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From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess

Remember middle school? Many parents would rather not. It's often a rough ride, filled with insecurity, peer pressure, awkwardness, and world-rocking change. This book provides practical, hands-on advice for helping your child through this minefield—with information about what he or she is really going through, but isn't likely to share. Best-selling learning-styles expert Cynthia Tobias and veteran teacher Sue Acuña reveal what they've found by listening to kids when parents aren't around—and give you insider tips on how to bless your middle-schooler with success in class, at home, and in relationships. Topics include advice for keeping communication lines open, predictable physical and social issues, and solutions for problems like self-centeredness and over-the-top emotions.

Amy and the Missing Puppy

Introducing The Critter Club! Amy and her friends solve a canine caper in this start to a pet-friendly illustrated chapter book series. It's Spring Break in Santa Vista, and everyone has big plans everyone except for Amy, that is! As her best friends head out of town on exciting adventures, Amy resigns herself to helping out at her mom's vet clinic. At least she'll be around cute animals! But when Santa Vista's cold and elusive millionaire, Marge Sullivan, brings her puppy Rufus for a check-up, Amy encounters an unexpected mystery. After her friends return home, the girls get to the bottom of what happened to Rufus—and discover a way to help other lost and lonely animals in their town. With easy-to-read language and illustrations on almost every page, The Critter Club chapter books are perfect for beginning readers.

Kid Activists

Middle School Makeover is a guide for parents and educators to help the tweens in their lives navigate the socially fraught hallways, gyms, and cafeterias of middle

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school. The book helps parents, teachers, and other adults in middle school settings to understand the social dilemmas and other issues that kids today face. Author Michelle Icard covers a large range of topics, beginning with helping us understand what is happening in the brains of tweens and how these neurological development affects decision-making and questions around identity. She also addresses social media, dating, and peer exclusion. Using both recent research and her personal, extensive experience working with middle-school-aged kids and their parents, Icard offers readers concrete and practical advice for guiding children through this chaotic developmental stage while also building their confidence.

The Gift of Failure

In *Teaching with Poverty in Mind: What Being Poor Does to Kids' Brains and What Schools Can Do About It*, veteran educator and brain expert Eric Jensen takes an unflinching look at how poverty hurts children, families, and communities across the United States and demonstrates how schools can improve the academic achievement and life readiness of economically disadvantaged students. Jensen argues that although chronic exposure to poverty can result in detrimental changes to the brain, the brain's very ability to adapt from experience means that poor children can also experience emotional, social, and academic success. A brain that is susceptible to adverse environmental effects is equally susceptible to the positive effects of rich, balanced learning environments and caring relationships that build students' resilience, self-esteem, and character. Drawing from research, experience, and real school success stories, *Teaching with Poverty in Mind* reveals

- * What poverty is and how it affects students in school;
- * What drives change both at the macro level (within schools and districts) and at the micro level (inside a student's brain);
- * Effective strategies from those who have succeeded and ways to replicate those best practices at your own school; and
- * How to engage the resources necessary to make change happen.

Too often, we talk about change while maintaining a culture of excuses. We can do better. Although no magic bullet can offset the grave challenges faced daily by disadvantaged children, this timely resource shines a spotlight on what matters most, providing an inspiring and practical guide for enriching the minds and lives of all your students.

We Used to Be Friends

Is there a way to get students to love math? Dr. Judy Willis responds with an emphatic yes in this informative guide to getting better results in math class. Tapping into abundant research on how the brain works, Willis presents a practical approach for how we can improve academic results by demonstrating certain behaviors and teaching students in a way that minimizes negativity. With a straightforward and accessible style, Willis shares the knowledge and experience she has gained through her dual careers as a math teacher and a neurologist. In addition to learning basic brain anatomy and function, readers will learn how to

- * Improve deep-seated negative attitudes toward math.
- * Plan lessons with the goal of "achievable challenge" in mind.
- * Reduce mistake anxiety with techniques such as errorless math and estimation.
- * Teach to different individual learning strengths and skill levels.
- * Spark motivation.
- * Relate math to students' personal interests and goals.
- * Support students in setting short-term and long-term goals.

