at Loyola Marymount University. Sitomer is an inspirational keynote speaker who specializes in engaging underperforming students.

He has authored 16 trade books with works ranging from hard-hitting YA novels like Caged Warrior and Homeboyz to humorous and warm children’s picture books such as Daddies Do It Different and Daddy’s Zigzagging Bedtime Story. He’s also the author of several professional books and curricular resources for educators, including The Alan Sitomer Book Jam.

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- Three trade books: *What Bears Like*, *Frog and Toad Are Friends*, and *Fables*
- Activity Sheet

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Sharon Zinke is a literacy development and reading intervention consultant. She has worked extensively with struggling readers at elementary, middle, and high schools. Most recently, she has worked with elementary and middle schools to quickly raise the decoding and word recognition levels of students reading significantly below grade level.

She has inspired thousands of teachers through her reading courses at UC Berkeley Extension, professional development in schools throughout California, and her many years as a featured speaker at reading conferences around the country.
Powerful Partnerships
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KAREN L. MAPP, ILENE CARVER, AND JESSICA LANDER

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Price: $38.99 $29.94

ABOUT THE AUTHORS
Karen L. Mapp, Ed.D., is a senior lecturer on education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) and the faculty director of the Education Policy and Management Master’s Program. Over the past twenty years, Karen’s research and practice focus has been on the cultivation of partnerships among families, community members and educators that support student achievement and school improvement. She is the co-author of several books including the seminal Beyond the Bake Sale: The Essential Guide to Family/School Partnerships.

Ilene Carver has been a teacher in the Boston Public Schools for the past 20 years. Ilene was a co-chair of the Family and Community Education subcommittee for the Knowledge and Skills of Professional Teaching project that contributed to the development of the standards for family engagement in the Massachusetts teacher evaluation process.

Jessica Lander is a teacher and writer living in Cambridge. She is the author of Driving Backwards, a nonfiction portrait of a small town in New Hampshire, which received a national medal for creative nonfiction from the Independent Publisher Book Award.
Writing

Conventions and Craft
A Full Year of Literature-Based Micro-Workshops to Build Essential Understandings for Grammar, Sentence Structure, and Word Study

LINDA HOYT
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• Welcome Letter

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Grade 5 | 6AK812660
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ABOUT THE AUTHOR
Linda Hoyt has had a rich array of experiences in education ranging from classroom teaching to working as a reading specialist, curriculum developer, Title I teacher, staff developer, and Title I District Coordinator. She is the author of 24 powerful professional books, six video programs, and instructional resources. Her energetic presentation style and practical strategies have made her one of the most requested literacy speakers in the United States.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ralph Fletcher is a friend of writing teachers everywhere. He speaks at education conferences in the US and abroad, helping teachers find wiser ways of teaching writing.

Ralph is the beloved author of many bestselling teacher professional books including *Writing Workshop: The Essential Guide*; *Craft Lessons*; *What a Writer Needs*, 2nd edition; *Boy Writers: Reclaiming Their Voices*, and *Breathing In, Breathing Out*. Students know Ralph as the award-winning author of more than 20 books for children and young adults, including *Fig Pudding*, *Flying Solo*, *Twilight Comes Twice*, *The Writer’s Notebook*, *Marshfield Dreams: When I Was a Kid*, *Also Known As Rowan Pohi*, and *Guy-Write: What Every Guy Writer Needs to Know*.

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