

RECOMMENDED READING

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FOR EDUCATORS

Responsive Literacy: A Comprehensive Framework

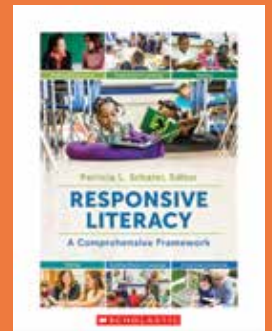
Edited by Patricia L. Scharer, with contributions from members of The Ohio State University Literacy Collaborative®

The book, edited by Patricia L. Scharer, is authored by educators affiliated with The Ohio State University Literacy Collaborative, many of whom are also Reading Recovery trained. They illuminate in precise detail high-quality classroom literacy instruction, individualized according to student needs, using the very best children's literature across a language and literacy framework. The book is organized around the six essential components of comprehensive literacy:

- Section One: Professional Learning
- Section Two: Organizing for Learning

- Section Three: Reading
- Section Four: Writing
- Section Five: Building Blocks of Language
- Section Six: A Learning Community: Students, Teachers, Principals, and Families

Throughout the six sections, you'll find the principles of learning and teaching that define comprehensive literacy.



FOR STUDENTS

Thelma the Unicorn

By Aaron Blabey - Grades PreK-K

A pony wishes she were special. She wishes she was a unicorn. She gets her wish, and all the fame that comes with it. At first it is fun to be famous, but then Thelma misses just being Thelma the pony - being able to be with

her friends, with no crowds constantly after her. She abandons her unicorn guise and goes back to being herself.



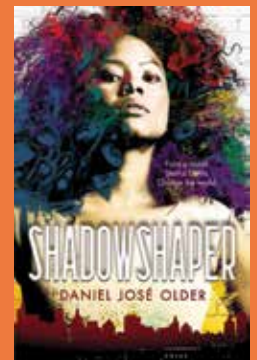
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Shadowshaper

By Daniel Jose Older - Grades 9+

Paint a mural. Start a battle. Change the world. Sierra Santiago planned an easy summer of making art and hanging out with her friends. But then a corpse crashes the first party of the season. Her stroke-ridden grandfather starts apologizing over and over. And when the murals in her neighborhood begin to weep real tears... Well, something more sinister than the usual Brooklyn ruckus is going on. With the help of a fellow artist named Robbie, Sierra discovers shadowshaping, a thrilling magic that infuses ancestral spirits into paintings, music, and stories.

But someone is killing the shadowshapers one by one - and the killer believes Sierra is hiding their greatest secret. Now she must unravel her family's past, take down the killer in the present, and save the future of shadowshaping for generations to come. Full of a joyful, defiant spirit and writing as luscious as a Brooklyn summer night, Shadowshaper marks the YA debut of a bold new voice.



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