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Convince students that they can change their intelligence. With dozens of strategies teachers can use right now, Learning to Love Math puts the power of research directly into the hands of educators. A Brain Owner's Manual, which dives deeper into the structure and function of the brain, is also included—providing a clear explanation of how memories are formed and how skills are learned. With informed teachers guiding them, students will discover that they can build a better brain . . . and learn to love math!

Now You See it

Middle Schooled is an adolescent parenting guide for those who would rather laugh than cry. In a hilarious and insightful way, Andy Mullen helps parents confidently manage their middle school student while understanding what is normal behavior. Middle Schooled is guaranteed to keep you smiling.

Screenwise

We have a tendency today to over-parent, micro-manage, and under-appreciate our adolescents. Dr. John Duffy's The Available Parent is a revolutionary approach to taking care of teens and tweens. Teenagers are often left feeling unheard and misunderstood, and parents are left feeling bewildered by the changes in their child at adolescence and their sudden lack of effectiveness as parents. The parent has become unavailable, the teen responds in kind, and a negative, often destructive cycle of communication begins. The available parent of a teenager is open to discussion, offering advice and solutions, but not insisting on them. He allows his child to make some mistakes, setting limits, primarily where health and safety are concerned. He never lectures -- he is available but not controlling. He is neither cruel nor dismissive, ever. The available parent is fun and funny, and can bring levity to the most stressful situation. All of that is to say, there are no conditions to his availability -- it is absolute.

Middle School Makeover

The comedic actress best known for her role on Taxi describes her extremely rare autobiographical memory and the ways in which it has helped her in countless scenarios, in a guide that offers advice about how to bolster memory and make it work for personal well-being. Reprint.

Beautiful You

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • An award-winning guide to the sometimes erratic and confusing behavior of teenage girls that explains what's going on, prepares parents for what's to come, and lets them know when it's time to worry. Look for Under Pressure, the companion guide to coping with stress and anxiety among girls, available now. In this sane, highly engaging, and informed guide for parents of daughters, Dr. Damour draws on decades of experience and the latest research to reveal the seven distinct—and absolutely normal—developmental transitions that turn girls into grown-ups, including Parting with Childhood, Contending with Adult Authority, Entering the Romantic World, and Caring for Herself. Providing

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realistic scenarios and welcome advice on how to engage daughters in smart, constructive ways, *Untangled* gives parents a broad framework for understanding their daughters while addressing their most common questions, including • My thirteen-year-old rolls her eyes when I try to talk to her, and only does it more when I get angry with her about it. How should I respond? • Do I tell my teen daughter that I'm checking her phone? • My daughter suffers from test anxiety. What can I do to help her? • Where's the line between healthy eating and having an eating disorder? • My teenage daughter wants to know why I'm against pot when it's legal in some states. What should I say? • My daughter's friend is cutting herself. Do I call the girl's mother to let her know? Perhaps most important, *Untangled* helps mothers and fathers understand, connect, and grow with their daughters. When parents know what makes their daughter tick, they can embrace and enjoy the challenge of raising a healthy, happy young woman. BOOKS FOR A BETTER LIFE AWARD WINNER "Finally, there's some good news for puzzled parents of adolescent girls, and psychologist Lisa Damour is the bearer of that happy news. [*Untangled*] is the most down-to-earth, readable parenting book I've come across in a long time."—The Washington Post "Anna Freud wrote in 1958, 'There are few situations in life which are more difficult to cope with than an adolescent son or daughter during the attempt to liberate themselves.' In the intervening decades, the transition doesn't appear to have gotten any easier which makes *Untangled* such a welcome new resource."—The Boston Globe

Fourteen (Talks) by (Age) Fourteen

Don't simply show your data—tell a story with it! *Storytelling with Data* teaches you the fundamentals of data visualization and how to communicate effectively with data. You'll discover the power of storytelling and the way to make data a pivotal point in your story. The lessons in this illuminative text are grounded in theory, but made accessible through numerous real-world examples—ready for immediate application to your next graph or presentation. Storytelling is not an inherent skill, especially when it comes to data visualization, and the tools at our disposal don't make it any easier. This book demonstrates how to go beyond conventional tools to reach the root of your data, and how to use your data to create an engaging, informative, compelling story. Specifically, you'll learn how to:

- Understand the importance of context and audience
- Determine the appropriate type of graph for your situation
- Recognize and eliminate the clutter clouding your information
- Direct your audience's attention to the most important parts of your data
- Think like a designer and utilize concepts of design in data visualization
- Leverage the power of storytelling to help your message resonate with your audience

Together, the lessons in this book will help you turn your data into high impact visual stories that stick with your audience. Rid your world of ineffective graphs, one exploding 3D pie chart at a time. There is a story in your data—*Storytelling with Data* will give you the skills and power to tell it!

