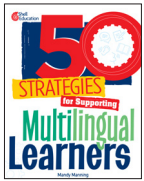




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Reviews



50 Strategies for Supporting Multilingual Learners (9798765946244)
by Mandy Manning

"This book is not only an ideal general education classroom resource, it should be read by every person who serves multilingual students, including administrators, support staff, bus drivers, lunch aides, nurses, and custodians."

— MiddleWeb

50 Strategies for Summer School Engagement (9798765974063)
by Ana Marie Hernandez

"Elementary and middle school educators searching for practical, adaptable student engagement strategies that can be implemented immediately will find inspiration in this book all year long."

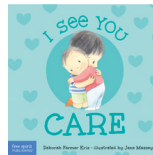
— MiddleWeb



James Finds the Beat (9798885545303)
by Ty Chapman

Fun, informative, and with a well-presented message in support of overcoming the limitations imposed by anxiety, low self-esteem, and shyness, this book will prove a welcome and enduringly popular pick."

— Children's Bookwatch, Midwest Book Review



I See You Care (9798885540773)
by Deborah Farmer Kris

"A delightful, charming, and highly recommended pick."

— Children's Bookwatch, Midwest Book Review

Outdoor Time (9798885543934)
by Elizabeth Verdick

"Especially recommended."

— Children's Bookwatch, Midwest Book Review



Special Feature Section: Reviews from School Library Journal

Series Made Simple Review from School Library Journal November 1, 2024: Wordless Books

"A wordless emerging reader series—say what? The photos in books with humans are wonderfully inclusive and show people of all abilities. These would be useful additions to preschools classroom book bins. Consider for purchase where there is a need for pre-readers."

—School Library Journal



Exploration Storytime
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Series Made Simple Fiction Review from School Library Journal December 1, 2024 Nursery Rhymes

"This series is a beautiful introduction to reading. Each of the warm and colorful books invite readers into a comforting world. These are good choices not just for home learning, but for preschool curriculum and units as well. There are tips for discussion, writing, and artistic responses to the rhymes. It's amazing how you can teach from these basic rhymes, and a throughline through all the titles in the series is unadulterated joy. **VERDICT:** An engaging resource for parents and educators of young children."

—School Library Journal



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Series Made Simple Fiction Review from School Library Journal December 1, 2024 Fiction

"These titles have overarching themes of the world surrounding children, and how they can learn and react to different places and ideas they'll encounter as they grow. Ideas presented in extension activities found at the end of the book will encourage continued learning through conversation and play.

VERDICT: A diverse set of stories for a wide span of emerging readers.
—School Library Journal



Awards

- *The Adventures of Cam E. Chameleon* (9798765961087) is a 2024 Mom's Choice Winner, Gold (visitors/month: 13,942)
- *Thank You, Night* (9798885546737) is a 2024 Endies Endpaper Awards winner, best sun, moon, or stars category
- *Thank You, Rain* (9798885544870) is a 2024 Endies Endpaper Awards winner, same but different category
- *Papa and Pearl* (9798885544511) is a 2024 Endies Endpaper Awards winner, best view category



Interviews

Krista Weltner, author of the *Everyday Adventures of Molly and Dyslexia* series (*Molly's Great Discovery*, 9798885540254; *Molly Tells the World*, 9798885540285; *Molly Finds a Way*, 979888554031), was a guest on the Don't Call on Me podcast [to talk about her experience growing up with dyslexia and her books](#) (Oct 16), was interviewed on Chelsea's World of Books about [her publishing journey](#) (Oct 2, average monthly visitors: 946), and appeared on the Brainspring Orton-Gillingham podcast to [talk about her experience with dyslexia and her journey to becoming an artist](#) (Nov 14).

Michele Borba, author of *End Peer Cruelty, Build Empathy* (9781631983535), appeared on the How to Talk to Kids About Anything podcast to share [how to talk to kids about bullying prevention](#). (Nov 19, rerelease, listenership: 1k-10k monthly listeners)

Deborah Farmer Kris (author of *Raising Awe-Seekers* (9798885549349), the *All the Time* series, and the *I See You* board book series) was interviewed in *Publishers Weekly* about [how she grew into her roles as a parent educator and writer and where she goes when she's in need of parenting advice](#). (Nov 25, average monthly visitors: 482,200) The article also appeared in the PW School & Library newsletter (28k subscribers) on the same day.

