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This book offers creative strategies, tips, and activities to help young people discover - or rediscover - the joy and empowerment of reading.

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Trish says

The author has lots of good resources.

Priya says

I see lots of repetitions in this book. However it's useful for readers who want their kids to be a bibliophile. The wonderful part is the detailed list of age appropriate books. A must read for all readers.

Laura says

The glowing recommendations from librarians on the cover raised my expectations for this book, and they were not fully met. I enjoyed hearing her interview on NPR and very much enjoyed the portions of the book when she was on her "soapbox." I wish there had been more of her commentary on those issues (TV, "dark" books for children) and a lot less repetition.

Having checked this out from the library, I read it as a book, when I think it is best used as a reference. She repeats the strategies for making reading a joyful experience for each age group, so you see the same thing four times. I almost returned it after reading the baby chapter where her helpful ideas were use board books, animal books, rhyming books, ABC books, and make your own photo albums - uh, duh! Thankfully, the suggestions got better in the older age groups (time capsules, family trees, cooking projects) and I'll definitely use the lists of recommended books.

I remain shocked by the statistics she shares. "Eighty percent of US families did not buy or read a book last year. Seventy percent of US adults have not been in a bookstore in the past 5 years. Forty-two percent of college graduates never read another book once they have graduated." I really can't fathom any of these and wish she had spent more time discussing them and making an action plan instead of telling us to make a cozy reading nook four times.

Kellie says

Well, it's not rocket science but I did find this book very helpful. The primary message is simply to make reading fun for kids, and it offers some specific suggestions and ideas for how to do that. There is a quite a bit of repetition since the book is broken primarily by age group and lots of the same suggestions are applicable for multiple age groups, but that didn't really bug me. She also offers some great suggested reading lists and website for more information and ideas. Certainly worth picking up and paging through!

Sherri says

I believe in everything Hamilton says in this book about the importance of associating reading with pleasure and how reading aloud to kids OF ALL AGES helps facilitate this goal. It wasn't a great book though. I learned about several useful reading websites, but besides that, I found this book a repetitive (she repeats the same suggestions for each age group) and lacking in new information. Hamilton is the daughter of Julie Andrews, and at several points she mentions the connection between reading aloud and performance. I wish she would have taken this a bit further, making this a more unique book that would actually add some new ideas. Instead, I would highly recommend Trelease's Read Aloud Handbook over this one!

Ruth Ann says

This book is written by the daughter of Julie Andrews! Chapter 7 lists great resources that you won't want to miss (such as websites, magazines, organizations, and recommended reading programs). Includes suggestions for techniques and activities to encourage reading at each age level as well as lists of reading suggestions. Hamilton is an active member of NEA (National Endowment of the Arts and refers to their recent landmark publications on literacy.

Rene says

This book is very easy to read and has very specific ideas that any one can use to promote reading in children. I found the recommended resources very plentiful and very helpful in my job as a youth services librarian. I highly recommend this book for teachers, librarians, parents, and any other individual interested in passing on their love of reading.

Jen says

I really enjoyed this book. I actually read it in a day because there is a lot of repetition. I enjoyed the age-by-age recommendations the most. Her premise is that we can get our kids reading by building associations of warmth/cuddling/joy with reading. I love that she encourages us to have our kids read in bed (one of my fondest memories of reading as a child). This is a book I would recommend to any parents and teachers. I will be recommending it to the parents of my students as well. The author includes plenty of extra resources for parents.

jacky says

I liked the premise of this book about associating pleasure with reading and then keeping that association alive, but I didn't learn much that was new. This book wouldn't be a bad place to start for parents overwhelmed by helping their children to read because it is short, clear, and lists a lot of ideas. But, it is not my favorite text on this subject.

Ami says

If you are looking for a book that will give a great detailed list of benefits and statistics for reading, this is a decent place to start. But really, who wants decent when great and phenomenal are available? I truly believe a better choice for the whys and hows of reading would be Paul Kropp's "How to Make Your Child a Reader for Life." I also thought Esme Raji Codell's "How to Get Your Child to Love Reading" had much better booklists and unique ideas.

Bea Elwood says

I really wanted to like this book, and it is full of important information for parents to help support a love of reading. But it was also very repetitive. This outline would make for a great interactive website and the focus on what adults can do to connect reading to pleasure is so important (we don't have to kill the joy of reading with endless comprehension questions!).

Kimberly Mccune says

Very repetitive but a quick study. The most valuable part is the references to books by age and other works to help support your child's literary endeavors.

Lori says

Lists for ideas and books to read for each age group

Try Julie Andrew books and more Emma Walton Hamilton books

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Strategies for each age group and ideas beyond just reading

Hope Baugh says

I confess that I did not read every word of this book; someone else was waiting to read it at my library. However, I read the whole chapter on middle school-aged people and skimmed the rest. The advice is good and the book itself is easy to read. I copied several of the inspirational quote boxes into my own quotes file, too.

Kathy says

I put this book on my Goodreads list ages ago, before I had a bookworm (which now I most certainly do). I was interested in her suggested books for different ages. The activities she suggests are good, but if you have a "reading" household, chances are you are already doing most of them. I did take away a few ideas that I will try.
