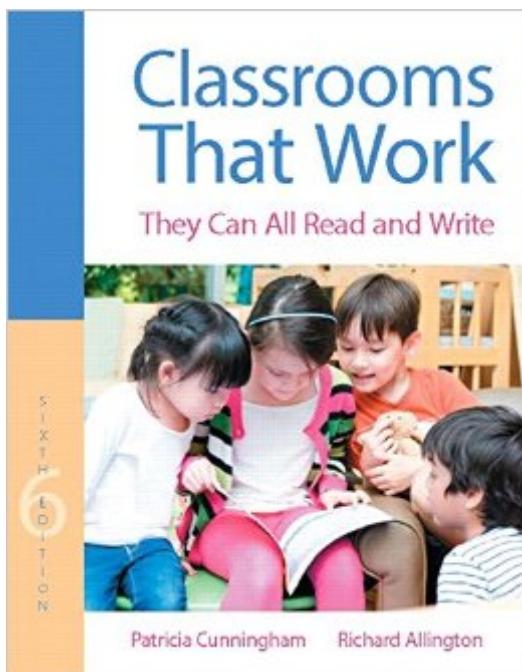


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# Classrooms That Work: They Can All Read And Write (6th Edition)



## **Synopsis**

Practical help for providing balanced, comprehensive literacy instruction for all students, particularly those from culturally diverse backgrounds and those who are struggling with reading and writing.

This popular resource provides comprehensive, balanced, practical literacy instruction for all students in today's increasingly diverse classrooms, especially students from culturally diverse backgrounds and those struggling with reading and writing. As the Common Core raises the bar for all children, Classrooms That Work helps educators meet the challenges by presenting lesson frameworks for providing reading and language arts instruction that helps all children achieve their highest literacy levels. In a clear, friendly writing style, the authors emphasize the importance of promoting the integration of phonics and literature-based process writing and reading instruction to enhance all students' learning and reading skills. The book clarifies concepts, defines key terms, and offers just the right balance of research and practical coverage to make the content complete without being overwhelming.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Classrooms That Work is a great reading and writing resource. It tells what strategies have been tried in the reading field. It tells what has worked and what hasn't worked. After you get through that, it gives you tons of strategies to use in your classroom when teaching reading and writing. The best things about these strategies are that they are easy to implement and they work. You can also modify

them to make them more suitable for you. These strategies allow all students to be successful in your classroom. This book is a great one to keep on hand. Although it is aimed for grades K-5, you could easily adapt or modify the strategies to work in your middle school classroom. I have many new strategies to try with my students this September!

Pat has done a masterful job of combining the best balanced literacy practices into one easy-to-manage program. Her 4Blocks model is a surefire way to ensure that your students are learning from all angles. My only criticism is that the guided reading block does not quite fit for grades 3 and above. Pat says that your kids should read multiple books over the course of the week - each at different levels. However, beyond second grade, books are much longer, thus making it impossible to expose your students to such a wide range of levels each week.

This book changed my mind about teaching literacy skills, and the result is Special Day Class students who are reading, who love reading, and who actually TRY to read things. This book is full of great ideas that work: so many ideas that you wish you could use them all! My copy is already dog-eared and filled with sticky notes, highlighting, and notes in the margin. I've told all my teacher friends to get this book! GET THIS BOOK!

This book is a must have for primary teachers! It is chock full of practical ideas that can be implemented in your classroom. Cunningham and Allington's experience and research are evident throughout the pages of this book. It is very readable and an excellent resource as it addresses just about every need you can think of. I highly recommend it.

This is the best book I have ever read about teaching reading and writing. The ideas are practical and "do-able". You can teach reading and writing without buying an expensive program. This book is a must have if you teach 1st grade!

Super choice for preservice teachers. They love it. Good readable information on how to teach children to read.

Now in a revised and updated third edition, *Classrooms That Work* by Patricia M. Cunningham (Professor of Education, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina) and Richard L. Allington (Irvin and Rose Fien Professor of Education, University of Florida) is a solid, practical

no-nonsense guide to creating a positive educational environment in both public and private schools, with emphasis on teaching literacy in first through sixth grades. The authors offer useful strategies and techniques for helping children learn including cross-checking, means of accurately assessing reading skill, multilevel guided reading, and much more. Classrooms That Work is a superb resource for teachers and concerned parents seeking to improve the quality and learning atmosphere of the formal and informal classroom setting.

Classrooms That Work is a great reference for any teacher K-6 to have. It begins by telling the reader what has and hasn't worked in teaching reading in the past, goes over specific teaching strategies, and finally gives the reader a window into three separate classrooms. It really aims to teach all children, and gives you many strategies in reading and writing to allow all of your students to succeed. Although it is mainly outlined for elementary level, it is clearly adaptable for middle school. I can't wait to try some of the strategies and activities when I return to school in September! Try it out-you won't be disappointed!

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