Guyology

A generation ago, fewer than 5 percent of girls started puberty before the age of 8; today, that percentage has more than doubled. Early puberty is not just a matter of physical transformation—it's also deeply psychological, with a myriad of effects that can put a girl at higher risk for behavioral problems and long-term health

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challenges. In this reassuring and empowering guide, Louise Greenspan, MD, and Julianna Deardorff, PhD—two leading experts on the root causes and potential consequences of early puberty in girls—deliver vital advice on how to prevent and manage early puberty. They explain surprising triggers—from excess body fat to hormone-mimicking chemicals to emotional stressors in a girl's home and family life—and offer highly practical strategies, including how to limit exposure to certain ingredients in personal care and household products, which foods to eat and which to avoid, ways to improve a child's sleep routine to promote healthy biology, and more. *The New Puberty* is an engaging, urgently needed road map to helping young girls move forward with confidence, ensuring their future well-being.

No More Mean Girls

A groundbreaking, research-based guide that sheds new light on why young people make dangerous choices--and offers solutions that work Texting while driving. Binge-drinking. Bullying. Unprotected sex. There are plenty of reasons for parents to worry about getting a late-night call about their teen. But most of the advice parents and educators hear about teens is outdated and unscientific--and simply doesn't work. Acclaimed adolescent psychiatrist and educator Jess Shatkin brings more than two decades' worth of research and clinical experience to the subject, along with cutting-edge findings from brain science, evolutionary psychology, game theory, and other disciplines -- plus a widely curious mind and the perspective of a concerned dad himself. Using science and stories, fresh analogies, clinical anecdotes, and research-based observations, Shatkin explains: * Why "scared straight," adult logic, and draconian punishment don't work * Why the teen brain is "born to be wild"--shaped by evolution to explore and take risks * The surprising role of brain development, hormones, peer pressure, screen time, and other key factors * What parents and teachers can do--in everyday interactions, teachable moments, and specially chosen activities and outings--to work with teens' need for risk, rewards and social acceptance, not against it.

The Bullying Prevention Book of Lists

Rafe Khatchadorian is getting the Hollywood treatment in a film version of *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life* starring Griffin Gluck, Lauren Graham, Rob Riggle and Thomas Barbusca. Readers get a chance to participate in James Patterson's wildly successful *Middle School* series in this interactive book featuring more than 80 hilarious anecdotes from dueling siblings Rafe and Georgia Khatchadorian -- plus dozens of fun-filled activities! The Khatchadorian kids are an opinionated duo, and as readers of the *Middle School* stories know, they don't exactly see eye to eye. But when wild-card Rafe and mostly-straight-laced Georgia go at it, the only thing more fun than their ranting is getting to join in! Their back-and-forth banter on a range of topics -- from bullying to cafeteria food to school dress codes -- introduces more than 40 writing and drawing prompts and other games, along with room for readers to share their own points of view. (Includes over 200 illustrations.)

Putting FACES on the Data

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Develop and strengthen essential emotional intelligence skills in adolescents with this practical, hands-on resource. Developing emotional intelligence (EQ) in students is essential to preparing them for success in college, careers, and adult life. This practical resource for educators explains what emotional intelligence is and why it's important for all students. The book lays out detailed yet flexible guidelines for teaching fundamental EQ in an intentional and focused way. The core of the book is a series of thirty hands-on lessons, each focusing on critical EQ concepts and centered around productive and respectful discussion. These research-based lessons are designed to take approximately thirty-five minutes each, but they can easily be adapted to meet the specific needs of a school or group. Digital content includes reproducible forms.

