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At Redleaf Press, we often return to a simple truth: *“Teaching is like planting a tree under whose shade you will never sit.”* This idea is at the heart of everything we do. Early childhood professionals invest in futures they may never fully see—but their impact is undeniable, profound, and enduring.

Every day in early childhood education is an act of hope. You spark curiosity before children even have words for their questions. You set alight confidence long before they can name their strengths. You illuminate possibilities they have yet to imagine. Your work is the quiet, steady dawn rising behind every thriving community.

Every book we publish is an invitation to grow, to reflect, and to reimagine what is possible for children, families, and our field. These are resources crafted to meet you where you are and support you wherever you dream of going next.

As you open this catalog, I hope you feel both seen and supported. Each title we publish is created with your work in mind—your curiosity, your challenges, and your unwavering commitment to children and families. From practical classroom tools to thought-provoking professional resources, every book is selected to help you nurture strong roots and thriving branches in the communities you serve.

You’ll find resources that elevate joy, fuel reflection, and encourage meaningful change—because we know your time is valuable and the work you do matters deeply. These offerings are designed not just to inform your practice, but to uplift your spirit, reaffirm your purpose, and remind you that you are part of something profoundly impactful.

Thank you for all the ways you show up each day—with patience, courage, creativity, and heart. Your contributions grow far beyond the present moment, and we are honored to support you on that journey.

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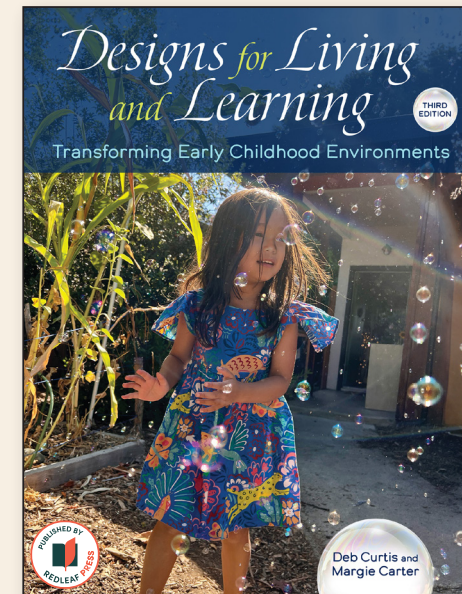


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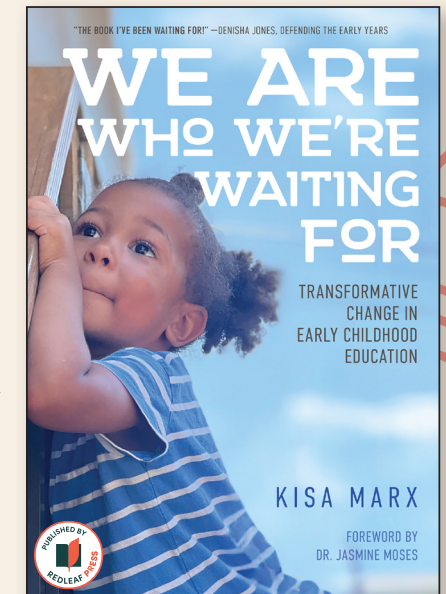
## New! *Designs for Living and Learning*, Third Edition

**Shape welcoming spaces where children can learn and grow.** For more than two decades, *Designs for Living and Learning* has inspired educators with practical ideas for creating captivating environments that nurture children, families, and staff. This updated third edition offers fresh photos, stories, and examples from a wide range of programs that are holding onto their vision—designing beautiful, engaging spaces while navigating regulations, stress, and uncertainty. Use it to rethink your environment, make intentional choices, and move closer to the program you imagine.

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“So much more than a book about environments for young children. This is a **deeply hopeful, inspired, and empowering guide** for those dreaming of and working for the very best present and future.”

—Heather Bernt-Santy, M.A. Ed., host of *That Early Childhood Nerd* and author of *Using Schema Play Theory to Advocate for Free Play in Early Childhood*



## New! *We Are Who We're Waiting For*

**Bring transformative change to early childhood education.** *We Are Who We're Waiting For* blends rigorous research with tools for action, inviting educators to rethink practice through the lenses of humanity, children’s rights, and intersectionality. Author Kisa Marx calls for dismantling systemic barriers and centering each child’s identity, culture, and potential. Through personal narratives and heart-centered storytelling, each chapter supports readers in deconstructing, reconsidering, and reimagining what early childhood education can be, and in turning personal resolve into sustained, systemic change.

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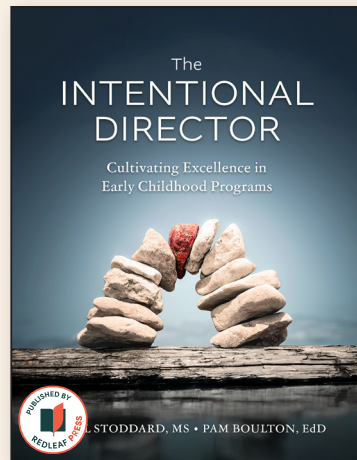
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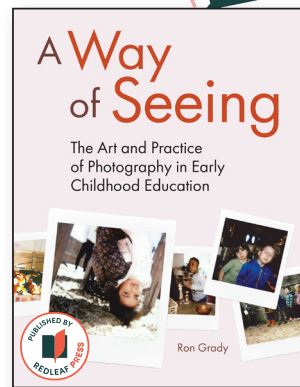
*The Intentional Director* empowers program directors with practical strategies to strengthen leadership, management, and family partnerships. Drawing on years of experience and research, authors Angel Stoddard and Pam Boulton show why the director is central to quality and how to step into that role with clarity and confidence. With an integrated framework, videos, and online content, this resource helps directors and administrators enhance their leadership and management skills and create thriving learning environments for children, staff, and families.

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## New! A Way of Seeing

Capture beautiful, intentional photographs that honor young children's lives. In *A Way of Seeing*, author Ron Grady invites early childhood educators to slow down, notice more, and reflect on their own photography practices. This book treats photography as a powerful, accessible tool for documentation and reflection, showing how everyday moments in care and education settings deserve careful, artful attention. Through an engaging "course" in photography, Grady explores history, technique, ethical and logistical challenges, and creative possibilities specifically for early childhood environments.

