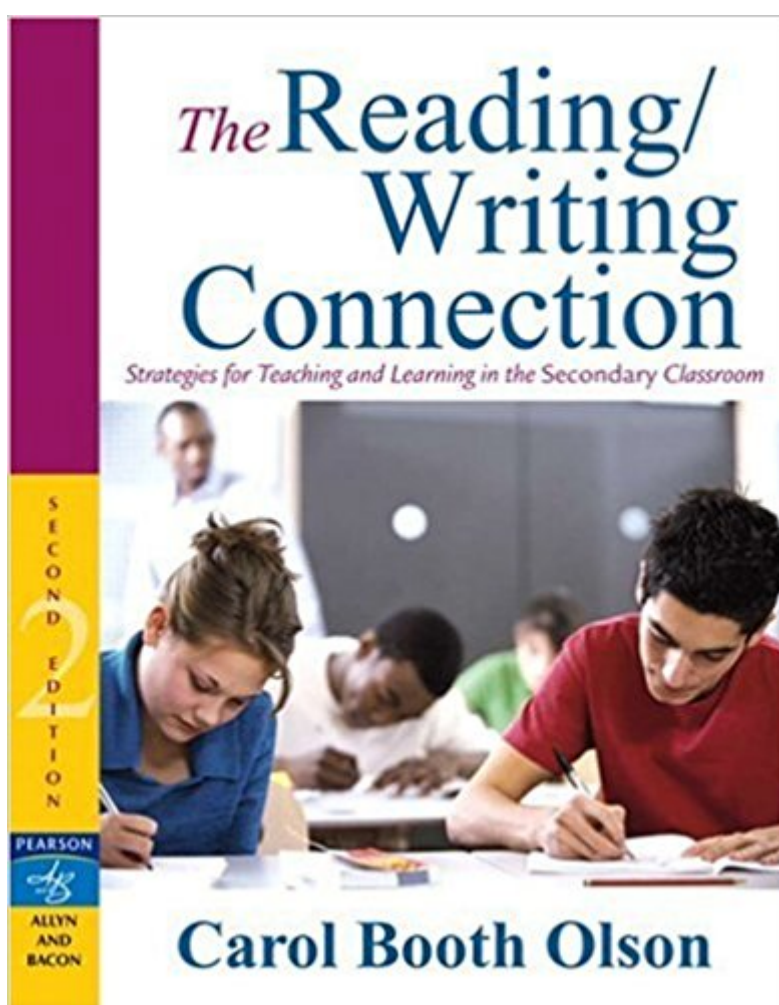


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# The Reading/Writing Connection: Strategies For Teaching And Learning In The Secondary Classroom, 2nd Edition



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If you are easily overwhelmed by a lot of information, this isn't for you -- luckily, most who purchase it are probably English teachers and shouldn't have that problem. This book helps marry theoretical "good teaching" with ideas for lesson planning, and otherwise putting the theory to use. It's like taking a compilation of what a lot of other great English PD authors -- Jim Burke, Kelly Gallagher, etc. -- do in the classroom, taking out some of their flare for entertainment and voice, and...making it read more like a lesson or unit planning resource. It isn't a fun read, but it is very informative, and it operates almost like an anthology of some of the things the above-mentioned -- and other-- PD authors pitch to teachers. As a young teacher, I've been overwhelmed by PD reading. I like it, but sometimes it is too much. This makes my top three for a new teacher who needs PD but who doesn't have the time, on top of lesson planning, to read volumes. If you're new to the field, I recommend reading a Fisher and Frey book so that you understand the essentials of what you need to be mindful of while actually teaching (modeling, group work, etc.), this wonderful book, and perhaps anything aimed specifically at English teachers and written by Jim Burke. If you follow this advice, you will have a more successful first or second year, and PD won't be overwhelming.

I bought this book to use both as a first year teacher, and to help me in my state assessment writing requirement. It is a very helpful guide to have in your lesson planning.

PROS: I love how the author includes all of the current approaches to teaching. For example MI theory and EL scaffolding. It includes real-life samples of student work and experiences. Offers lessons that are both standards and theoretically based, but visually appealing to students.

CONS: My only complaint is the way the book was organized. It has too many subcategories and the Table of Contents is too busy. Overall, I highly recommend to teachers at all levels.

This book is the required text for a class I am in; however, it is actually really helpful. The author offers lots of strategies and assignments that are easily used and adapted for classroom use.

Usually I dread buying a text because it feels wasteful as I do not get much use out of it, but this one is actually really interesting.

Very good book

I had to have this book for college. It is a wonderful book with lots of ideas on how to teach different concepts. I highly recommend it.

Great book with lots of relevant ideas.

Very, big very long book. Wasn't very appealing to me. A lot of information to absorb. Barely read any of it because it was hard to read.

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