Boost Emotional Intelligence in Students

In *Assessment and Intervention for Executive Function Difficulties*, McCloskey, Perkins, and Diviner provide a unique blend of theory, research, and practice that offers clinicians an overarching framework for the concept of executive functions (EFs) in educational settings. The conceptual model of executive functions is detailed, including their role in behavior, learning, and production across all settings. The heart of the book focus on the practical issues involved in the use of assessment tools, tests, report writing, and the implementation and follow-up of targeted interventions using the EF model. Six case studies are introduced in Chapter 1 and followed throughout the book, building understanding of the executive function difficulties of each child, assessment for identifying the difficulties, and interventions for dealing with the difficulties. An additional case study is discussed in detail in one of the concluding chapters, and a companion CD will provide the practitioner with a wealth of assessment forms, parent and teacher handouts, behavior tracking charts, and report/documentation forms.

The First Rule of Punk

Screenwise offers a realistic and optimistic perspective on how to thoughtfully guide kids in the digital age. Many parents feel that their kids are addicted, detached, or distracted because of their digital devices. Media expert Devorah Heitner, however, believes that technology offers huge potential to our children-if parents help them. Using the foundation of their own values and experiences, parents and educators can learn about the digital world to help set kids up for a lifetime of success in a world fueled by technology. *Screenwise* is a guide to understanding more about what it is like for children to grow up with technology, and to recognizing the special challenges-and advantages-that contemporary kids and teens experience thanks to this level of connection. In it, Heitner presents practical parenting "hacks": quick ideas that you can implement today that will help you understand and relate to your digital native. The book will empower parents to recognize that the wisdom that they have gained throughout their lives is a relevant and urgently needed supplement to their kid's digital savvy, and help them develop skills for managing the new challenges of parenting. Based on real-life stories from other parents and Heitner's wealth of knowledge on the subject, *Screenwise* teaches parents what they need to know in order to raise responsible digital citizens.

The New Puberty

Summarizing research from theorists such as Robert J. Marzano and Daniel Goleman, this revised volume helps educators understand and utilize brain research to build high-achievement classrooms.

#MakeoverMonday

Offers different approaches for teaching ADD/ADHD children, including incorporating imaginative journeys, bodily-kinesthetic cues, posters, drama, and dances into the curriculum.

Middle School Makeover

Documents a 2003 experiment at Duke University where the author had free iPods issued to the freshman class to see how the device could be used academically, in a report that reveals other technological ideas that are revolutionizing education.

Help! My Child Is Starting Middle School!

There is not an educator in America today for whom bullying is not a concern and bullying prevention is not a responsibility. Educators need to know bullying facts and trends, what their legal and professional responsibilities are, and research-based best practices for responding to and preventing bullying. Furthermore, educators must recognize the fundamental importance of a positive school climate—an environment where all members of the school community feel safe, supported, and respected—and must know how to promote the the values and behaviors that contribute to such a climate. The Bullying Prevention Book of Lists offers all this and more in a convenient, accessible format. Designed to provide school administrators, teachers, and support staff with quick access to key information and practical strategies, this book is an invaluable tool for any K-12 school.

Learning to Love Math

Every day, American women and girls are besieged by images and messages that suggest their beauty is inadequate—inflicting immeasurable harm upon their confidence and sense of wellbeing. In Beautiful You, author Rosie Molinary—in no uncertain terms—encourages women, whatever their size, shape, and color, to work toward feeling wonderful about themselves despite today's media-saturated culture. Drawing on self-awareness, creativity, and mind-body connections, Beautiful You incorporates practical techniques into a 365-day action plan that empowers women to regain a healthy self-image, shore up self-confidence, reframe and break undermining habits of self-criticism, and champion their own emotional and physical wellbeing. Through accessible, doable daily actions, women and girls are encouraged to manifest a healthy outlook on life—teaching them to live large, and starting them on the path to learning to love themselves and others. Molinary steers clear of the florid affirmations and daily meditations often utilized by books geared toward personal growth, and instead delivers a hip, modern guide

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of inspirational thought that keeps pace with the times. Beautiful You is a practical, candid, and accessible handbook that will strike a chord with every woman who has ever faltered in her self-confidence or lost her personal brilliance—and it will make sure she never lets it happen again.

