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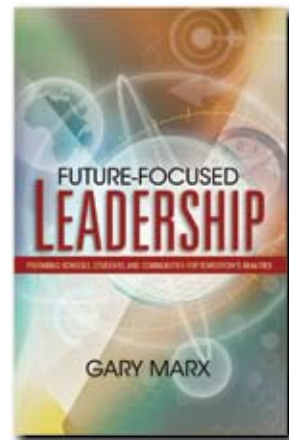
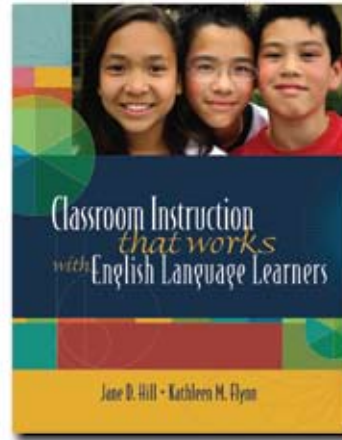
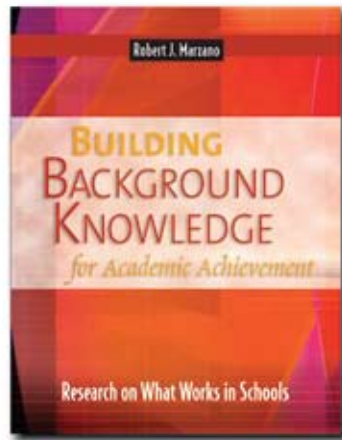
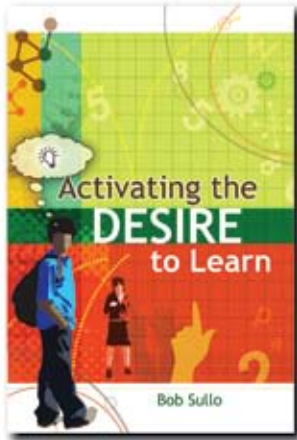
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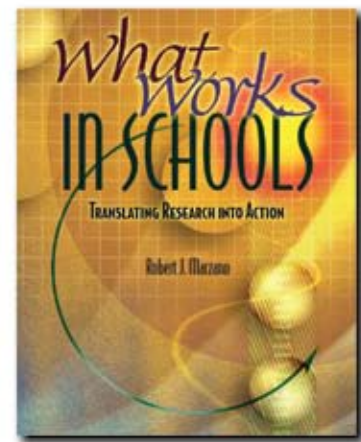
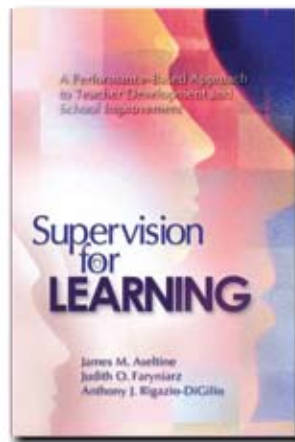
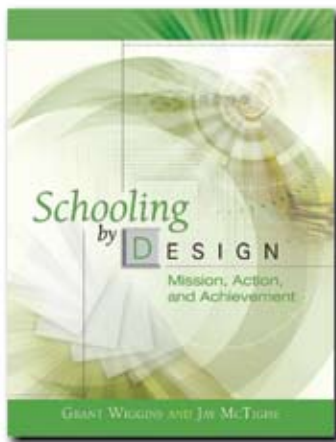
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The authors show how school leaders can use “power tools” to coordinate essential school improvement processes, improve student achievement and create more effective schools.
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Expert guidance on using the research-based strategies from *Classroom Instruction That Works with English language learners* at all levels of proficiency.
- **Classroom Instruction That Works: Research-Based Strategies for Increasing Student Achievement (2001)**
For any educator who hungers after real proof of which teaching strategies raise student achievement and by how much, this best-selling K–12 guide provides a banquet of research evidence, statistical data and case studies.
- **Concept-Rich Mathematics Instruction: Building a Strong Foundation for Reasoning and Problem Solving (2006)**
A constructivist approach to mathematics instruction, focusing especially on how teachers can use dialogue to identify and overcome student misconceptions.
- **EdSpeak: A Glossary of Education Terms, Phrases, Buzzwords, and Jargon (2007)**
Education historian Diane Ravitch demystifies the often obscure and ever-changing lingo of the education field in this lively, informative glossary of education terms.
- **Educating Everybody’s Children: Diverse Teaching Strategies for Diverse Learners: What Research and Practice Say About Improving Achievement (1995)**
This revised and expanded 2nd edition of *Educating Everybody’s Children* provides educators with research-proven instructional strategies to meet the varying needs of students from economically, ethnically, culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.



