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- How your child's brain learns to read—and why encouraging drawing and scribbling is as essential as reading aloud
- The best at-home activities to develop literacy early, naturally, and joyfully
- Recommended children's books for each phase
- Strategies for overcoming dyslexia, delayed reading, and other challenges
- Checklists and a milestones diary to celebrate your child's progress

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Editorial Review

From Booklist

Children's first teachers—their parents—get first crack at nudging them toward becoming readers. Drawing on 30 years' experience as an educator and literacy expert, Gentry offers sound advice on how parents can develop strong reading and writing skills in children starting at birth through age seven. He provides plenty of activities through five literacy learning phases, from a child's early attempts at scribbling to handling early-reader books alone. Gentry's advice ranges from the well known (reading to children at an early age and talking to them at length and in an encouraging manner to help develop vocabulary) to the more neurological based (understanding the importance of drawing as a preparation for learning to read). He tackles the debates on reading theories—whole language versus phonics-based. Using age-specific vignettes, he describes capabilities and methods of teaching reading and writing, focusing on a child's individual development, and advises parents on how to monitor development and "test" for progress. An abundance of graphics add to the value of this useful resource for parents. --Vanessa Bush

Review

***Library Journal*, 7/8/10**

"Gentry provides concrete teaching examples that are easy to implement; his user-friendly lessons offer opportunities for parents to have fun with children while they learn."

***Booklist*, August 2010**

"Gentry offers sound advice on how parents can develop strong reading and writing skills in children starting at birth through age seven...An abundance of graphics add to the value of this useful resource for parents."

***Blogcritics*, 7/17/10**

"An excellent handbook for caregivers of young children to prepare them for a lifetime of reading...In addition to a thorough explanation of what to teach and how to teach, this book lists a variety of fun materials that can be adapted for in-home use...As an educator for over 30 years who spent much time each day attempting to teach slow learners how to read, I must recommend *Raising Confident Readers* to anyone with a small baby or toddler at home. Why? Because of the emphasis the book places on what can be done from birth until the child enters school that will foster good reading skills."

***Tucson Citizen* 7/29/10**

"In his book, Dr. Gentry offers a user-friendly plan so that parents can help their children form a solid foundation for developing reading and writing skills."

***MomDivas.com*, 8/2/10**

"The information you'll glean from *Raising Confident Readers* is *invaluable* and will have you hooked on the book, whether you choose to follow his system or not."

***Reading2008.com*, 8/3/10**

"If you want to help your toddler, preschooler, or kindergartner learn to read—in fun and satisfying

ways—*Raising Confident Readers* is the book for you.”

Plymouth, August 2010

“Offers a phenomenal look into the phases of reading development, and offers quick and simple exercises for parents to use to get their children to an appropriate reading level...A must read for any parent looking to improve or enhance their child’s ability.”

January, August 2010

“Gentry’s book is clear, loving, lucid and simple to use. If you have a very young child at home or are expecting one in the future, read *Raising Confident Readers: How to Teach Your Child to Read and Write --from Baby to Age 7*. Anyone could follow Gentry’s gentle program. And everyone should.”

Bookviews, September 2010

“If you have a youngster returning to school with poor reading skills you need to step in and help. This book will show you how.”

About the Author

J. Richard Gentry, PhD is a nationally acclaimed expert on childhood literacy, reading, and spelling development, with more than thirty years experience working with beginning readers. A former university professor and elementary school teacher, he is currently an educational consultant living in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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