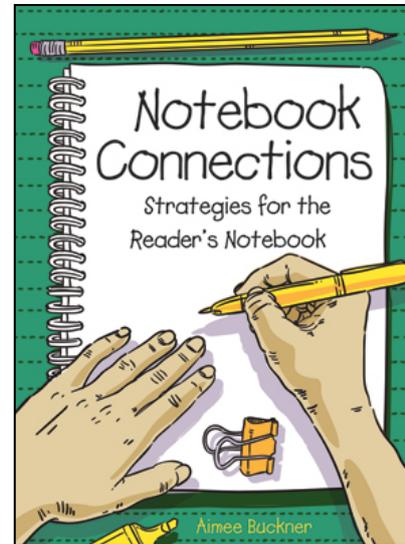


Notebook Connections: Strategies for the Reader's Notebook

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Summary

In *Notebook Know-How*, Aimee Buckner demonstrated the power of notebooks to spark and capture students' ideas in the writing workshop. In *Notebook Connections*, she turns her focus to the reading workshop, showing how to transform “couch-potato” readers into deep thinkers.

Buckner's primary students use reader's notebooks as a place to document their thinking and growth, to support their thinking for group discussions and to explore their own ideas about a text without every entry being judged as evidence of their reading progress. Buckner describes her model as flexible enough for students to respond in a variety of ways, yet structured enough to provide explicit instruction.

Notebook Connections leads teachers through the process of launching, developing and fine-tuning a reader's notebook program. Teacher-guided lessons in every chapter help students create anchor texts for their notebooks using various comprehension and writing strategies. As students become more proficient, they grow more independent in their thinking and responses, and will begin to select the strategies that work best for them. In the process, the notebook becomes a bridge that helps students make connections between ideas, texts, strategies and their work as readers and writers.

Notebook Connections, filled with lesson ideas and assessment tips, provides a comprehensive model for making reader's notebooks the centrepiece of your reading workshop.

Other Resources

- *Notebook Know-How: Strategies for the Writer's Notebook* (SHP1413)
- *Notable Notebooks: Scientists and Their Writings* (NST1055)
- *Readers Writing: Lessons for Responding to Narrative and Informational Text* (SHP2793)
- *The Writing Thief: Using Mentor Texts to Teach the Craft of Writing* (SHP2762)