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*Make It Stick*

Stenhouse Publishers  
It portrays the  
existential  
struggles and  
downfall of an  
entire people, the  
Burgundians, in a  
military conflict  
with the Huns and  
their  
king." --Jacket.

The Comprehension Toolkit  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt  
First published in 2007.  
Routledge is an imprint of  
Taylor & Francis, an informa  
company.

*The Taming of the Crew*

Routledge

Comprehension

Connections Heinemann

Educational Books

Students Who Drive You

Crazy Stenhouse Publishers

McGregor presents a  
collection of ideas about how  
to launch genres, how to  
introduce your students to the  
personalities of each, and  
how to build a curiosity and

appreciation for what each  
genre has to offer. Her lessons  
use everyday objects, works of  
art, music, and anchor charts  
to help readers get acquainted  
with seven commonly taught  
genres and to discover what  
makes them unique.

Genre Connections Stenhouse  
Publishers

This user-friendly resource will  
help K-12 teachers become more  
effective classroom managers.

Tracey Garrett provides a new  
perspective that has been well  
received by thousands of  
preservice, novice, and veteran  
teachers. Each chapter of the book  
concentrates on a key area  
(physical design, rules and  
routines, relationships, engaging  
instruction, and discipline) and  
focuses on the importance of that  
particular area in relation to a  
teacher's overall classroom  
management plan. Examples of  
specific techniques and strategies  
are presented through three  
classroom teachers, each  
representing a different grade level.  
In addition, four students share  
their beliefs and experiences  
related to the different aspects of

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classroom management and provide unique insight into the lived experience of students in real classrooms in a variety of contexts including urban and suburban schools. *Effective Classroom Management* is a concise guide designed to prevent problems that require active discipline before they arise. Book features include: classroom examples; case studies; and study questions. There is also an app, "Classroom Management Essentials" available from the itunes store featuring videos of the author and other teachers discussing classroom management strategies and experiences addressed in the book.

### Explorations in Nonfiction

#### Writing Harmony

This gentle and incredibly poignant picture book tells the true story of how one baby found his home. "Some babies are born into their families. Some are adopted. This is the story of how one baby found his family in the New York City subway." So begins the true story of Kevin and how he

found his Daddy Danny and Papa Pete. Written in a direct address to his son, Pete's moving and emotional text tells how his partner, Danny, found a baby tucked away in the corner of a subway station on his way home from work one day. Pete and Danny ended up adopting the baby together. Although neither of them had prepared for the prospect of parenthood, they are reminded, "Where there is love, anything is possible."

#### Reading Strategies Shell Education

These Leveled Comprehension Passages are the perfect way to follow-up learning after a whole group reading lesson. Use them in a variety of ways year after year!

#### Constructing Meaning Through Kid-Friendly Comprehension Strategy Instruction Heinemann Educational Books

"Readers will be captivated by this beautifully written novel about young people who must use their instincts and grit to survive.

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Padma infuses her story with hope and bravery that will inspire readers."--Aisha Saeed, author of the New York Times Bestseller *Amal Unbound* Four determined homeless children make a life for themselves in Padma Venkatraman's stirring middle-grade debut. Life is harsh on the teeming streets of Chennai, India, so when runaway sisters Viji and Rukku arrive, their prospects look grim. Very quickly, eleven-year-old Viji discovers how vulnerable they are in this uncaring, dangerous world. Fortunately, the girls find shelter--and friendship--on an abandoned bridge that's also the hideout of Muthi and Arul, two homeless boys, and the four of them soon form a family of sorts. And while making their living scavenging the city's trash heaps is the pits, the kids find plenty to take pride in, too. After all, they are now the bosses of themselves and no longer dependent on untrustworthy adults. But when illness strikes, Viji must decide whether to risk seeking help from strangers or to keep holding on to their fragile, hard-fought freedom.

