



Literacy Moments:

Creating Daily Teachable Moments with Beginning Readers

By **Jacqueline Witter-Easley**

In the course of any given day in an early-elementary classroom, a variety of situations present themselves through which a thoughtful teacher could develop teachable moments. This book provides teachers with the tools to consider those teachable opportunities as literacy moments: brief, authentic, joyful encounters with texts in all forms. Here, teachers learn to nurture joyful readers by infusing their classrooms' daily lives with authentic literacy moments every day.

The book is organized into three sections, each section containing three chapters. The first section focuses on creating a "literacy moments" learning environment, addressing both the affective and physical domains. The

second section emphasizes literacy moments for the foundational skills of word recognition and vocabulary development. The last one targets literacy moments for developing critical thinking through comprehension processes.



The Happiness Advantage:

How a Positive Brain Fuels Success in Work and Life

By **Shawn Achor**

Conventional wisdom holds that if we work hard we will be more successful, and if we are more successful, then we'll be happy. But recent discoveries in the field of positive psychology have shown that this formula is actually backward: Happiness fuels success, not the other way around.

Using stories and case studies from his work with thousands of Fortune 500 executives in 42 countries, Achor explains how we can reprogram our brains to become more positive in order to gain a competitive edge at work.

The Happiness Advantage isn't only about how to become happier at work. It's about how to reap the benefits of a happier and more positive mind-set to achieve the extraordinary in our work and in our lives.

Build an A-team:

Play to Their Strengths and Lead Them up the Learning Curve

By **Whitney Johnson**

What's the secret to having an engaged and productive team? It's having a plan for developing all

employees--no matter where they are on their personal learning curves.

Better morale and higher performance happen through learning, argues Whitney Johnson. In over twenty years of coaching, investing, and consulting, Johnson has seen that employees need continuous learning and fresh challenges to stay motivated.

In this book, Johnson explains how to become one of those bosses and how to build your A-team by: Identifying what your employees already know and what they need to learn, designing their jobs to maximize engagement and learning and applying a seven-step process for leading each person up their learning curve.