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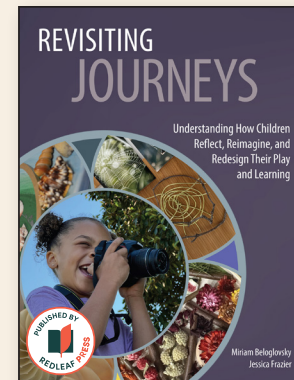
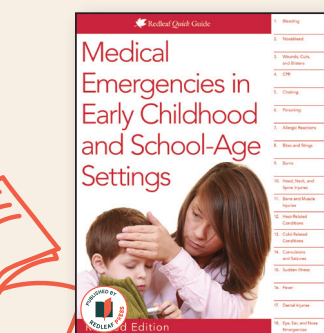
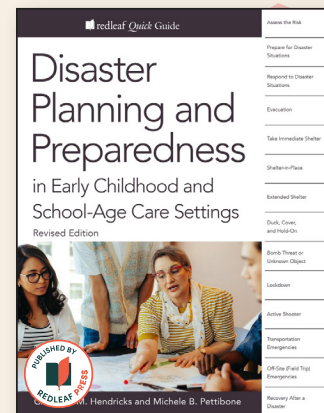
## New! Disaster Planning and Preparedness in Early Childhood and School-Age Care Settings, Revised Edition

Be ready when the unexpected happens. This revised Quick Guide walks you through creating personalized plans for emergencies such as evacuation, bomb threats, lockdowns, sheltering in place, transportation incidents, and active shooters. It also covers disaster recovery so you can reopen safely after a crisis. Up-to-date and reviewed by an expert in disaster planning, this quick guide helps you protect children, staff, and families with clear, practical preparation.

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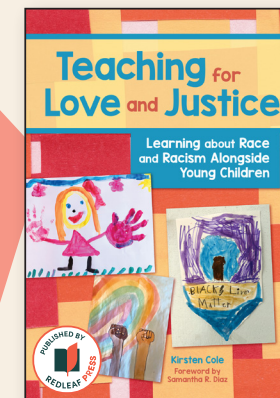
## New! Revisiting Journeys

Support each child's unique journey of play and learning. Join bestselling author Miriam Beloglovsky and coauthor Jessica Frazer on a wonder-filled journey of exploring how children return to ideas, pause, and come back again in new ways. *Revisiting Journeys* introduces a framework for understanding this non-linear process and for guiding children's next steps with curiosity and respect. Learn how to create ecosystems that welcome messy, ongoing revisits and to walk alongside children as they co-create their own paths of discovery and meaning.

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Aid all children in gaining the attitudes and skills necessary to becoming confident, respectful participants in a classroom, and citizens in a diverse, democratic country and world.

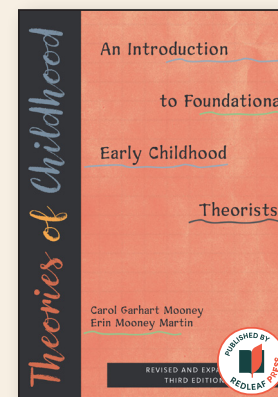
—Julie Diamond, Author of *Kindergarten: A Teacher, Her Students, and a Year of Learning*



## New! Teaching for Love and Justice

Reimagine your program through the lens of love and racial justice. Grounded in current research on race and early education, *Teaching for Love and Justice* offers a roadmap for integrating anti-racist teaching into everyday practice. The book highlights educators' role in supporting healthy racial identity and addressing racial justice with young children. Drawing on interviews with twenty-seven New York City teachers in a variety of settings, it shares classroom vignettes, practical strategies, and honest reflections on the joys, challenges, and urgency of this work.

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## New! Theories of Childhood, Revised and Expanded Third Edition

Deepen your understanding of the theories that shape early childhood practice.

*Theories of Childhood*, Revised and Expanded Third Edition, offers clear, accessible introductions to the work of John Dewey, Maria Montessori, Erik Erikson, Jean Piaget, John Bowlby, Mary Ainsworth, Lev Vygotsky, and Janice E. Hale. Each chapter highlights a theorist's work and shows how they influence teaching young children today. With discussion questions and suggested readings, this edition helps educators connect classic theories to daily decisions, planning, and reflection in their own settings.

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A beautifully inspiring call to reimagine early childhood learning as a messy, joyful journey of curiosity and reflection.

—Wendy Lee,  
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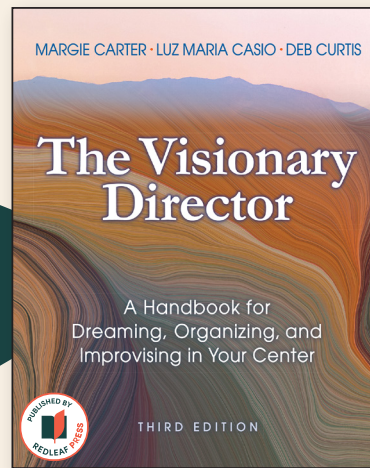


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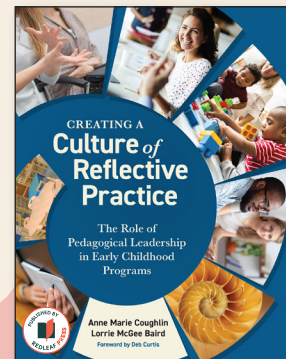
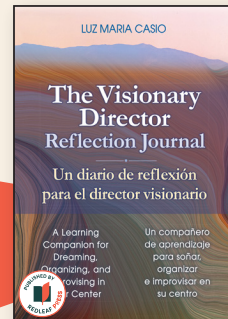
**Lead your early childhood program with clarity and vision.** In *The Visionary Director*, Third Edition, Margie Carter, Deb Curtis, and Luz Maria Casio offer a concrete framework to help center directors organize their work and align daily decisions with core values. With 40% new content, including fresh reflections, stories, and provocations in Spanish, this edition supports you in strengthening staff culture, nurturing shared leadership, and building a vibrant learning community for staff and children in your care.

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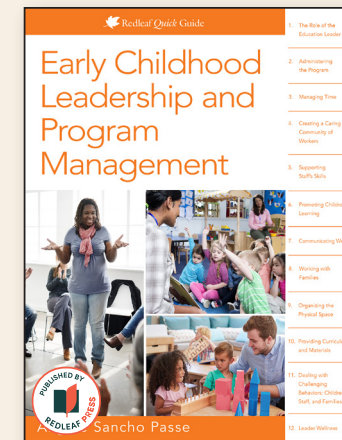
**Show that standards and play can work together.** *Saving Play* gives educators practical strategies for honoring child-led, open-ended play while still meeting academic standards. Discover how rich play experiences support learning domains such as literacy, math, science, and physical development and how they can align with frameworks like the Common Core Standards. Use this book to restore play to its rightful place as joyful, meaningful learning.