Middle School Matters

Empath to Mystic

The founder of the Girl Talk mentoring program shares the stories of middle-school girls who have struggled with issues ranging from social cliques and body image to parent conflicts and sexuality, offering advice on managing preadolescent stress while maintaining a positive academic record. Original. 100,000 first printing.

Assessment and Intervention for Executive Function Difficulties

Build the bridge from data collection to improved instruction Students are people—not data. How can you use assessment data to focus on reaching every student? This book shows how to develop a common language for sharing all students' progress with all teachers and leaders, and how to use ongoing assessment to inform instruction. Based on worldwide research of more than 500 educators, the book presents solutions organized by: Assessment Instruction Leadership Ownership The many benefits of personalizing data include increased student engagement and a positive impact on school culture. This reader-friendly guide helps you set goals, adjust lessons, identify students' strengths and weaknesses, and implement interventions.

Planet Middle School

It happens to every parent. One day, you have a sweet son or daughter who loves to snuggle on the couch and who puts a smile on your face just by walking into the room. The next day, it's as if someone left the door open and let in an alien with a smart mouth and an attitude that, frankly, you could do without. Entering middle school is like stepping onto a different planet—for parent and child alike. It's a planet where peer pressure, social media, and hormones can wreak havoc in your child's life and in your relationship with him or her. But these years don't have to create chaos in your family. Parenting expert and New York Times bestselling author Dr. Kevin Leman's time-tested principles will aid parents in helping their middle schooler not only survive but thrive during these turbulent years on Planet Middle School. He shows parents how to - understand their child's rapidly expanding world - respond rather than react to emotional swings - tell their child about sex (before someone else tells them their version) - create opportunities for their child to practice selflessness and gratitude - ensure that their kid is one who loves home and family Middle schoolers can be a weird, unpredictable species. But with a little help from Dr. Leman, parents will be able to ride out the interstellar storm with humor and confidence.

Get Active

Empath to Mystic is a complete blueprint, guiding you to an internal source of confidence, strength, and mastery of your spiritual ability. On this journey you will transform: ~ Procrastination and a lack of motivation into passion and action. ~ Mental doubts into confidence and courage. ~ Overwhelm into mental clarity, and perspective. ~ Numbness and confusion into creativity that shines through a free and open heart. As one reviewer wrote: "Aaran is beloved for sharing such deep and personal wisdom. In all my years of self-discovery, I've never come across someone who understands exactly what I've gone through the way Aaran does and how to master a part of myself in such simple steps, through contemplation and journaling. Not only do I think this is a well-planned tutorial, but it truly comes from a place of love." Becoming a true mystic, you will learn that trying to distinguish between your thoughts and emotions and the thoughts and emotions of others is an endless, looping, and exhausting task and that there actually is no difference. You will go on a journey of emotional healing and understand why your unique empathic ability has awakened. You will embrace the profound messages you receive from your inner voice; finding the confidence to share those messages with the world. em·path: a person who is awakening to the oneness of all beings and who has become aware of their ability to apprehend the mental and emotional states of others. mys·tic: a person who has a spiritual apprehension of truths that are beyond the intellect and who allows those truths to guide their life. The world's most well known modern mystics, from The Dalai Lama and Deepak Chopra to Pema Chodron and Eckart Tolle emphasize the importance of practice when seeking connection with your authentic self. Therefore, while providing you with a detailed intellectual comprehension of your empathic and spiritual ability, Empath to Mystic also offers a practical guide to using it. It contains over 220 meditations, journaling prompts, and action steps that will help transform your life from the inside out. Becoming a master of your inner voice and intuition is about so much more than getting clear answers to life's questions or having a finely tuned instrument for manifestation. It is ultimately about awakening to the truth of yourself and knowing without question what your work is in the world. It is about self-love and absolute confidence in your intuition. It is about opening your heart and turning your intuition into a powerful tool that helps others. Aaran and his book Empath to Mystic will illuminate the path to fearlessly being yourself and to living an abundant life that is a testimony of passion, freedom, and confidently 'dancing to the beat of your own drum.' Will you step up to reclaim your authentic vision, inner connection, silent receptivity, and purposeful creation?

