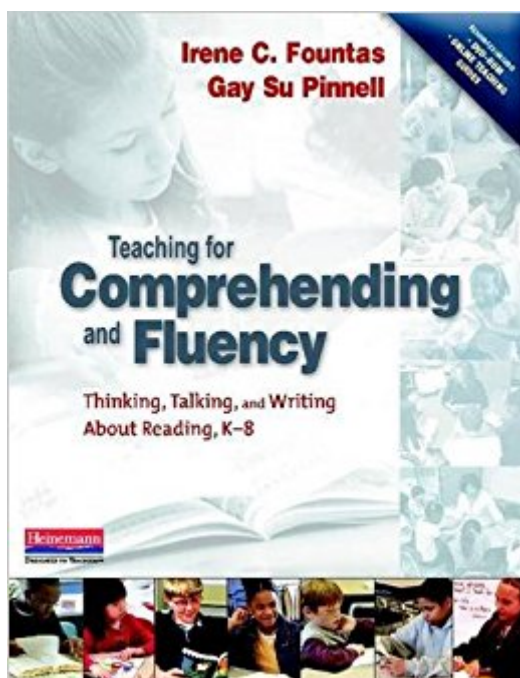


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# Teaching For Comprehending And Fluency: Thinking, Talking, And Writing About Reading, K-8



## Synopsis

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## **Customer Reviews**

Irene C. Fountas, a professor in the School of Education at Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has been a classroom teacher, language arts specialist, and consultant in school districts across the nation and abroad. She works extensively in the literacy education field and directs the Literacy Collaborative in the School of Education at Lesley University. Together with Gay Su Pinnell she has authored numerous books, videos, and websites with Heinemann that are now considered standards in the field of literacy instruction and staff development. Their latest innovations are The Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention and The Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System, a comprehensive assessment system for grades K-8. Fountas and Pinnell have influenced the classroom practices of teachers nationwide through bestselling books such as: The Fountas & Pinnell Prompting Guide 1 (2008) When Readers Struggle (2008) The Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Book List, K-8+ (2009-2011 Edition, Print Version) The Continuum of

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Gay Su Pinnell is a professor in the School of Teaching and Learning at The Ohio State University. She has extensive experience in classroom teaching and field-based research, and in developing comprehensive approaches to literacy education. She has received the International Reading Association's Albert J. Harris Award for research and the Charles A. Dana Foundation Award for her contributions to the field of education. She is also a member of the Reading Hall of Fame. Together with Irene Fountas she has authored numerous books, videos, and websites with Heinemann that are considered standards in the field of literacy instruction and staff development. Their latest innovations are The Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention and The Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System, a comprehensive assessment system for grades K-8. Fountas and Pinnell have influenced the classroom practices of teachers nationwide through bestselling titles such as: The Fountas & Pinnell Prompting Guide 1 (2008) When Readers Struggle (2008) The Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Book List, K-8+ (2009-2011 Edition, Print Version) The Continuum of Literacy Learning, Grades K-8 (2007) The Continuum of Literacy Learning, Grades K-2 (2007) The Continuum of Literacy Learning, Grades 3-8 (2007) Teaching for Comprehending and Fluency: Thinking, Talking, and Writing About Reading, K-8 (2006) [www.FountasandPinnellLeveledBooks.com](http://www.FountasandPinnellLeveledBooks.com) Leveled Books, K-8: Matching Texts to Readers for Effective Teaching (2005) Guided Reading: Good First Teaching for All Children (1996) Guiding Readers and Writers: Teaching Comprehension, Genre, and Content Literacy (2001) Interactive Writing: How Language & Literacy Come Together, K-2 (2000) The

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Initially, I found this book on a friend's shelf and started paging through it. It's so thorough and well thought out! The DVD is fabulous. I've watched every clip and all of them are exemplary. For anyone who is doing or coaching balanced literacy, this is a must have.

I had to purchase this book as a requirement for a Masters level course, but I LOVE IT. The book is filled with resources and practical applications and suggestions for the classroom. I am going to keep this book and reference it when planning.

It was very informative and I needed it for my college course but there is only so much you can learn about teaching in a book. You need to learn these things on the field.

Amazing literacy resource!!

Really helpful when writing unit plans and including all of the activities that will meet the needs/abilities/skills of an ELL learner. It mentions the standards you will use/include (WIDA and Common Core), activities and lessons you can use, and resources (worksheets, graphs, charts, etc) and assessments used to assess if student learned what you wanted them to learn. It also emphasizes that it is important to think about how a student's background, language, and culture affect how the student learns.

Very Awesome and informative book.

Great price, love it

Great resource for me. Teachers are always wanting ideas and information about helping older students with comprehending . I like to stay up on my research and this book allowed me to do so.

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