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## Early Childhood Leadership and Program Management

**Leading and managing an early education program is both challenging and rewarding.** *Early Childhood Leadership and Program Management*, a Redleaf Quick Guide, offers practical tips to help new directors gain confidence. Drawing on skills they already have, it introduces strategies for quality teaching and learning, organizational planning, and infusing a diversity-rich mindset to create successful environments for all staff, families, and children.

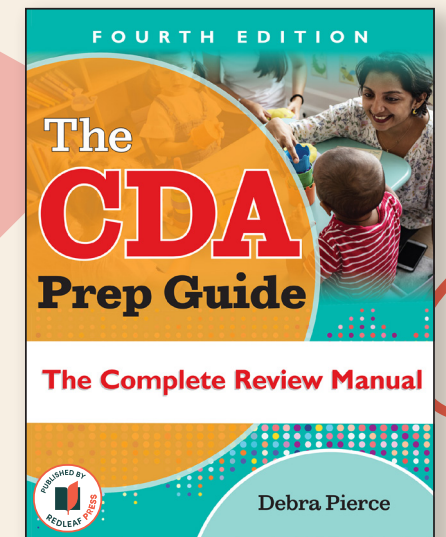
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## Program Administration Scale, Third Edition

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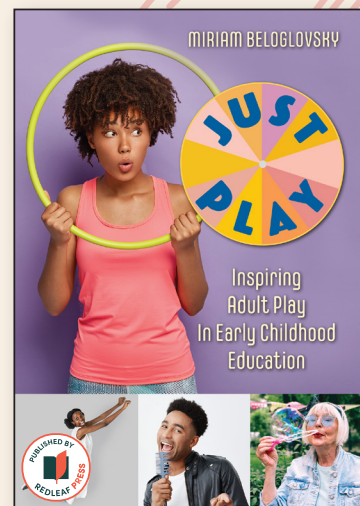
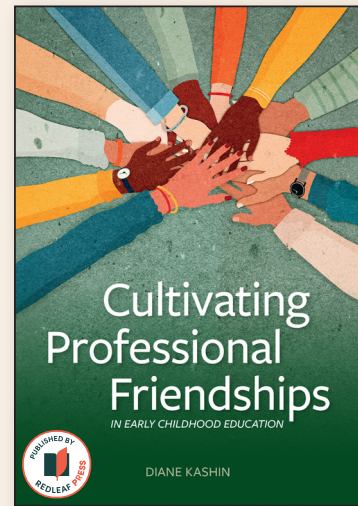
# Coaching & Supporting Staff

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## Cultivating Professional Friendships in Early Childhood Education

**Enhance your joy and practice through professional friendships.** *Cultivating Professional Friendships in Early Childhood Education* shows how intentional, “critical” friendships among educators provide daily support, honest feedback, and shared problem-solving. Learn how to build and sustain these relationships so you can grow pedagogically, feel less isolated, and bring more energy, collaboration, and fun to your work.

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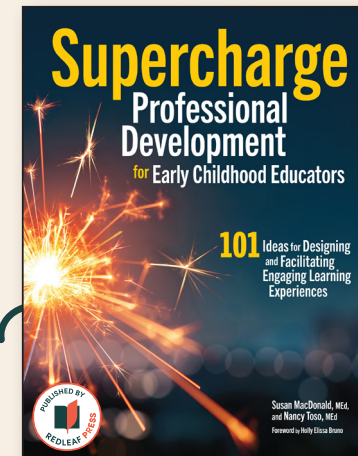
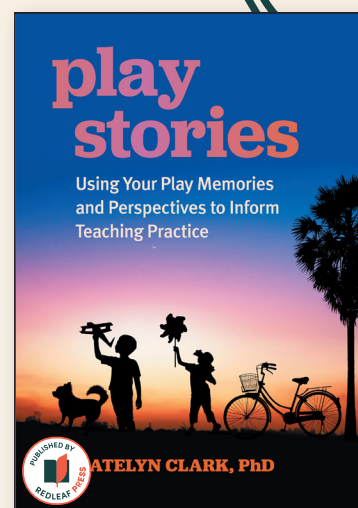
**Reclaim the joy of play for yourself and your work.** *Just Play* focuses on adults’ play and why it matters for creativity, flexibility, and well-being. When educators reconnect with their own playful capacities, they are better able to understand children, design engaging curricula, lead with imagination, and shape more playful, responsive programs and organizations. This book helps you rediscover play as a powerful professional resource.

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## Play Stories

**Let your own play history inform your teaching.** *Play Stories* invites early childhood educators to reflect on their childhood and adult play and how it shapes their views of children’s play. Through four narrative lenses—the Puzzler, the Character, the Explorer, and the Maker—Katelyn Clark offers a model for uncovering and writing your own play stories, deepening your play pedagogy and identifying where you really playfully shine in the classroom.

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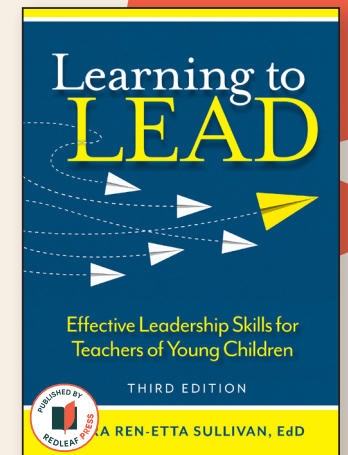
**Reimagine professional development and bring new energy to your program.** *Supercharge Professional Development for Early Childhood Educators* empowers early childhood program leaders to transform their current professional development practices, offering innovative and concrete ideas for supporting educators. The timely and inspiring resources in this handbook will increase engagement, build collaboration, and enhance all aspects of any professional development program.

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**Develop the leadership skills today’s early childhood settings demand.** *Learning to Lead*, Third Edition, helps early childhood professionals at every level cultivate leadership potential. Learn how to draw on your understanding of child development in a variety of leadership situations no matter the setting. This edition helps educators navigate cultural diversity and address racial and social inequities that affect children, families, and communities.

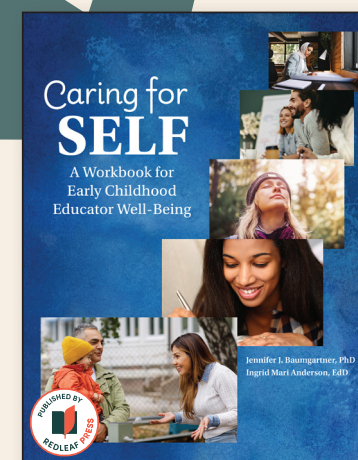
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**To care for others, you must also care of yourself.** *Caring for Self* supports educators in tending to their emotional, physical, cognitive, and social health. With reflective practice prompts and activities throughout, it shines a light on the emotional work of teaching and caring for young children and offers tools to reduce burnout and compassion fatigue through resilience-building and genuine self-care practices.