**Back from the Brink**  
Heinemann Educational Books  
Provides easy to use strategies for preventing and responding to difficult, disruptive, defiant and unmotivated behavior from the young people we encounter in our daily lives.  
Strategies that Work Routledge  
This book will help teachers solve the dilemma: What does the rest of my class do while I'm working with a small reading group?  
Debbie Diller offers practical suggestions for over a dozen literacy work stations that link to instruction and make preparation and management easy for teachers. Learn how to set up work stations, how to manage them, and how to keep them going throughout the year. Each chapter includes: how to introduce each station; materials to include at each station; what to model; how to solve problems; how to differentiate; how to assess and keep students accountable; reflection questions for

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professional development.

Materials in both English and Spanish are provided in the extensive resource section.

Throughout the book the author has included photos of literacy workstations from a variety of classrooms in which she has worked to illustrate the methods discussed in the text.

Reading for Understanding  
Corwin Press

Looking for a way to increase engagement, differentiate instruction, and incorporate more informational text and student writing into your curriculum? Teaching with Text Sets is your answer! This must-have resource walks you through the steps to create and use multi-genre, multimodal text sets for content-area and language arts study. It provides detailed information to support you as you choose topics, locate and evaluate texts, organize texts for instruction, and assess student learning. This guide is an excellent resource to help you meet the College and

Career Readiness and other state standards.

Our Subway Baby Teachers  
College Press

What's the big idea? That's a question students are asked all the time in papers, assessments, and standardized writing tests of every sort. Whether summarizing research sources or synthesizing the plot of a two-hundred page novel, the ability to cut through extraneous details and describe the major themes and highlights of a text is key to success in school and in life. Until now, however, summarization has been difficult to teach and learn, but with Summarizing, Paraphrasing, and Retelling, you'll discover a powerful and practical way to teach these vital skills.

Summarizing, Paraphrasing, and Retelling is a slim, do-it-all guide that presents everything you need for teaching kids to separate out trivial items in their reading and then identify and communicate the main ideas and crucial details. Emily Kissner breaks summarization down into smaller, more manageable skills-such as

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paraphrasing, writing synopses, retelling, and restating the main-idea-illustrating what good summarization looks like and how to adjust your teaching to fit your students' needs. She offers not only methods for individual and group instruction, but also handy, reproducible resources, such as assessment checklists, forms for group work, peer-response sheets, and sample passages for students to practice with. Best of all, Kissner's approach is a student-centered alternative to more traditional skill-and-drill preparations. Supported by research and tested in classrooms, *Summarizing, Paraphrasing, and Retelling* gives you both big ideas for powerful teaching and important particulars to help you plan instruction and analyze your students' progress. What's the big idea behind teaching summarizing? Read *Summarizing, Paraphrasing, and Retelling* and find out.

**Reading in the Wild**  
Heinemann Educational Books  
Take a proactive approach with your most challenging

students! This second edition of a bestseller gives teachers a model to assess, understand, and respond to challenging students, plus new tables, charts, and reflection questions. Offering real-life scenarios from interviews with teachers, counselors, and school administrators, this updated volume provides:

- More tips for developing active listening skills that improve communication with students
- Suggestions for creating caring communities in the classroom
- A new section on dealing with aggressive and violent behavior
- Information on understanding parent behavior and suggestions for building positive connections with parents and families

**Comprehension Passages**  
John Wiley & Sons  
Describes how elementary teachers can build healthy

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learning communities through language, providing examples of words, phrases, and language use to help students become strategic thinkers and develop literacy skills.

