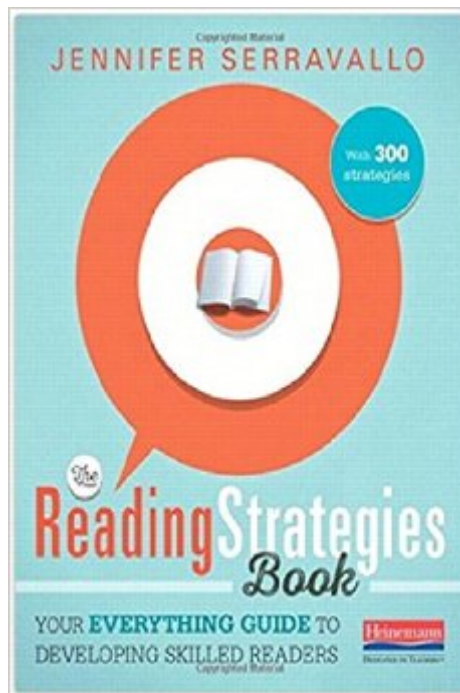


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# The Reading Strategies Book: Your Everything Guide To Developing Skilled Readers



## Synopsis

With hit books that support strategic reading through conferring, small groups, and assessment, Jen Serravallo gets emails almost daily asking, "Isn't there a book of the strategies themselves?" Now there is. "Strategies make the often invisible work of reading actionable and visible," Jen writes. In *The Reading Strategies Book*, she collects 300 strategies to share with readers in support of thirteen goals-everything from fluency to literary analysis. Each strategy is cross-linked to skills, genres, and Fountas & Pinnell reading levels to give you just-right teaching, just in time. With Jen's help you'll: develop goals for every reader give students step-by-step strategies for skilled reading guide readers with prompts aligned to the strategies adjust instruction to meet individual needs with Jen's Teaching Tips craft demonstrations and explanations with her Lesson Language learn more with Hat Tips to the work of influential teacher-authors. Whether you use readers workshop, Daily 5/CAFE, guided reading, balanced reading, a core reading program, whole-class novels, or any other approach, *The Reading Strategies Book* will complement and extend your teaching. Rely on it to plan and implement goal-directed, differentiated instruction for individuals, small groups, and whole classes. "We offer strategies to readers to put the work in doable terms for those who are still practicing," writes Jen Serravallo. "The goal is not that they can do the steps of the strategy but that they become more comfortable and competent with a new skill." With *The Reading Strategies Book*, you'll have ways to help your readers make progress every day. Visit [heinemann.com/readingstrategiesbook/](http://heinemann.com/readingstrategiesbook/) where you'll find blog posts, videos from Jen Serravallo, community features, and more information on *The Reading Strategies Book*.

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## Customer Reviews

This AMAZING, MUST HAVE, book is a dream come true for anyone who teaches reading. It is like no other book I've ever read or owned about literacy. Most books about teaching reading require plowing through lots of pages about the author's philosophy and practices before getting to the good stuff...the stuff you can use in the classroom tomorrow. This book is only the "good stuff!" ...from strugglers to gifted students...from pre emergent readers to Level Z readers..... You will find strategies you could walk in your classroom and use the day you receive your book. Every teacher, from classroom teachers to reading specialists to literacy coaches to tutors to home-school teachers, from pre service teachers to veteran teachers, will quickly and easily be able to find the strategies they need to teach the students in front of them. And the strategies will help readers at every level internalize skills necessary to read fiction and non fiction, to write and talk about reading, and to read and comprehend with deeper insight. The author, Jennifer Serravallo likens the book to a cookbook that the reader will hopefully outgrow someday, but I can't put it down. It will make you wish you wish it wasn't summer. The inviting, easy to find pages with lots of charts and practical tips will invite you to start tabbing pages, highlighting and organizing yourself for next year! In addition, it's the perfect gift for a teacher friend, or relative. I just ordered two copies for my soon to be teaching daughters. Only one regret... why couldn't this have been published when I started teaching....I would have been such a better teacher!

