

Tim Rasinski's Favorite Books

- Braun, W., & Braun, C. *Readers Theatre: Scripted rhymes and rhythms*. (One of a series of readers theater scripts collections by Portage and Main Press – ISBN: 1-895805-30-9)
- Brown, Margaret Wise. *The Important Book*. (Perfect book for teaching how to write a descriptive paragraph or summary.)
- Clements, Andrew. *Double Trouble in Walla Walla*. Millbrook Press.
- Cole, Joanna. *Anna Banana: 101 Jump-Rope Rhymes*. (Wonderful book, along with nursery rhymes, for phonemic awareness exploration.)
- Ehrlich, Ida. *Instant Vocabulary*. (Great vocabulary book that features Latin and Greek derivations.)
- Fine, Edith. *Cryptomania! Teleporting into Greek and Latin with the Cryptokids*. Berkeley, CA: Tricycle Press.
- Fleischman, Paul. *Seed Folks*. (A chapter book that is meant to be read as readers theater.)
- Fleischman, Paul. *Bull Run*. (A chapter book about the first battle of the Civil War that is meant to be read as readers theater.)
- Fleischman, Paul. *Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices*. (Won the Newberry Award.)
- Fleischman, Paul. *I am Phoenix: Poems for Two Voices*. (All the poems in this collection are about birds.)
- Fox, Mem. *The Magic Hat*. New York: Harcourt.
- Freedman, Russell. *The Wright Brothers*. (One of many books by one of the great historical writers for children).
- Hall, Donald. *I am the Dog; I am the Cat*. (The perfect Readers Theater book.)
- Hearne, Betsy. *Seven Brave Women*. (A young girl's female lineage is described in this book. Model of a good project for students in the elementary grades.)
- Hepworth, Cathi. *Antics!* (ABC book that features the word family – ANT)
- Henkes, Kevin. *Julius, The Baby of the World*. (Check out the vocabulary Henkes uses in this book for young readers.)

Hoberman, Mary Ann. *You Read to Me; I'll Read to You*. (What a lovely collection of poems meant to read in readers theater style.)

Johnson, Angela. *Tell Me a Story Mama*. (Another great readers theater book.)

Katz, Alan. *Take Me Out of the Bathtub*. (Song parodies.)

Katz, Alan. *I'm Still Here in the Bathtub*. (More song parodies.)

Lansky, Bruce. *Poetry Party*. (Funny poems that contain lots of parodies.)

Lederer, Richard. *Puns and Games*. (One of many books about words by a self described "verbivore [his website]).

Leedy, Loreen. *There's a Frog in my Throat*. (Superb collection of animal idioms and expressions.)

Levitt, Paul, Burger, Douglas, & Guralnick, Elissa. *The Weighty Word Book*. (Stories about words and word meanings – very clever).

Lord, Bette Bao. *In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson*. (A young girl tries to become an American in the same year Jackie Robinson breaks the color barrier in baseball.)

Marzollo, Jean. *I Love You: A Rebus Poem*. (A book meant for rewriting.)

Moss, Steven. *The World's Shortest Stories: Murder love horror suspense*. (55 word stories. Have students try writing their own 55 word stories.)

Munsch, Robert. *The Paper Bag Princess*. (A reverse fairy tale by a master of silly stories. Same author as Love You Forever).

Numeroff, Laura. *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*. (Great example of copy-change or parody writing)

Park, Barbara. *Don't Make Me Smile*. (Park has a great sense of humor.)

Raschka, Chris. *Yo! Yes?* (Some books just beg for oral interpretation - this one cannot be read silently.)

Rylant, Cynthia. *Children of Christmas: Stories for the Season*. (Several delightful and heartwarming stories).

Rylant, Cynthia. *Every Living Thing*. (Another wonderful collection of short stories for adolescent readers.)

Rylant, Cynthia. *Dog Heaven*. (The true story of what happens to dogs after they die. A great book for dog lovers).

Steig, William. *Caleb and Kate*. (One of my all time favorite authors.)

Terban, Marvin. *Guppies in Tuxedos: Funny Eponyms* (words that are names of the people who originated the item).

Viorst, Judith. *If I were in Charge of the World*. (A classic.)

Williams, Sue. *I Went Walking*. (A great predictable book.)

Almond, Jordan. *Dictionary of word origins: A history of the words, expressions, and clichés we use*.

Ayto, John. *Dictionary of word origins: The histories of 8,000 English-language words*.

Funk, Charles. *Thereby hangs a tale: Stories of curious word origins*.

Funk, Charles. *Heavens to Betsy! And other curious sayings. How more than 400 colorful and familiar expressions originated and developed*.

Hoad, T. F. (editor). *Oxford concise dictionary of English Etymology*.

Books and Curriculum Materials by Tim Rasinski

Teacher Created Materials

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Texts for Fluency Practice: Grade 1

Texts for Fluency Practice: Grades 2 and 3

Texts for Fluency Practice: Grades 4 and Up

Making and Writing Words, Gr 1

Making and Writing Words, Grs. 2-3

Poems for Word Study, Gr 1

Poems for Word Study, Gr 2

Poems for Word Study, Gr 3

Classic Vocabulary (coming out in spring 06)

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The Fluent Reader

Daily Word Ladders for Teaching phonics and vocabulary, Gr 2-3

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3-Minute Reading Assessments (Grades 5-8)

ISBN: 0-439-65089-5

Fast Start for Early Readers: A research-based send-home literacy program that ensures reading success for every child.

ISBN: 0-439-62576-9

Wright Group

Rasinski, Timothy, and Padak, Nancy. (2004). *Fluency First* (A program for teaching reading fluency in the primary grades). Chicago: The Wright Group.

<http://www.wrightgroup.com/index.php/programsummary?isbn=0076034259>

Winner of the Teachers Choice Award for 2005!

All these below are available through Amazon or Barnes and Noble:

Sampson, M. B., Rasinski, T. V., & Sampson, M. (2003). *Total Literacy*. Thomson Wadsworth.

Rasinski, T. V. & Padak, N. (2001). From phonics to fluency: Effective teaching of decoding and reading fluency in the elementary school. New York: Addison, Wesley, Longman.

Rasinski, T. V. & Zimmerman, B. (2001). Phonics Poetry: Teaching word families. New York: Allyn and Bacon.

Rasinski, T. V. (2001). Making and writing words. Greenville, SC: Carson Dellosa Publishing Co.

Opitz, M, & Rasinski, T. (1998). Goodbye round robin: 25 effective oral reading strategies. Portsmouth, NH: Heinemann.

Rasinski, T. V., & Padak, N. D. (2004). Effective reading strategies: Teaching children who find reading difficult (third edition). Columbus, OH : Merrill/ Prentice Hall.