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Leading Kids To Books Through Puppets (Mighty Easy Motivators/Caroline Feller Bauer)



Synopsis

More creative techniques to turn kids on to reading and storytelling!

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Even the most reluctant performer will be encouraged by this practical, concise, easy-to-use book. Bauer never loses sight of the reason a librarian would use a puppet?not just to entertain, but to link readers to books. She explains how to use puppets to introduce a wide variety of literature?picture books, of course, but also nonfiction, poetry, folklore, riddle books, and biographies. She also explains how to use different types of puppets: stuffed animal puppets, rod puppets, shadow puppets, simple homemade puppets, and commercial puppets. The book includes numerous scripts, stories, and rhymes to use in puppet shows, as well as lists of recently published books that can be introduced by a puppet. Finally, there's a useful appendix of puppet resources. This book is even more useful than Bauer's previous title, *Leading to Kids to Books Through Magic* (ALA, 1996). Its suggestions are less labor intensive than the earlier book and adaptable to more types of literature. *Leading Kids to Books Through Puppets* really lives up to the series title, "Mighty Easy Motivators"?even the busiest librarian can dip into it for ideas for booktalks, storyhours, and school visits.?Penny Peck, San Leandro (CA) Public LibraryCopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From the author of *Leading Kids to Books through Magic* (1996), this engaging book suggests ways to promote books and reading to children through simple puppetry. Bauer's enthusiasm for children's literature informs every program idea, and her practical experience with puppets enables her to suggest workable ideas that get to the heart of the story with a minimum of fuss over mechanics. A stage? Forget the carpentry, a cardboard box or an old sheet will do. Puppets? Just tape cutout figures from a mail-order catalog to popsicle sticks or use stuffed animals. Offering a number of theme-based programs complete with stories to act out, poems, and lists of related books, this practical guidebook offers parents, teachers, and librarians a fine springboard to puppetry. Carolyn Phelan

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