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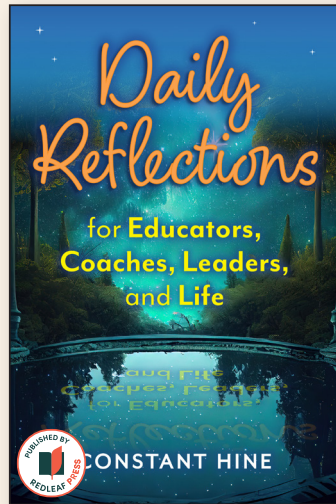


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**Build a practice of daily reflection that transforms your teaching and leadership.**

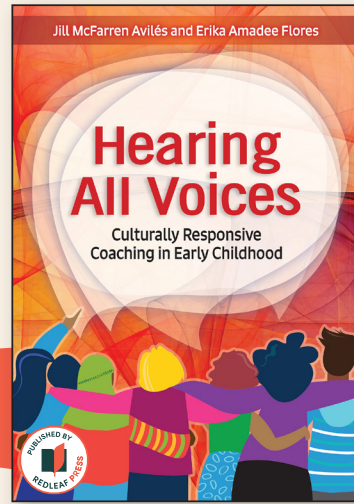
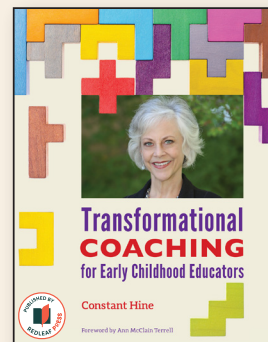
*Daily Reflections for Educators, Coaches, Leaders, and Life* offers twelve themes and 365 entries, one for each day of the year. Each entry pairs a thought-provoking quotation with commentary and a reflective practice suggestion. It's designed to help you cultivate a reflective mindset, strengthen self-awareness, and become a more intentional, empowered problem solver in your professional and personal lives.

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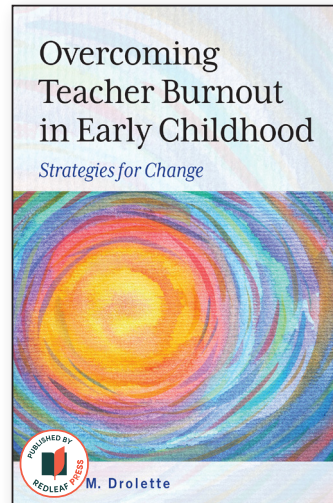
## Hearing All Voices

**Use coaching to advance equity in early childhood settings.**

*Hearing All Voices* presents a culturally responsive framework that helps educators understand and act on the importance of equity in their work with children and families. Designed as a guide for coaches, it weaves together the latest research in the science of change, brain development, and adult learning with concrete "how-to" tools for everyday practice.

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**Refuel and improve morale in early childhood.**

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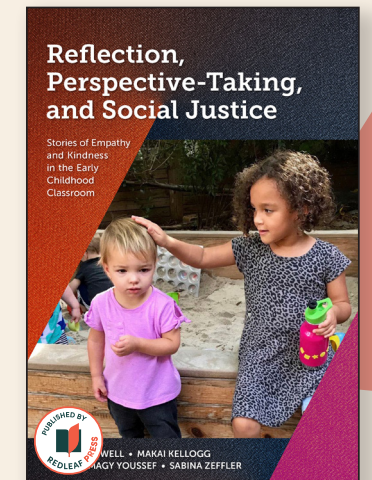
## Seeing Ourselves in Nature

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**Discover the profound and joyful stories of Black and Brown nature educators.** *Seeing Ourselves in Nature* asks how Black and Brown educators create spaces for predominantly Black and Brown children and families to reconnect with the natural world. Jessica Fong gathers narratives from thirteen educators of the global majority, offering rich stories, full-color photos, and reflection questions. This collection begins the essential work of making nature education more equitable and representative for all children.

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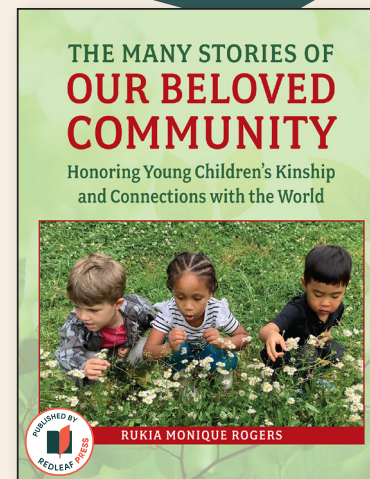


## Reflection, Perspective-Taking, and Social Justice

**Encourage kindness and empathy in young children.**

How can we support children and teachers' continued growth as kind, caring, compassionate people who work towards equity in this world? *Reflection, Perspective-Taking, and Social Justice* shares how educators at School for Friends in Washington, DC, nurture children's dispositions for empathy and care. Drawing on Quaker values, the principles of the Black Lives Matter movement, and mindfulness, the authors weave real classroom stories and reflections that trace children's learning journeys from toddlerhood through kindergarten with a clear lens on equity and social justice.

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**Envision early childhood programs rooted in love, equity, and community.**

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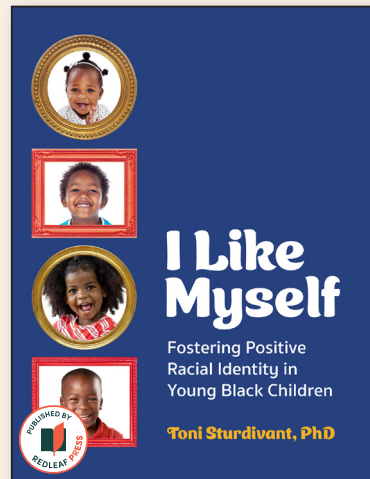


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## I Like Myself

**Support young Black children in developing a positive racial identity.** *I Like Myself* draws on current research to give educators practical ways to nurture pride and self-love in Black preschoolers. Linking lesson-planning guidance, academic activities, and children's book recommendations, it addresses hair texture, skin tone, language, self-esteem, and media representation. This resource supplements any curriculum with ideas across social-emotional, academic, and fine arts domains, featuring more than 150 children's book recommendations and 70+ paired activities.

