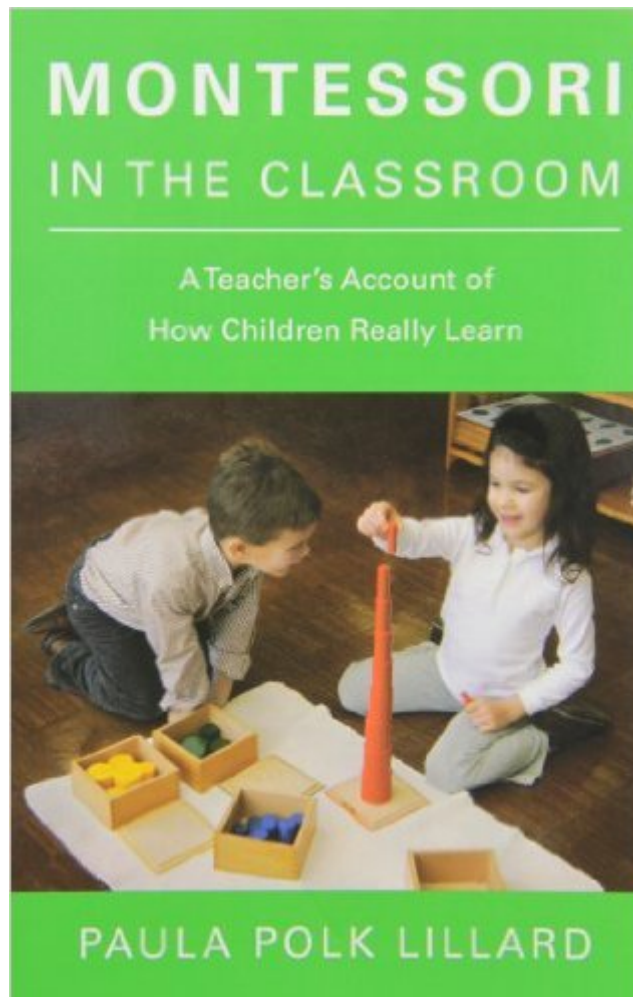


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# Montessori In The Classroom: A Teacher's Account Of How Children Really Learn



## Synopsis

What really happens inside a Montessori classroom? How do teachers teach? How do children learn? This fascinating day-by-day record of a year in the life of a Montessori classroom answers these questions by providing an illuminating glimpse of the Montessori method in action.

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A diary account of the day by day occurrences in a Montessori classroom. What is truly fascinating is the way this teacher closely observes the children and know when (and when not) to help and give assistance. I highly recommend this book to anyone who is confused about how the Montessori classroom operates. It is very informative and gives you an insider's viewpoint on the Montessori method of education.

Having taught for a number of years in a Montessori environment, this book was like a breath of fresh air. From the first page I was hooked, understanding all. The book gave my staff and I may wonderful ideas for our classrooms, and made us really focus in on the importance of the Montessori method again. The best book to give to new staff members, Directresses or assistants; parents. So inspirational at a time when we were in a rut. Thank-you Paula for writing such a available book.

Although Maria Montessori's own writings give a lot of useful information on practicing the

Montessori method; this one is written by a contemporary Montessori teacher; writing about her school days, what happens in the classroom, how she practices the methods and uses the materials, reflecting on her teaching... There are lots of very useful tips that can save you weeks of planning and thinking. The author has done a great service, is honest, thoughtful and full of compassion. A delight to read.

I found the diary entry narrative helpful in understanding the teachers mindset in a Montessori classroom as well as providing insight into how children can learn in this setting. Both my children attended Montessori (pre-k to 2nd grade). This helped me understand nuances and how their learning and the teacher's role/expectations progressed throughout the year. Very good book!

I have read all of Paula Lillard's books, and I have to say, she does a better job than any other current author in explaining Montessori. Of course, those books written by Mario and Maria Montessori are invaluable as well, but there is a lot of material to sift through and Paula Lillard does a great job bringing the most important things to light. I especially like this book for parents thinking about putting their children into Montessori schools because the classroom/approach can appear confusing for someone who doesn't know much about it, and may be worried that their child might not learn as much as they would in a traditional school. In reality of course, the child learns a lot more in the Montessori classroom and Paula Lillard does a great job of explaining how this occurs. The classroom is truly geared towards the child's own exploration and it's amazing to see what they can accomplish with their self motivation. The child is drawn to the work that is most useful to him/her at any given moment during their development.

As other reviewers have said it reads sort of like a diary, which I like because I find it easier to read. I'm not a teacher, nor am I going to be a teacher, so I wasn't 100% sure I wanted to spend my time reading this but I'm really glad I did. It's just really interesting to see/hear about how amazing a child is, or can be with the right tools. This book really opened my eyes to the differences between a Montessori classroom and a traditional classroom and why I should choose Montessori.

This book is written like a diary and may be interesting for a new Montessori teacher. It is well written, but I find it contains little thought provoking meat and information like Lillard's other book *Montessori A Modern Approach*. That was a better book for someone looking to understand Montessori.

Great to get a peek in a montessori classroom. This book really helps with strategies to use on my own kids, as well!

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