The Hot List

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER In the tradition of Paul Tough's How Children Succeed and Wendy Mogel's The Blessing of a Skinned Knee, this groundbreaking manifesto focuses on the critical school years when parents must learn to allow their children to experience the disappointment and frustration that occur from life's inevitable problems so that they can grow up to be successful, resilient, and self-reliant adults. Modern parenting is defined by an unprecedented level of overprotectiveness: parents who rush to school at the whim of a phone call to deliver forgotten assignments, who challenge teachers on report card disappointments, mastermind children's friendships, and interfere on the playing

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field. As teacher and writer Jessica Lahey explains, even though these parents see themselves as being highly responsive to their children's well being, they aren't giving them the chance to experience failure—or the opportunity to learn to solve their own problems. Overparenting has the potential to ruin a child's confidence and undermine their education, Lahey reminds us. Teachers don't just teach reading, writing, and arithmetic. They teach responsibility, organization, manners, restraint, and foresight—important life skills children carry with them long after they leave the classroom. Providing a path toward solutions, Lahey lays out a blueprint with targeted advice for handling homework, report cards, social dynamics, and sports. Most importantly, she sets forth a plan to help parents learn to step back and embrace their children's failures. Hard-hitting yet warm and wise, *The Gift of Failure* is essential reading for parents, educators, and psychologists nationwide who want to help children succeed.

Untangled

"Fourteen (Talks) by (Age) Fourteen will explain the why and how of the fourteen surprising but essential conversations parents should have with their child before he or she enters high school"--

The Available Parent

"The transition from elementary to middle school can be a scary time for both students and their parents. Dr. Parks's book is real-life advice from a master teacher that will address most of your concerns." Tommy Hurt
Principal, Georgetown Middle School. Georgetown, KY "An excellent handbook which parents of every new middle schooler should read, and reread with their son or daughter as they begin these formative and impressionable years of middle school. Herein are the keys to success." Dr. Dallas Blankenship
Superintendent, Scott Co. Public Schools Parents are seldom-if ever-prepared for the enormous changes their child faces entering middle school. The sheltered, structured, and nurturing environment that is elementary school gives way to the fast-paced, organized chaos of middle school. Students often feel more thrown into, rather than eased into, the middle school world, and parents of first-time middle schoolers often feel more lost than their children. The sixth grade is the time when Mom and Dad start to feel they are losing their little one forever, and-in a very real sense-they are. Help! My Child is Starting Middle School! is merely an effort to help parents and their children get off to a successful start in middle school. Although primarily written for parents, portions of the book can be read and used by middle schoolers themselves. At the end of each chapter are presented numerous real-world middle school situations, which may very well occur. As these are read, parents should consider how they might address the situations, and then discuss with their child their thoughts, and how they might deal with alternatives. In discussing these together, both parent and middle schooler will be better prepared for what's coming in middle school.

Total Memory Makeover

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • An urgently needed guide to the alarming

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increase in anxiety and stress experienced by girls from elementary school through college, from the author of *Untangled* “An invaluable read for anyone who has girls, works with girls, or cares about girls—for everyone!”—Claire Shipman, author of *The Confidence Code* and *The Confidence Code for Girls* Though anxiety has risen among young people overall, studies confirm that it has skyrocketed in girls. Research finds that the number of girls who said that they often felt nervous, worried, or fearful jumped 55 percent from 2009 to 2014, while the comparable number for adolescent boys has remained unchanged. As a clinical psychologist who specializes in working with girls, Lisa Damour, Ph.D., has witnessed this rising tide of stress and anxiety in her own research, in private practice, and in the all-girls’ school where she consults. She knew this had to be the topic of her new book. In the engaging, anecdotal style and reassuring tone that won over thousands of readers of her first book, *Untangled*, Damour starts by addressing the facts about psychological pressure. She explains the surprising and underappreciated value of stress and anxiety: that stress can helpfully stretch us beyond our comfort zones, and anxiety can play a key role in keeping girls safe. When we emphasize the benefits of stress and anxiety, we can help our daughters take them in stride. But no parents want their daughter to suffer from emotional overload, so Damour then turns to the many facets of girls’ lives where tension takes hold: their interactions at home, pressures at school, social anxiety among other girls and among boys, and their lives online. As readers move through the layers of girls’ lives, they’ll learn about the critical steps that adults can take to shield their daughters from the toxic pressures to which our culture—including we, as parents—subjects girls. Readers who know Damour from *Untangled* or the *New York Times*, or from her regular appearances on CBS News, will be drawn to this important new contribution to understanding and supporting today’s girls. Praise for *Under Pressure* “Truly a must-read for parents, teachers, coaches, and mentors wanting to help girls along the path to adulthood.”—Julie Lythcott-Haims, *New York Times* bestselling author of *How to Raise an Adult*