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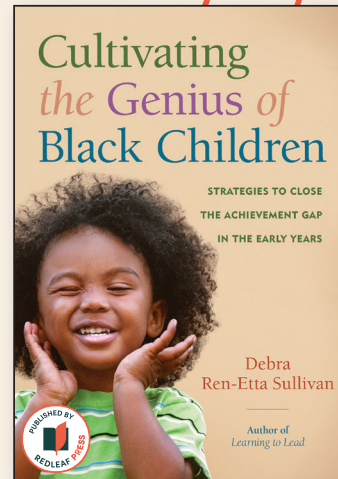
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## Cultivating the Genius of Black Children

**Use culturally responsive strategies to support Black children's success.** *Cultivating the Genius of Black Children* offers practical approaches for closing opportunity gaps and expanding your teaching toolbox. By increasing your cultural intelligence, you'll learn how to work more effectively across differences and design high-quality early learning experiences that recognize, affirm, and build on the strengths of Black children and their families.

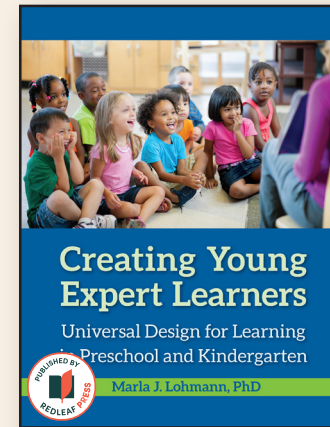
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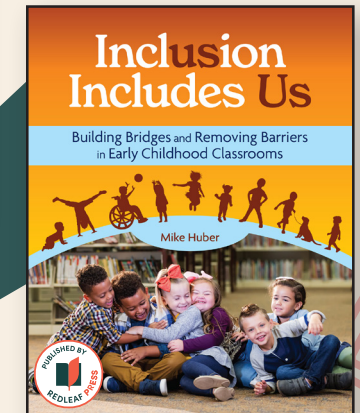
## Creating Young Expert Learners

**Implement Universal Design for Learning in your preschool or kindergarten classroom.** *Creating Young Expert Learners* is an accessible guide to using Universal Design for Learning (UDL), a classroom instruction framework that emphasizes meeting the needs of learners of all abilities. Grounded in the science of learning, it explains the three core principles—multiple means of engagement, representation, and action/expression—and shows how to design instruction that supports diverse learners to take ownership and become confident, capable “expert” learners.

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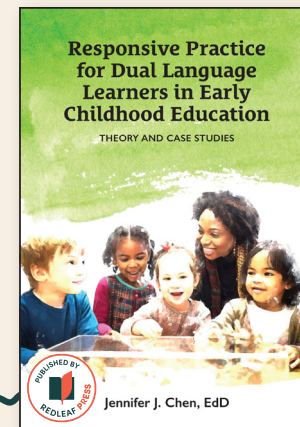
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## Responsive Practice for Dual Language Learners in Early Childhood Education

**Support diverse dual language learners with confidence and care.** *Responsive Practice for Dual Language Learners in Early Childhood Education* offers both theoretical grounding and practical strategies for welcoming children who are growing up with more than one language. Drawing on case studies from real classrooms, Jennifer Chen presents her Four Cornerstone model and reflective questions to help educators apply responsive, strengths-based practices in their own settings.

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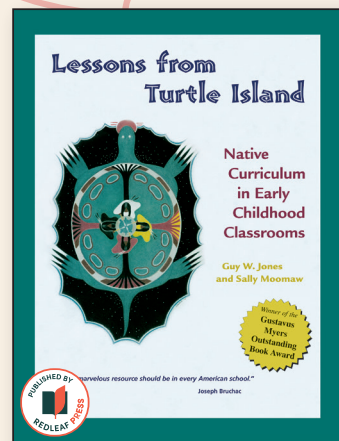
**Foster a true sense of belonging for everyone in your classroom community.** *Inclusion Includes Us* invites educators to move beyond labeling children as “typical” or “atypical” and instead see each person’s unique constellation of strengths, needs, and interests. Through real-life examples, practical strategies, and reflective prompts, it shows how to remove barriers, build bridges, and create programs where every child and adult is a valued, contributing member. Everyone belongs.

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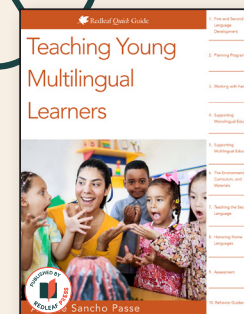
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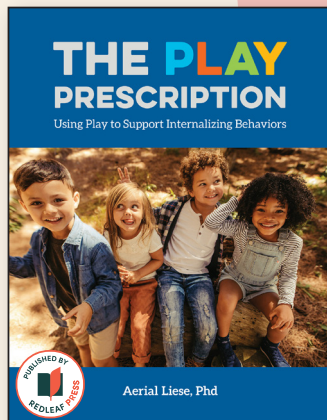
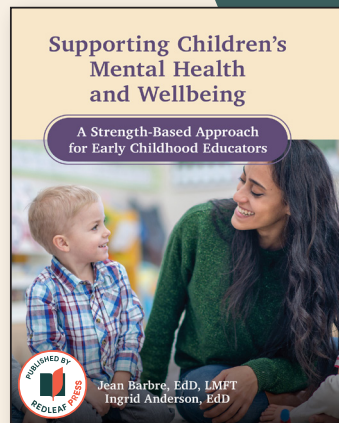
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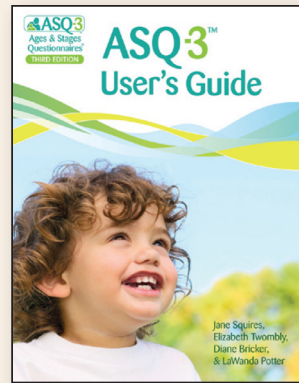
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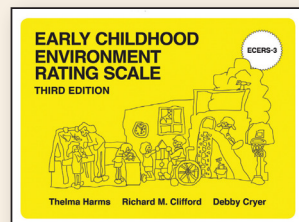


