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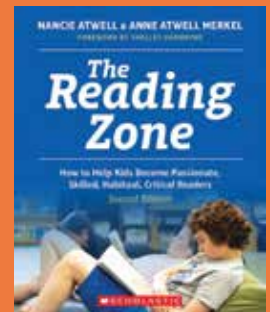
### **The Reading Zone: How to Help Kids Become Skilled, Passionate, Habitual, Critical Readers, Second Edition**

By Nancie Atwell & Anne Atwell Merkel

2015 Global Teacher Prize winner Nancie Atwell and educator Anne McLeod Merkel share strategies for helping students become skilled, passionate, habitual, and critical readers. This new updated edition includes Atwell's latest thinking

about the real meaning of close reading, collaborative, literary discussions, teacher-student reading conferences, the content-rich nature of fiction, and features links to expert-tip videos. New chapters included:

- Writing About Reading
- Literary Discussion
- In Defense of Fiction



## FOR STUDENTS

### **Pig the Pug**

By Aaron Blabey - Grades PreK-K

Pig is a greedy and selfish Pug. He has all the bouncy balls, bones, and chew toys a dog could ever want yet he refuses to share with his poor friend, Trevor. Little does he know, however, that being greedy has its

consequences. Join Pig as he learns to share - the hard way! Young readers will love the irresistibly quirky and funny illustrations that are paired with a relatable lesson of learning to share with others.

For dog and pet lovers everywhere.



## FOR STUDENTS

### **Sparrow**

By Sarah Moon - Grades 7+

The story of a sensitive, gifted African American girl who tells us with mordant humor what it feels like to spend every day wishing so hard that you could fly away from it all.

Sparrow has always had a difficult time making friends. She would always rather stay home on the weekends with her mother, an affluent IT executive at a Brooklyn bank, reading, or watching the birds, than play with other kids. And that's

made school a lonely experience for her. It's made *life* a lonely experience.

But when the one teacher who really understood her — Mrs. Wexler, the school librarian, a woman who let her eat her lunch in the library office rather than hide in a bathroom stall, a woman who shared her passion for novels and knew just the ones she'd love — is killed in a freak car accident, Sparrow's world unravels and she's found on the roof of her school in

an apparent suicide attempt. With the help of an insightful therapist, Sparrow finally reveals the truth of her inner life. And it's here that she discovers an outlet in rock & roll music...



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