Nonfiction Matters Psychology Press

"The real genius of this book is that it is written by teachers, for teachers. All of the authors in this book know what classrooms are like. This means that authenticity and integrity pervade every chapter in the book. Teachers will immediately sense this authenticity on their way to realizing that the book offers an endless supply of useful suggestions." -From the Coda by P. David Pearson For those of us who teach comprehension strategies, *Comprehension Going Forward* is as near to the ultimate PD experience as we can get. Imagine a professional learning community where you could sit in as... Ellin Keene and Debbie Miller swap best

practices Stephanie Harvey and Harvey "Smokey" Daniels compare instruction across the grades Anne Goudvis and Tanny McGregor share ways to infuse comprehension into every subject area Cris Tovani and Nancy Commins apply the strategies to help struggling readers, English learners, and special-needs students. In *Comprehension Going Forward*, you'll meet up with 17 leading practitioners and researchers for an energetic, personal, and frequently irreverent conversation on what great comprehension instruction looks like, what an amazing range of applications it has for all students, and what we can do better. Not only do figures such as Susan Zimmerman and P. David Pearson include their own chapters, but, like any exciting conversation, they point out their favorite parts of one another's chapters- highlighting discussion topics for teacher study groups along

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the way. Read Comprehension Going Forward and RSVP to a get-together that no one who teaches reading will want to miss. Enter this powerful, lively conversation about how we can improve all readers' comprehension today and join some of your favorite authors as they reach for a tomorrow where every child reads with deep understanding. "Each author takes the comprehension strategies as a starting point, and then reaches out toward a different set of applications, extensions, and practices. But everyone is connected by the research base on comprehension instruction and by our common goal: to provide every child in America with an "All-Access Pass" to literacy."

-From the editor's introduction by Harvey "Smokey" Daniels Firsthand

It's simple: If children don't understand what they read, they will never embrace reading. And that limits what

they can learn while in school. This fact frightens parents, worries teachers, and ultimately hurts children. 7 Keys to Comprehension is the result of cutting-edge research. It gives parents and teachers—those who aren't already using this valuable program—practical, thoughtful advice about the seven simple thinking strategies that proficient readers use:

- Connecting reading to their background knowledge
- Creating sensory images
- Asking questions
- Drawing inferences
- Determining what's important
- Synthesizing ideas
- Solving problems

Easily understood, easily applied, and proven successful, this essential educational tool helps parents and teachers to turn reading into a fun and rewarding adventure.



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7 Keys to Comprehension  
Heinemann Educational Books  
Designed to provide an exchange of ideas about children's reading comprehension, this book has gathered insights and perspectives from both educators and psychologists concerning the comprehension process. The first section of the book consists of three chapters devoted to literature reviews, each dealing with an aspect of comprehension. Specific areas covered in the reviews are: basic research on the development of prose comprehension, experimental manipulations designed to promote comprehension, and successful instructional materials and practices used for teaching children to comprehend. The second section of the book contains three discussant chapters that provide critical commentary on the literature reviews. The book concludes with a summary chapter and a

comprehensive listing of references. (FL)  
Effective Classroom Management Rand Corporation  
In fall 1999, the Department of Education's Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI) asked RAND to examine how OERI might improve the quality and relevance of the education research it funds. The RAND Reading Study Group (RRSG) was charged with developing a research framework to address the most pressing issues in literacy. RRSG focused on reading comprehension wherein the highest priorities for research are: (1) Instruction Comprehension Connections  
John Wiley & Sons  
High Leverage Practices for Inclusive Classrooms offers a set of practices that are integral to the support of student learning, and that can be systematically taught, learned, and implemented by those entering

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the teaching profession. The book focuses primarily on Tiers 1 and 2, or work that mostly occurs with students with mild disabilities in general education classrooms; and provides rich, practical information highly suitable for teachers, but that can also be useful for teacher educators and teacher preparation programs. This powerful, research-based resource offers twenty-two brief, focused chapters that will be fundamental to effective teaching in inclusive classrooms.

### Comprehension and Vocabulary Strategies Stenhouse Publishers

Ruby is unlike most little girls in old China. Instead of aspiring to get married, Ruby is determined to attend university when she grows up, just like the boys in her family. Based upon the inspirational story of the author's grandmother and accompanied by richly

detailed illustrations, Ruby's Wish is an engaging portrait of a young girl who strives for more and a family who rewards her hard work and courage.