Under Pressure

"A guide for parents of girls ages 3 to 13"--Cover.

The Drama Years

A 2018 Pura Belpré Author Honor Book *The First Rule of Punk* is a wry and heartfelt exploration of friendship, finding your place, and learning to rock out like no one’s watching. There are no shortcuts to surviving your first day at a new school—you can’t fix it with duct tape like you would your Chuck Taylors. On Day One, twelve-year-old Malú (María Luisa, if you want to annoy her) inadvertently upsets Posada Middle School’s queen bee, violates the school’s dress code with her punk rock look, and disappoints her college-professor mom in the process. Her dad, who now lives a thousand miles away, says things will get better as long as she remembers the first rule of punk: be yourself. The real Malú loves rock music, skateboarding, zines, and Soyrizo (hold the cilantro, please). And when she assembles a group of like-minded misfits at school and starts a band, Malú finally begins to feel at home. She’ll do anything to preserve this, which includes standing up to an anti-punk school administration to fight for her right to express herself! Black and white illustrations and collage art throughout make *The First Rule of Punk* a perfect pick

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for fans of books like Roller Girl and online magazines like Rookie.

Middle Schooled

A counselor and popular Washington Post contributor offers a new take on grades 6-8 as a distinct developmental phase--and the perfect time to set up kids to thrive. Middle school is its own important, distinct territory, and yet it's either written off as an uncomfortable rite of passage or lumped in with other developmental phases. Based on her many years working in schools, professional counselor Phyllis Fagell sees these years instead as a critical stage that parents can't afford to ignore (and though "middle school" includes different grades in various regions, Fagell maintains that the ages make more of a difference than the setting). Though the transition from childhood to adolescence can be tough for kids, this time of rapid physical, intellectual, moral, social, and emotional change is a unique opportunity to proactively build character and confidence. Fagell helps parents use the middle school years as a low-stakes training ground to teach kids the key skills they'll need to thrive now and in the future, including making good friend choices, negotiating conflict, regulating their own emotions, be their own advocates, and more. To answer parents' most common questions and struggles with middle school-aged children, Fagell combines her professional and personal expertise with stories and advice from prominent psychologists, doctors, parents, educators, school professionals, and middle schoolers themselves.

Teaching with Poverty in Mind

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Brain-Compatible Classrooms

Active learning spaces offer students opportunities to engage, collaborate, and learn in an environment that taps into their innate curiosity and creativity. Students well versed in active learning - the capabilities that colleges, vocational schools and the workforce demand - will be far more successful than those educated in traditional classrooms. Get Active is a practical guide to inform your thinking about how best to design schools and classrooms to support learning in a connected, digital world. From classroom redesigns to schoolwide renovation projects and new building construction, the authors show the many ways that active learning spaces can improve the learning experience.

Middle School: The Inside Story

Sophie Fanuchi and her BFF Maddie Chen posted the “Hot List” as a joke—just a silly tally of the cutest boys at Travis Middle School. But the list takes on a life of its own, and the girls are thrust into the popular crowd, which pleases Maddie to no end...and angers Sophie. As Sophie and Maddie’s friendship begins to unravel, Sophie makes a bet that will expose the list as meaningless: She has to make over their wacky classmate, Squid, and land him on the list. Can Sophie turn a nottie into a hottie...and can any bet or list replace the importance of friendship?