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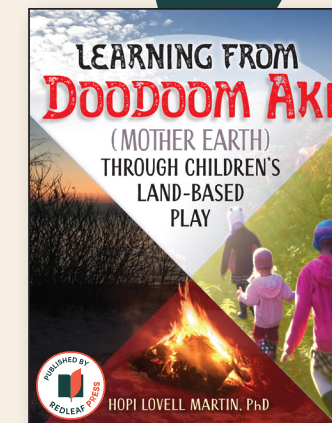
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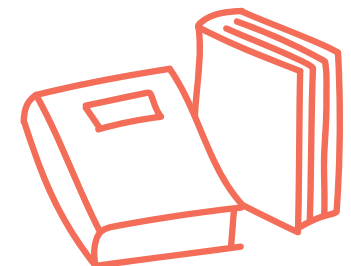
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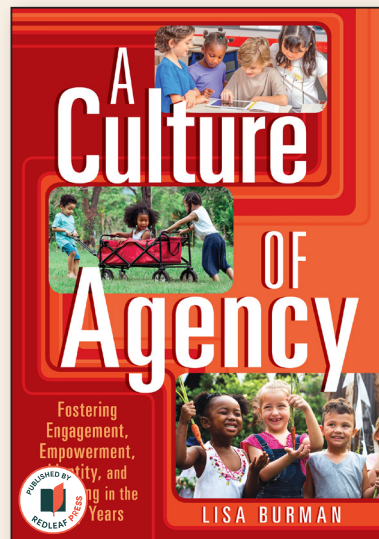
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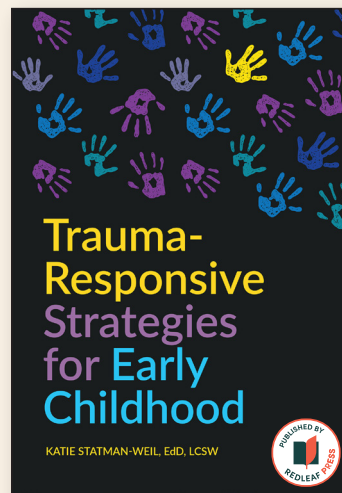
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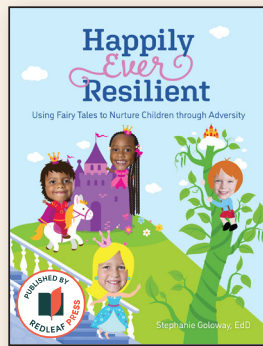


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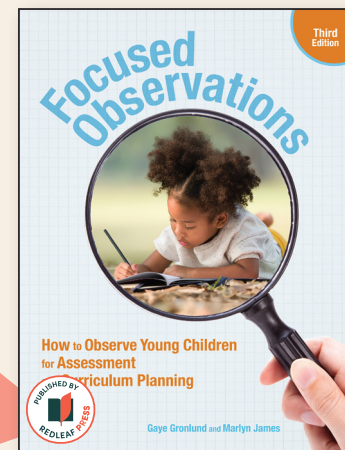
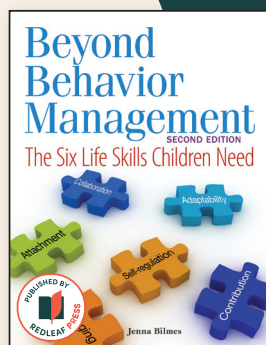
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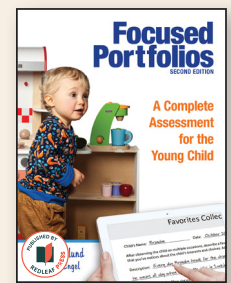
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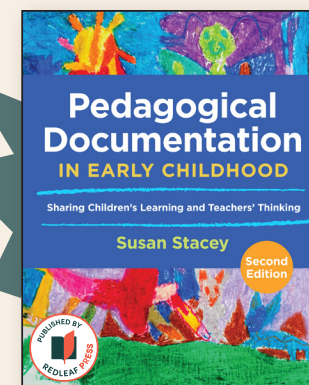


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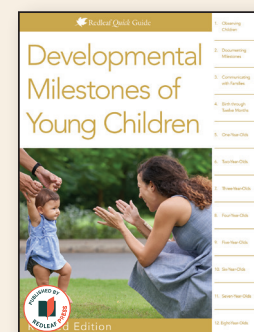
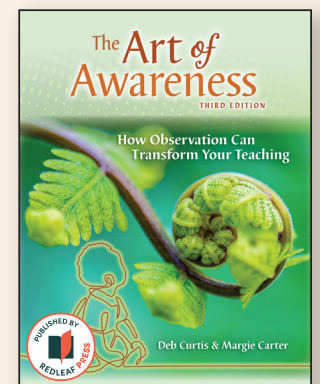
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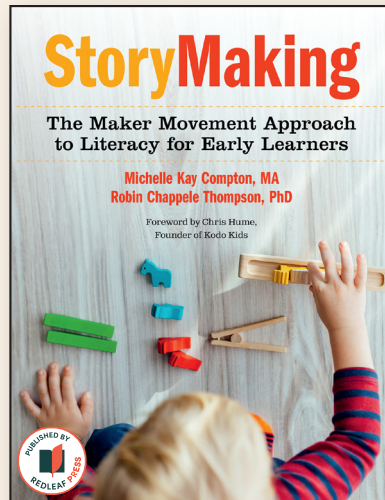