- **Enhancing Professional Practice: A Framework for Teaching, 2nd Edition (2007)**

This classic book is widely used by teachers at all levels, from novice to expert. It provides a solid foundation for recruitment and hiring, mentoring, coaching and teacher evaluation. This revised and expanded edition includes frameworks for specialists such as school nurses, school counselors, library and media specialists and therapeutic specialists.

- **Exemplary Practices for Secondary Math Teachers (2007)**

Veteran educators share proven solutions to guide a new secondary math teacher through the challenging first few months and provide the more experienced teacher with interesting alternatives to familiar methods.

- **Future-Focused Leadership: Preparing Schools, Students, and Communities for Tomorrow's Realities (2006)**

A forward-looking guide to helping leaders in education and other fields better prepare students for such challenges as globalization, demographic shifts and advances in technology.

- **Getting to "Got It!": Helping Struggling Students Learn How to Learn (2007)**

Explore the hidden reasons students struggle and what teachers can do to help them become self-directed learners.

- **How to Differentiate Instruction in Mixed-Ability Classrooms, 2nd Edition (2001)**

A best-selling book, updated with three new chapters, extended examples, and field-tested strategies help teachers succeed in today's increasingly diverse classrooms.

- **Improving Student Learning One Teacher at a Time (2007)**

A co-author of Classroom Instruction That Works presents a synthesis of best practices for instruction and shows teachers how making the right adjustments in curriculum, planning and delivery, assessment, and record keeping and reporting can significantly improve student learning.

- **Inspiring Active Learning: A Complete Handbook for Today's Teachers (2006)**

A revised and greatly expanded 2nd edition featuring more than 250 research-based and teacher-tested strategies for solving teaching problems and transforming classrooms into communities of active, responsible learners.

- **Integrating Differentiated Instruction & Understanding by Design: Connecting Content and Kids (2006)**

Discover how the integration of two of education's most powerful frameworks will help teachers impart essential knowledge and skills to the full spectrum of learners.

- **Learning on Display: Student-Created Museums That Build Understanding (2006)**

Through photographs and classroom examples, a former curriculum director, teacher and museum educator shows the step-by-step process for creating school museums that make classwork rigorous, memorable and fun.

- **Learning-Driven Schools: A Practical Guide for Teachers and Principals (2006)**

A research-based guide for helping teachers shift their focus from teaching to student learning during lesson planning, instruction, and assessment—and for helping principals do the same when assessing teachers.

- **Making Standards Useful in the Classroom (2008)**

Learn how to convert standards into useful tools for teachers, plus set up related grading scales that support formative assessment and effective instruction. Includes detailed scoring scales and sample measurement topics for K–8 science, math, language arts, social studies, and K–12 life skills.

- **Managing Diverse Classrooms: How to Build on Students' Cultural Strengths (2008)**

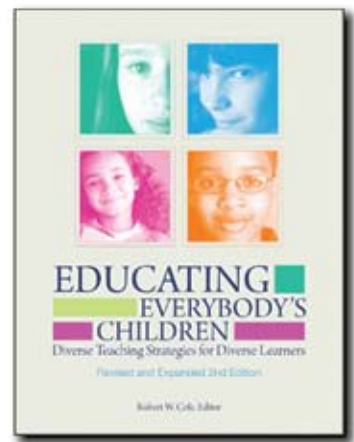
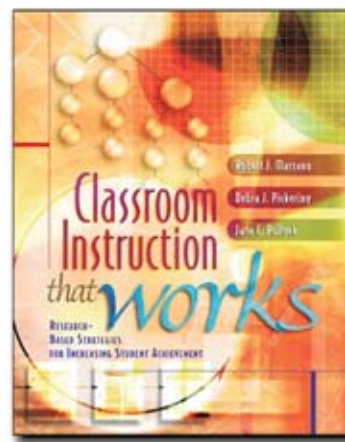
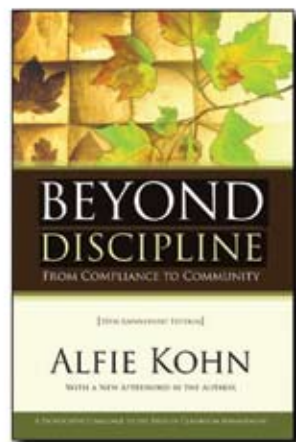
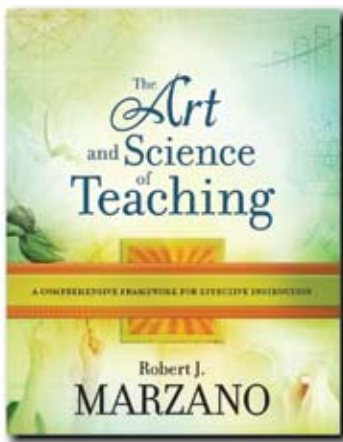
Blending research with teacher-developed strategies, this book helps teachers better understand students' cultural differences and turn educational challenges into educational opportunities.

