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**Recommended Reading for Parents**



*Promoting literacy through research, education, and advocacy.*

Bateman, Ph.D., Barbara and Linden, J.D. Mary Anne. (1998). *Better IEP's: How to Develop Legally Correct and Educationally Useful Programs*. Longmont, CO: Sopris West.

Brooks, Ph.D., Robert and Goldstein, Ph.D., Sam. (2001). *Raising Resilient Children*. Chicago, IL. Contemporary Books

Cicci, Ph.D., Regina. (1995). *What's Wrong With Me?* Baltimore, MD: New York Press

Gopnik, Ph.D. Alison, Meltzoff, and Kuhl. (1999). *The Scientist in the Crib*. New York, NY: Harper Collins Publishers

Hall, Susan L. and Moats, Ed.D., Louisa C. (2002) *Parenting a Struggling Reader*. New York, NY: Broadway Books

Healy, Ph.D., Jane M. (1999). *Failure to Connect*. New York, NY: Touchstone Books.

Hurford, Daphne. (1998). *To Read or Not to Read: Answers to All Your Questions About Dyslexia*. New York, NY: A Lisa Drew Book/Scribner

Mercer, Ed.D., Cecil. (1997) *Students with Learning Disabilities*. Columbus, OH: Prentice Hall.

Osman, Ph.D., Betty. (1995) *No One to Play With: The Social Problems of LD and ADD Children*. Novato, CA. Academic Therapy Press

Shaywitz, M.D., Sally. (2003). *Overcoming Dyslexia: A New and Complete Science-Based Program for Reading Problems at Any Level*. New York, NY. Knopf.

Silver, M.D., Larry. (1984). *The Misunderstood Child*. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill

Simmons, Ph.D. Deborah and Kame'enui, Ph.D., Edward. (1998). *What Reading Research Tells Us About Children with Diverse Learning Needs*. Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Trudsell, Mary Louise and Horowitz, Inge W., eds. (2002). *Understanding Learning Disabilities; A Parent Guide and Workbook*. Baltimore, MD: York Press

Vail, Priscilla. (1999). *Reading Comprehension: Students' Needs & Teachers' Tools*. Rosemont, NJ. Modern Learning Press

West, Thomas. (1991). *In the Mind's Eye*. Buffalo, NY: Prometheus Books

Wright, Esq., Peter, W.D. and Wright, M.A., Pamela Darr. (2004) *Wrightslaw: Special Education Law from Emotions to Advocacy: The Special Education Survival Guide*. Hartfield, VA. Harbor House Law Press, Inc.

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Recommended Reading List for Children on Reverse

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**Recommended Reading for Children and Teens**

- Bauer, James. (1992). *The Runaway Learning Machine: Growing Up Dyslexic*. Minneapolis, MN: Educational Media Corporation.
- Barrie, Barbara. (1994). *Adam Zigzag*. New York, NY: Delacorte Press. (young teens)
- Betancourt, Jeanne. (1993). *My Name is Brain/Brian*. New York, NY: Scholastic, Inc.
- Blue, Rose. (1979). *Me and Einstein*. New York, NY: Human Sciences Press. (young teens)
- Dunn, K.B., and Dunn, A.B. (1993). *Trouble with School: A Family Story About Learning Disabilities*. Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing, Inc. (teens)
- Dwyer, Kathleen M. (1991). *What Do You Mean I Have a Learning Disability?* New York, NY: Walker & Co. (elementary)
- Fisher, Gary & Cummings, Rhonda (1991). *The School Survival Guide for Kids with LD*. Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing, Inc. (young teens)
- Gehret, Jeanne. (1990). *The Don't Give Up Kid and Learning Disabilities*. Minneapolis, MN: Raising Readers. (elementary to young teens)
- Griffith, Joe. (1998). *How Dyslexic Benny Became A Star*. Dallas, TX: Yorktown Press. (young teens)
- Hayes, Marnell L. (1994). *The Turned In, Turned On Book*. Novato, CA: High Noon Books. (teens)
- Janover, Caroline. (1995). *The Worst Speller In Jr. High*, Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing. (teens)
- Levine, M.D., Mel. (2001) *Jarvis Clutch – Social Spy*. Cambridge, MA: Educators Publishing Service. (elementary to teens)
- Polacco, P. (1998). *Thank You Mr. Falker*. New York, NY: Putnam Publishing Group. (elementary)
- Richards, Regina G. (2000) *Eli: The Boy Who Hated to Write – Understanding Dysgraphia*. Riverside, CA: RET Center Press.
- Stern, M.A., Judith and Ben-Ami, Ph.D., Uzi. (1996). *Many Ways to Learn: Young People's Guide to Learning Disabilities*. New York, NY: Magination. (elementary to early teens) [audiotape also available.]

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