Born to Be Wild

Return to the world of Meg Cabot's bestselling and beloved Princess Diaries series in From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess—this time through the illustrated diary of a spunky new heroine: Princess Mia's long lost half-sister, Olivia! Olivia Grace Clarisse Mignonette Harrison is a completely average twelve-year-old: average height, average weight, average brown hair of average length, average brown skin and average hazel eyes. The only things about her that aren't average are her name (too long and princess themed), her ability to draw animals (useful for her future career as a wildlife illustrator), and the fact that she is a half-orphan who has never met her father and is forced to live with her aunt and uncle (who treat her almost like their own kids, so she doesn't want to complain). Then one completely average day, everything goes wrong: the most popular girl in school, Annabelle Jenkins, threatens to beat her up, the principal gives her a demerit, and she's knocked down at the bus stop . . . Until a limo containing Princess Mia Thermopolis of Genovia pulls up to invite her to New York to finally meet her father, who promptly invites her to come live with him, Mia, Grandmère and her two fabulous poodles Maybe Olivia Grace Clarisse Mignonette Harrison isn't so average after all!

ADD/ADHD Alternatives in the Classroom

Explore different perspectives and approaches to create more effective visualizations #MakeoverMonday offers inspiration and a giant dose of perspective for those who communicate data. Originally a small project in the data visualization community, #MakeoverMonday features a weekly chart or graph and a dataset that community members reimagine in order to make it more effective. The results have been astounding; hundreds of people have contributed thousands of makeovers, perfectly illustrating the highly variable nature of data visualization. Different takes on the same data showed a wide variation of theme, focus, content, and design, with side-by-side comparisons throwing more- and less-effective techniques into sharp relief. This book is an extension of that project, featuring a variety of makeovers that showcase various approaches to data communication and a focus on the analytical, design and storytelling skills that have been developed through #MakeoverMonday. Paging through the makeovers ignites immediate inspiration for your own work, provides insight into different perspectives, and highlights the techniques that truly make an impact. Explore the many approaches to visual data communication Think beyond the data and consider audience, stakeholders, and message Design your graphs to be intuitive

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and more communicative Assess the impact of layout, color, font, chart type, and other design choices Creating visual representation of complex datasets is tricky. There's the mandate to include all relevant data in a clean, readable format that best illustrates what the data is saying—but there is also the designer's impetus to showcase a command of the complexity and create multidimensional visualizations that “look cool.” #MakeoverMonday shows you the many ways to walk the line between simple reporting and design artistry to create exactly the visualization the situation requires.

Ultimate Showdown

Moving, relatable, and totally true childhood biographies of Martin Luther King Jr., Susan B. Anthony, Helen Keller, Malala Yousafzai, and 12 other inspiring activists. Every activist started out as a kid—and in some cases they were kids when their activism began! But even the world's greatest champions of civil liberties had relatable interests and problems--often in the middle of extraordinary circumstances. Martin Luther King, Jr. loved fashion, and argued with his dad about whether or not dancing was a sin. Harvey Milk had a passion for listening to opera music in different languages. Dolores Huerta was once wrongly accused of plagiarizing in school. Kid Activists tells these childhood stories and more through kid-friendly texts and full-color cartoon illustrations on nearly every page. The diverse and inclusive group encompasses Susan B. Anthony, James Baldwin, Ruby Bridges, Frederick Douglass, Alexander Hamilton, Dolores Huerta, Helen Keller, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Iqbal Masih, Harvey Milk, Janet Mock, Rosa Parks, Autumn Peltier, Emma Watson, and Malala Yousafzai.

Storytelling with Data

Two best friends grow up—and grow apart—in this innovative contemporary YA novel Told in dual timelines—half of the chapters moving forward in time and half moving backward—We Used to Be Friends explores the most traumatic breakup of all: that of childhood besties. At the start of their senior year in high school, James (a girl with a boy's name) and Kat are inseparable, but by graduation, they're no longer friends. James prepares to head off to college as she reflects on the dissolution of her friendship with Kat while, in alternating chapters, Kat thinks about being newly in love with her first girlfriend and having a future that feels wide open. Over the course of senior year, Kat wants nothing more than James to continue to be her steady rock, as James worries that everything she believes about love and her future is a lie when her high-school sweetheart parents announce they're getting a divorce. Funny, honest, and full of heart, We Used to Be Friends tells of the pains of growing up and growing apart.

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