- **Managing Your Classroom with Heart: A Guide for Nurturing Adolescent Learners (2006)**

Veteran educators share proven solutions to guide a new secondary math teacher through the challenging first few months and provide the more experienced teacher with interesting alternatives to familiar methods.

- **Mobilizing the Community to Help Students Succeed (2008)**

The past president of the National Urban League explores how to involve parents, media, civic organizations, businesses, and other community partners in successful efforts to inspire and award academic achievement in even the most challenged school districts.



- **Personalizing the High School Experience for Each Student (2008)**

Explore six promising practices that high schools are using to personalize education: guided personalized learning, personal learning plans, personalized teaching, community-based learning, and personalized assessment.

- **Principals Who Learn: Asking the Right Questions, Seeking the Best Solutions (2007)**

Former principals Barbara Kohm and Beverly Nance provide inspiration and tools for school leaders to truly collaborate and continually learn with staff members.

- **Priorities in Practice: The Essentials of Mathematics, K–6: Effective Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (2006)**

This book describes best practices for engaging elementary students in mathematics, from exploring numbers, patterns, and shapes to posing real-life problems that develop students' ability to reason and problem-solve.

- **Priorities in Practice: The Essentials of Science, Grades K–6: Effective Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (2006)**

Learn about best practices in elementary science, from curriculum planning and ongoing assessment to student motivation and professional development for teachers.

- **Reframing Teacher Leadership to Improve Your School (2008)**

School improvement expert Douglas B. Reeves proposes a new framework to promote effective and lasting change through teacher leadership and action research.

- **Research-Based Strategies to Ignite Student Learning: Insights from a Neurologist and Classroom Teacher (2006)**

The first book for K–12 educators written by an author who is both a neurologist and a classroom teacher. Willis explains the science behind the most effective teaching strategies.

- **Results Now: How We Can Achieve Unprecedented Improvements in Teaching and Learning (2006)**

Mike Schmoker argues passionately for a plan to revolutionize schools by focusing on consistent curriculum, authentic literacy education and professional learning communities for teachers.

- **School Leadership That Works: From Research To Results (2005)**

This guide to the 21 leadership responsibilities that influence student achievement will help school leaders focus on changes that really make a difference.

- **Schooling by Design: Mission, Action, and Achievement (2007)**

The authors of Understanding by Design share a compelling strategy for creating schools that truly fulfill the central mission of education: to help students become “thoughtful, productive, and accomplished at worthy tasks.”

- **Summarization in Any Subject: 50 Techniques to Improve Student Learning (2004)**

A national board-certified teacher shares time-tested ways to make this underused but highly effective instructional strategy part of every teacher's repertoire.

- **Supervision for Learning: A Performance-Based Approach To Teacher Development and School Improvement (2006)**

Integrate teacher evaluation, strategic professional development, and school improvement planning with this data-driven, standards-linked approach to supervision that builds educators' analytical and instructional capacity to address student learning needs.

- **Taking Action on Adolescent Literacy: An Implementation Guide for School Leaders (2007)**

Learn the 5 steps that school leaders can take to improve student literacy in all content areas, with targeted interventions for students who are struggling the most.

- **Teacher Leadership That Strengthens Professional Practice (2006)**

Charlotte Danielson gives individuals and schools a practical framework for tapping teachers' leadership potential and marshaling their efforts to better educate students and create a stronger learning community.

