



YOUR GIFTED CHILD: A READING LIST FOR PARENTS

Campbell, Joseph R. **Raising Your Child To Be Gifted: Successful Parents Speak.** Cambridge, MA: Brookline Books, 1995.

Based on his research in four different countries with parents of high achieving students, Campbell has developed specific "recipes" for successful parenting - practical strategies and techniques which parents can use to ensure their children recognize the importance of effort and of schooling.

Delisle, James R. **Barefoot Irreverence: A Guide to Critical Issues in Gifted Education.** Waco, TX: Prufrock Press, 2002.

In the field of gifted education, Jim Delisle is the person who writes 'straight from the heart'. He is a very unusual academic, who took a year's sabbatical from his university teaching to return to a fourth-grade classroom. His experiences with real kids have led him to write passionately and humourously about the needs of gifted children.

Halsted, Judith W. **Some Of My Best Friends Are Books: Guiding Gifted Readers From Preschool To High School.** Scottsdale, AZ: Gifted Psychology Press, 1995.

A thoughtful look at how children's intellectual and emotional development can be assisted by books, which Halsted believes are wonderful bridges for communication with young people. Her annotated list of 300 appropriate books contains suggestions for using these books to provoke discussion of issues important in children's emotional lives.

Kerr, Barbara. **Smart Girls: A New Psychology Of Girls, Women And Giftedness.** Rev. Ed. Scottsdale, AZ: Gifted Psychology Press, 1997.

Barbara Kerr, who was part of a cohort of gifted students in the post-Sputnik era, subsequently followed up at ten- and twenty-year intervals the progress of her fellow female students. Her findings have much to say about why gifted girls often fail to develop their potential.

Kerr, Barbara. **Smart Boys: Talent, Manhood and the Search for Meaning.** Scottsdale, AZ: Great Potential Press, 2001.

Barbara Kerr's recognition of the special issues that confront gifted boys.

Kurcinka, Mary S. **Raising Your Spirited Child: A Guide For Parents Whose Child Is More Intense, Sensitive, Perceptive, Persistent, And Energetic.** New York: Harper Perennial, 1991.

The subtitle explains exactly why this book rates high on the popularity list for parents of gifted kids. Kurcinka helps parents focus on the positive, rather than the negative, side of these attributes that are so commonly found in gifted children.

Niehart, Maureen et al. **The Social and Emotional Development of Gifted Children: What Do We Know?** Waco, TX: National Association for Gifted Children/Prufrock Press, 2002

The only source that attempts to provide an authoritative, academic overview of the social and emotional development of gifted children, this book contains a variety of different articles on topics ranging from peer pressure to effective parenting practices that promote optimal adjustment.

Rimm, Sylvia. **Why Bright Kids Get Poor Grades - And What You Can Do About It.** New York: Crown, 1995.

Years of counselling underachievers have led Dr. Rimm to conclude that parents and teachers unconsciously reinforce and perpetuate behaviors that lead to what she labels "underachievement syndrome". Her suggested solutions are concrete and prescriptive.

Rivero, Lisa. **Creative Home Schooling for Gifted Children: A Resource Guide.** Scottsdale, AZ: Great Potential Press, 2002.

Extremely useful and thorough advice for parents who are homeschooling their gifted child, but also well worth examining by other parents for its thoughtful overview of the characteristics of the gifted, and its extensive lists of resources.

Saunders, Jacqueline and Espeland, Pamela. **Bringing Out The Best: A Resource Guide For Parents Of Young Gifted Children.** Rev. ed. Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit, 1991.

This book has received positive reviews from parents who find it a practical resource for understanding and assisting their two-to seven-year-olds. It assists with commonly-encountered challenges in coming to terms with giftedness, and also suggests many learning activities which can be engaged in at home

Silverman, Linda K. **Counseling The Gifted And Talented.** Denver, CO: Love Publishing, 1993,

Although this book is directed at school counselors, its introductory chapters, which explain the emotional aspects of giftedness, can be invaluable in helping parents understand the intensity and sensitivity characteristic of gifted individuals.

Smutny, Joan Franklin. **Stand Up for Your Gifted Child: How to Make the Most of Kids' Strengths at School and at Home.** Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit, 2001.

This book provides an excellent understanding of giftedness, especially of the educational options available for gifted students and the need for parents to be involved in their children's education. Each chapter ends with a section called "Take a Stand" that provides solid, practical advice about the next step on the journey.

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