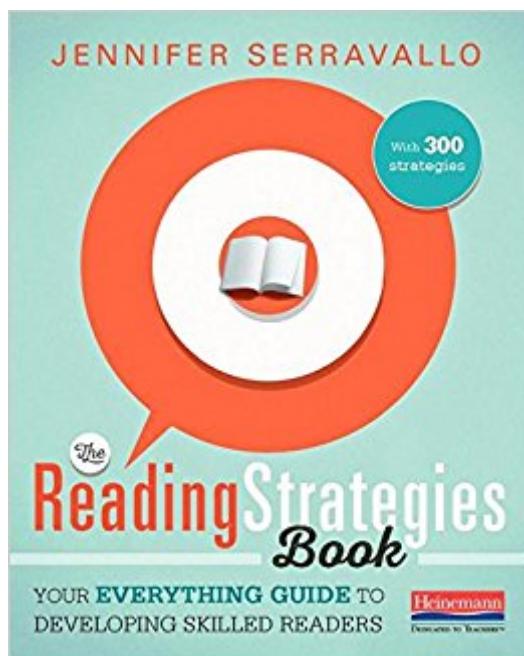


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# The Reading Strategies Book: Your Everything Guide To Developing Skilled Readers



## 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

Jennifer Serravallo is the author of New York Times bestseller *The Reading Strategies Book* as well as other popular Heinemann titles, including *Teaching Reading in Small Groups*; *Conferring with Readers*; and *The Literacy Teacher's Playbook*, Grades K - 2 and Grades 3 - 6. Her newest book is *The Writing Strategies Book*. She is also the author of the On-Demand Course *Teaching Reading in Small Groups: Matching Methods to Purposes* where you can watch dozens of videos of Jen teaching in real classrooms and engage with other educators in a self-guided course. Jen began her career in education as a teacher in Title I schools in NYC and later joined the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project at Columbia University. Through TCRWP and now as an independent consultant, she has spent over a decade helping teachers across the country to create literacy classrooms where students are joyfully engaged and the instruction is meaningfully individualized to students' goals. Jen holds a BA from Vassar College and an MA from Teachers College, where she has also taught graduate and undergraduate classes on urban education reform and children's literature. Learn more about Jen and her work at [www.jenniferserravallo.com](http://www.jenniferserravallo.com), or connect with her at @jserravallo.

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!

This book is muy bueno! The visuals, layout, and instruction are perfect for preservice and new teachers. It breaks down the strategy by Fountas and Pinnell text level gradient, genre/text type and skill. It also has teaching tips and prompts for every strategy. The author shows some wonderful examples of strategy anchor charts. This book is a wonderful compliment to any emergent, intermediate (and beyond) literacy class.

"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 is 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 Maint 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!!>

This book by Jennifer Serravallo is perfect for anyone who teaches reading, from classroom teachers to literacy coaches to interventionists, student teachers to tutors. It is packed with explicit, easy-to-follow reading strategies, organized into 13 reading goals. These strategies will help readers develop skills they need to read, comprehend, analyze, and discuss both fiction and non-fiction. Each page contains a teaching point, possible trajectories for strategy instruction, prompts, tips, examples of charts to use, and guidance for which readers will benefit most from the identified strategy. Not a book you will read and leave on your shelf, Serravallo provides teachers with a "cookbook" for their instruction. I found myself thinking of particular students or groups of students as I perused its pages with tabs and highlighter in hand. It filled me with anticipation for the new school year! Depending on the readers you work with, you will find yourself drawn to different reading goals, whether it be reading engagement, fluency, fiction comprehension (plot, setting, characters, theme), nonfiction comprehension (text features, main ideas, details), speaking and listening, writing about reading, vocabulary and figurative language, and more. This isn't a book you have to read from cover to cover; the easy-to-use table of contents invites you to target specific goals and find the strategies that are just-right for your readers. Concise, student-friendly, and purposeful, the teaching points and instruction framework are ready to put into practice immediately. You will keep this book at your fingertips as you move through the year. Once again, Jennifer Serravallo delivers a text that will benefit all who encounter its pages, and I highly recommend this "everything guide" for anyone who teaches reading!

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