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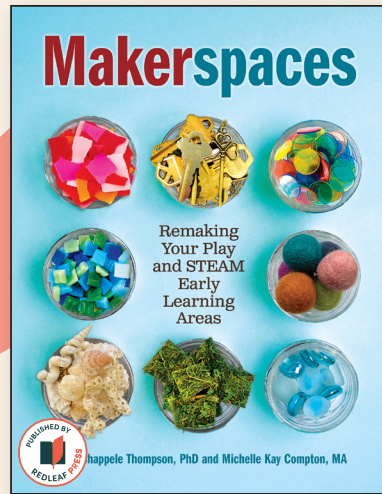
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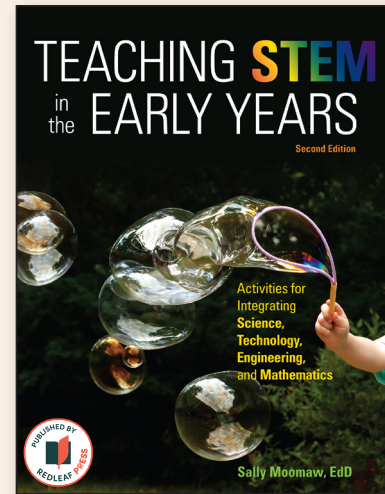
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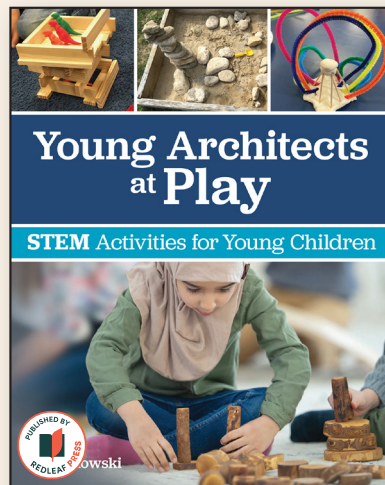
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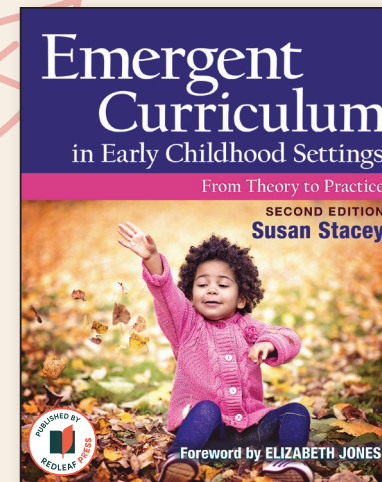
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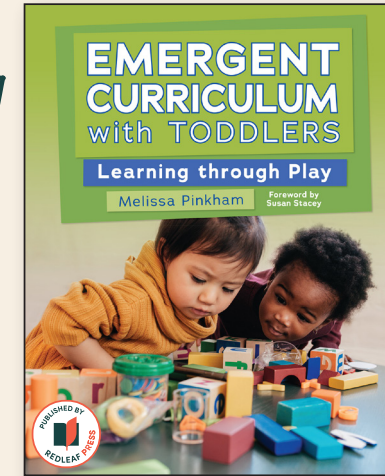
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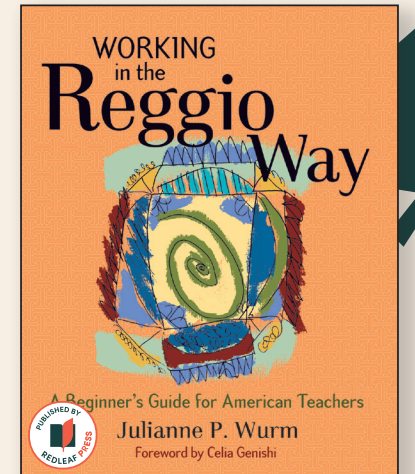
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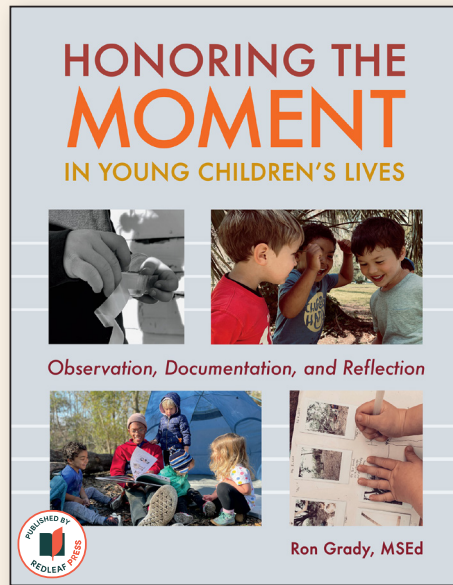


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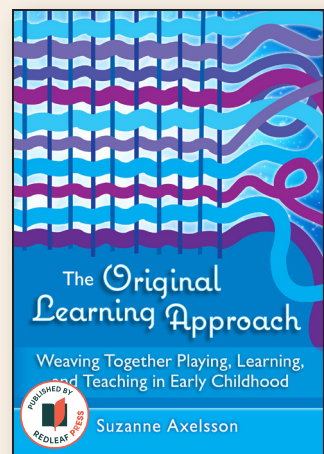
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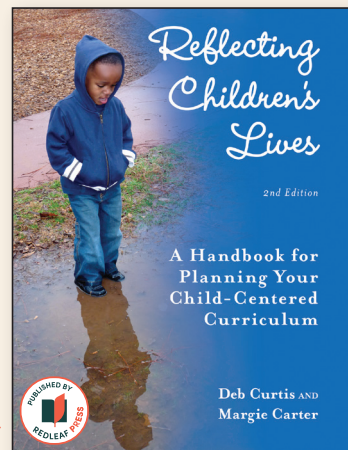
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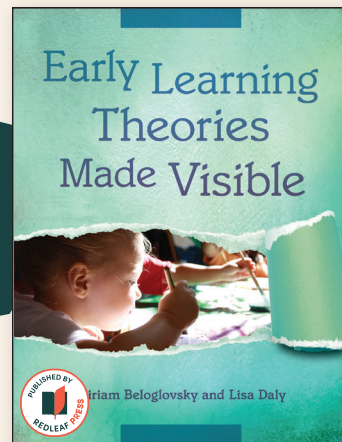
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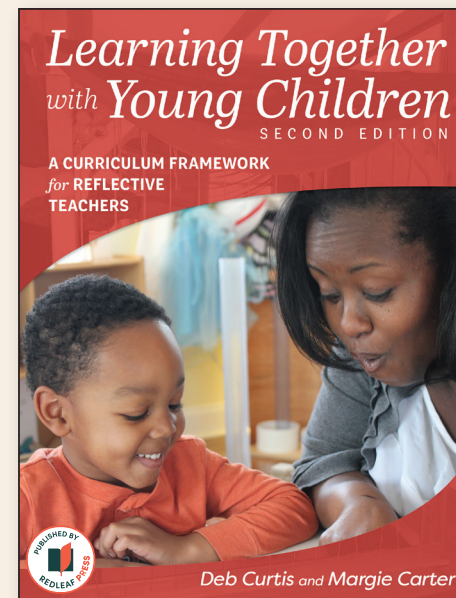
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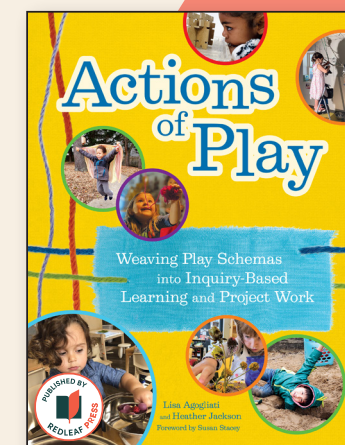
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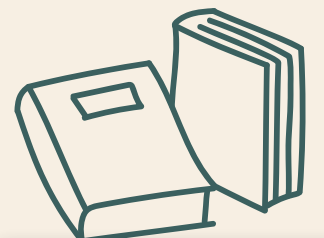
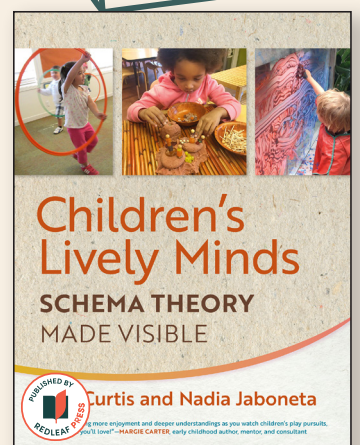
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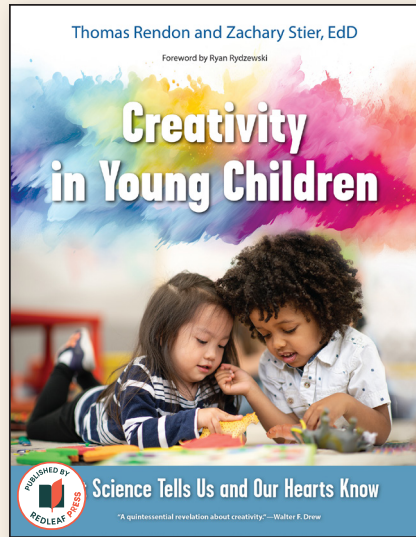
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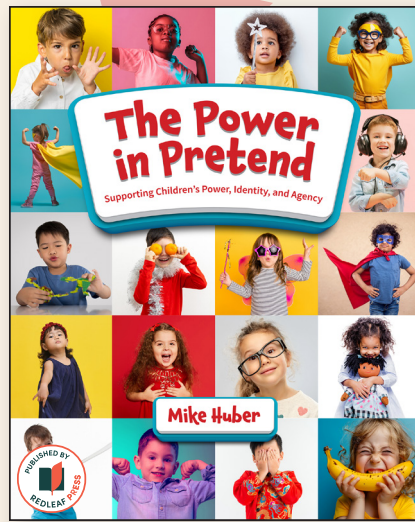
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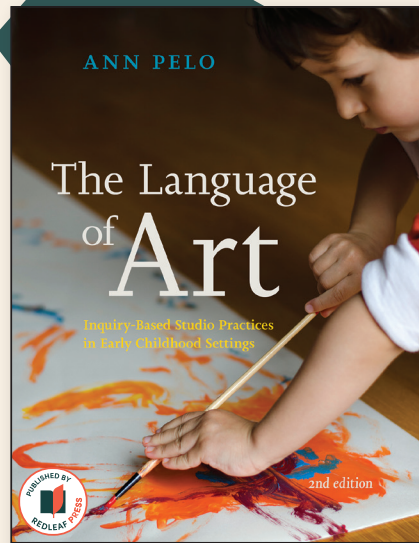