Rachel Funez, author of *Sonia and the Super-Duper Disaster* (9798885543903), appeared on the Getting to the Heart of Why We Write podcast, [talking about her book, neurodivergence, and wordplay](#). (Nov 11)

Anna Housley Juster, author of *How to Train Your Amygdala* (9798885543736), has been making the rounds on podcasts talking about her book:

- [Your Anxious Child with Edward Plimpton, Ph.D.](#) (Sept 9)
- [Where Parents Talk with Lianne Castelino](#) (Sept 28, listenership: up to 100 monthly listeners)
- [The Brighter Side of Education with Dr. Lisa Hassler](#) (Nov 7)
- [Reading with Your Kids with Jed Doherty](#) (Nov 7, listenership: 1k-10k monthly listeners)
- Wonder of Parenting [[Teaching Your Kids to Train Their Amygdala](#), Oct 28] [[Helping 0-5's Thrive](#), Nov 4] (listenership: 10k-100k monthly listeners)
- [The Broken Brain](#) (Nov 26, listenership: 10k-100k weekly listeners)

Joy Jones appeared on the Book Q&As with Deborah Kalb to [talk about *The Sky Is Not Blue*](#) (979888554415). (Dec 17, average monthly visitors: 4,777)

Richard Cash, author of *Self-Regulation in the Classroom* (9781631980329), was interviewed on the Neurodiversity Podcast, talking about [the importance of self-regulation in education](#). This is an updated version of an encore conversation. (Dec 19, listenership: 1k-10k monthly listeners)



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Features, Articles & Highlights

One of the recent **Exploration Storytime** reviews was included in the School Library Journal article of [gentle lessons in picture book fiction series](#). (Dec 19, visitors/month: 113,693)

Jamie and Bubbie (9781631985430) was included on Mombian in a [list of books, songs, and games about pronouns](#). (Oct 16, visitors/month: 7,432)

Nina Brulles, coauthor of **A Teacher's Guide to Flexible Grouping and Collaborative Learning** (9781631982835), wrote a commentary on Fordham Institute's site about [how schools can support equitable advanced education](#). (Nov 14, average monthly visitors: 59,136)

Neurodiversity-Affirming Schools (9798885543972) was excerpted in the Gifted Association of Missouri [winter 2024 newsletter](#).

The St. Paul (MN) Pioneer Press featured four Free Spirit picture books in their [roundup of books with delights and maybe lessons for kids](#): **The Sky Is Not Blue** (979888554415), **Sometimes When I'm Jealous** (9798885540919), **Hello, Beech Tree!** (9798885540377), and **Addy's Chair to Everywhere** (9798765922477).

Author of **50 Strategies for Learning without Screens** (9798765965733) Tom Rademacher published an article on MiddleWeb about [catching kids' attention after banning phones](#). (Dec 18) The article was also featured in the Accomplished Teacher SmartBrief and mentioned in the NCSS and EdTech SmartBriefs, and was a top five article in both the Accomplished Teacher and EdTech SmartBriefs.

Papa and Pearl (9798885544511) was included in Erin Dealey's [recap of 36 fabulous kidlit books of 2024](#). (Dec 17, monthly visitors: 1,880)

Alyssa of Little Otters Learn profiled **180 Days™ of Spelling & Word Study** books, noting that they're "[an effective tool for teaching or reviewing spelling rules](#)." (Dec 17)

Events

Author Events:

Jessica Whipple, *I Think I Think a Lot* (9798885540087)

- January 13: Leaders Heights Elementary - Author visit assembly, York, PA
- January 14: Aron Elementary - Author visit assembly, Akron, PA
- January 21: Brandywine Heights Elem - Author visit assembly, Tipton, PA
- January 31: St. John Neuman School, Lancaster, PA
- March 14: East Coventry Elementary, Pottstown, PA - Author visit assembly

Joy Jones, *The Sky Is Not Blue* (9798885544153):

- January 16: author visit at a Washington, D.C., school, Washington, D.C.
- January 22: author talk for Teaching for Change Beyond Heroes & Holidays series, Washington, D.C.

Deborah Farmer Kris, *I See You* books & *All the Time* Books

- January 16: Ten Tree Books, Natick, MA
- February 25: Beacon Hill Books, Boston, MA

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