- **Teaching with the Brain in Mind, 2nd Edition (2005)**

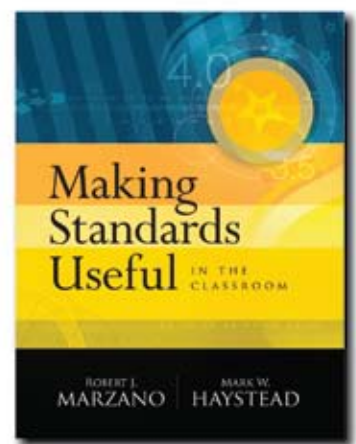
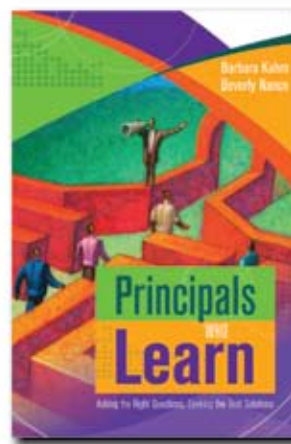
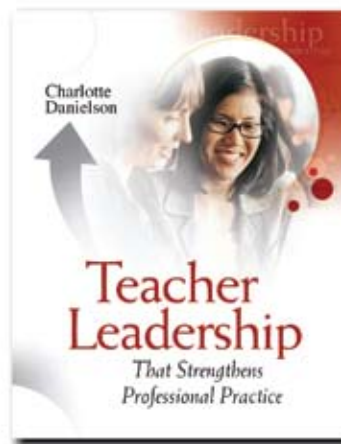
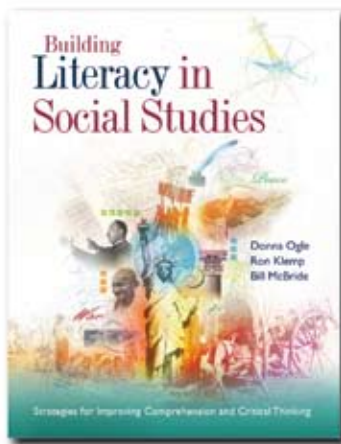
A revised and updated edition of Eric Jensen's best-selling guide to applying brain research in classroom practice.

- **The Art and Science of Teaching: A Comprehensive Framework for Effective Instruction (2007)**

The popular author of Classroom Instruction That Works discusses 10 questions that can help teachers sharpen their craft and do what really works for the particular students in their classroom.

- **The Best Schools: How Human Development Research Should Inform Educational Practice (2006)**

Armstrong describes the best practices in education based on what we currently know about human development.



- **The Differentiated Classroom: Responding to the Needs of All Learners (1999)**

Matching your instructional approach to the needs and interests of every student is an overwhelming challenge unless you follow the comprehensive approach offered in this book. The leading authority on differentiation explains common sense, classroom-proven approaches that work for teachers in any grade level.

- **The Differentiated School: Making Revolutionary Changes in Teaching and Learning (2008)**

Three educators share powerful, real-life accounts of how two schools successfully built differentiated instruction into every classroom and achieved sweeping positive results for their staff and students.

- **The Fundamentals of Literacy Coaching (2008)**

This book contains strategies for creating and implementing effective teacher-to-teacher literacy coaching programs in schools and districts.

- **The Strategic Teacher: Selecting the Right Research-Based Strategy for Every Lesson (2007)**

This book is packed with reliable, high-impact, flexible strategies for teaching and learning that are grounded in research and suitable for teachers at any level. The authors also explain how teachers can use an innovative visual profile to better plan for different teaching and learning styles in their classrooms.

- **The Teacher Quality Index: A Protocol for Teacher Selection (2006)**

A research-based interview protocol built on the quality indicators explored in James H. Stronge's best-selling *Qualities of Effective Teachers*.

- **Transformative Assessment (2008)**

Testing expert W. James Popham provides the definitive nuts-and-bolts introduction to formative assessment, a process with the power to transform teaching and learning.

- **Understanding by Design, Expanded 2nd Edition (2005)**

Wiggins and McTighe provide an expanded array of practical tools and strategies for designing curriculum, instruction, and assessments that lead students at all grade levels to genuine understanding.

- **Using Technology with Classroom Instruction that Works (2007)**

Practical guidance, vivid examples, and dozens of resources show you the best ways to use technology to support the research-based instructional strategies that increase student achievement.

- **What Works in Schools: Translating Research into Action (2003)**

While many differences in student achievement are due to the students themselves—their home life, prior knowledge, and motivation—the good news is that there's a lot that schools and teachers can do to improve student achievement . . . if they follow the direction provided in this book.

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