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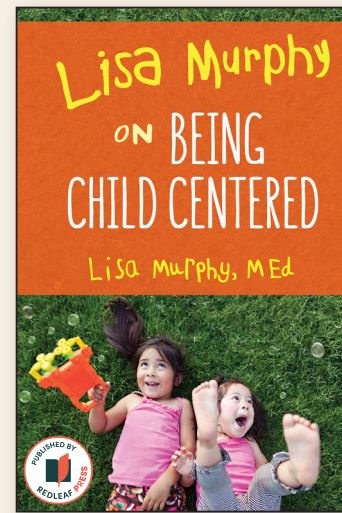
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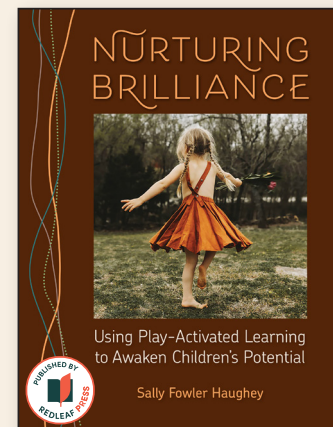
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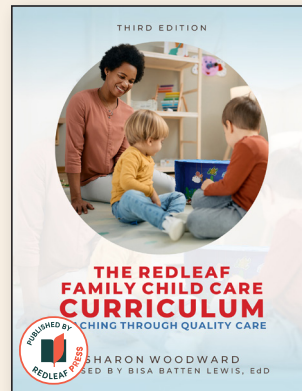
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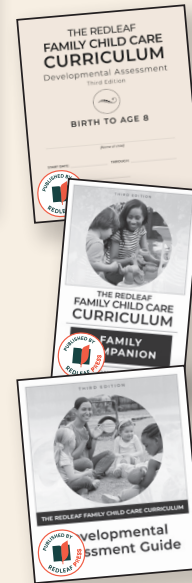
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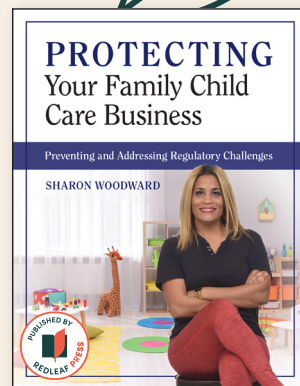
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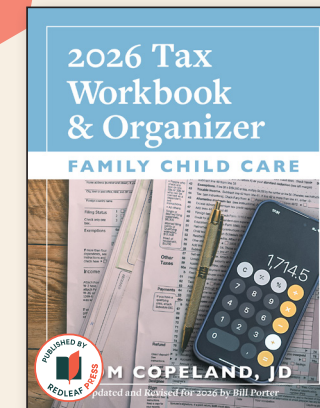


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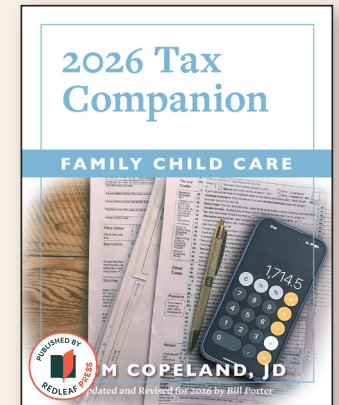
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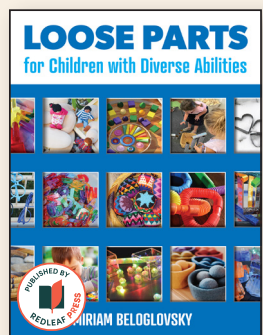
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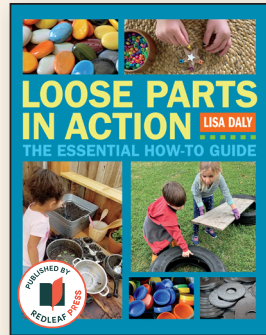


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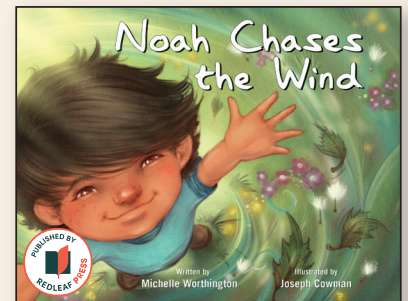


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