"Effective reading strategies are like my favorite recipes; they teach you how to accomplish something that is not yet automatic in a broken down, step-by-step manner." - Jennifer Serravallo, *The Reading Strategies Book: Your EVERYTHING Guide to Developing Skilled Readers* Jennifer Serravallo created the ultimate book of reading strategies. This resource is a must have for schools! Let me explain in terms of who can benefit:- Campus Leadership: Assistant principals usually coordinate the RtI process and instructional intervention plans. This book will help identify and create individual goals for learners, determine the appropriate strategy and give you ideas for intervention lessons. Best of all, these can be implemented IN the classroom setting by the teacher. In my experience as an assistant principal, I often got responses like, "He can't read. She struggles with reading. He doesn't try to sound out words. She is not on grade level in reading. He has so many gaps, I don't know where to start." This book will help teachers: identify specific

instructional goals identify guidelines for readers to practice and apply strategies give helpful feedback to move the reader forward- Literacy Specialist/Instructional Coach: This resource can help with coaching conversations with individual teachers or grade level teams.- Classroom Teacher: This is truly a comprehensive book to help you develop individual reading goals or goals for reading strategy groups. This a a GREAT resource for reading strategy groups. The lessons in this book can fit into any balanced literacy program. The book is organized around the following goals (chapters) for developing skilled readers: - Supporting Pre-Emergent and Emergent Readers - Teaching Reading Engagement: Focus, Stamina, and Building a Reading Life - Supporting Print Work: Increasing Accuracy and Integrating Sources of Information - Teaching Fluency: Reading with Paraphrasing, Intonation, and Automaticity - Supporting Comprehension in Fiction: Understanding Plot and Setting - Supporting Comprehension in Fiction: Thinking About Characters - Supporting Comprehension in Fiction: Understanding Themes and Ideas - Supporting Comprehension in Nonfiction: Determining Main Topic(s) and Idea(s) - Supporting Comprehension in Nonfiction: Determining Key Details - Supporting Comprehension in Nonfiction: Getting the Most from Text Features - Improving Comprehension in Fiction and Nonfiction: Understanding Vocabulary and Figurative Language - Supporting Students' Conversations: Speaking, Listening, and Deepening Comprehension - Improving Writing About Reading Each chapter starts with a research-based explanation of WHY the goal is important to developing skilled readers. Serravallo also gives you suggestions on how to assess students, because it crucial that the strategy matches the child's goal and the texts they are reading. Strategy lessons include the following (depending on the lesson): - Level - Genre/Text Type - Skill - Strategy - Prompts - Teaching Tips - Language Lesson - Visuals See my full review (with visuals) here:

<http://loriesqualls.com/2015/07/11/the-reading-strategies-book/> HIGHLY RECOMMEND!!

I am a literacy coach and am so excited to use this book next year with teachers at my school. Here's why: I love how Jennifer compares The Reading Strategies Book to a cookbook, It's a great analogy for the lessons in the book. This book does not need to be read cover to cover (although you can). You can determine goals based on formative assessment and turn to the chapter about that goal. She also suggests that you tweak lessons to make them your own, just as you would with a recipe. I do this a lot when I am cooking, but it sure is nice to have that lesson as a starting point! That is the beauty of this book. The "Getting Started" section of the book is invaluable. Jennifer walks you through navigating the book, choosing goals for students, how the book might fit into your current literacy instruction, and supporting strategies with visuals. I LOVE how this book is

organized. Each chapter focuses on a goal for students. Within each chapter you will find 20-25 lessons with strategies to teach the skills needed for students to meet this goal. Each lesson is beautiful organized (again with the organization!) and printed in color with visuals/charts. Within the margins, Jennifer indicates who this lesson is for (guided reading level, genre/text type, and skill). The lessons are short and sweet (on one page)--no crazy prep or planning needed. A teacher's dream. I think this book should be a required text for college literacy courses and should be a welcome gift to new teachers when hired. I could not recommend this book more highly. Jennifer Seravallo never disappoints!

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