

# **READ ONLINE DRAMA PLAY BRINGING BOOKS TO LIFE THROUGH DRAMA IN THE EARLY YEARS**

## **Drama Play**

Looking for effective ways to implement the curriculum creatively. Helping you to plan and deliver drama as a key tool for improving literacy, this book is packed with 'read it and run with it' activities. These show how to use stories in combination with basic drama techniques to raise standards in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Illustrated in colour, it: exploits children's love of good stories and role-play in order to make learning fun; provides clear and easy-to-use activities that will enhance understanding of basic drama techniques for teachers and children; includes a checklist to help senior managers assess the whole-school impact of these activities; and offers templates for easy planning. Fun and accessible, this book is essential for teachers and support staff in foundation settings and key stage one classrooms. It shows you how to incorporate key texts into your teaching in a creative and enjoyable way.

## **Drama and Reading for Meaning Ages 4-11**

Drama and Reading for Meaning Ages 4-11 contains over 40 creative drama ideas to help develop reading for meaning in the primary school. The wide range of clearly explained, structured and engaging drama activities will appeal to all primary practitioners who wish to develop more creative approaches to the teaching of reading. The activities show how drama can develop some of the skills associated with reading for meaning such as empathising with characters' feelings, exploring settings and themes and making inferences based on evidence. The step-by-step activities range from familiar classroom drama strategies such as freeze-frames and hot-seating to less well-known approaches involving whole class drama experiences. The book also serves as an introduction to using drama as a learning medium, with advice on how to set the ground rules and clear explanations of the drama strategies. Each chapter has a detailed explanation of what to do, followed by a number of examples linked to quality texts, including poetry and non-fiction. From bringing books to life in reception and Years 1 and 2, to peeling back the layers of meanings in Years 3 to 6, all the drama activities in this book are designed to improve reading for meaning and help motivate children to read for pleasure, making this an essential resource for all primary settings.

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## **Drama and Traditional Story for the Early Years**

This is a book that looks at how drama has its basis in good early years practice. Most early years practitioners are doing some drama and are edging towards more structured work - this text will help them go further by building their own skills. Using tried and tested example dramas based on traditional stories, the authors show how clearly dramas are constructed. They move from the simple use of TiR (Teacher in Role) to more complex, full dramas, using traditional stories including Little Bo Peep, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty,

Humpty Dumpty, The Pied Piper, The Billy Goats Gruff and Hansel and Gretel. Drama in the early years covers a number of key areas where drama is of particular importance for this age group including: \* drama in the National Curriculum \* how drama can help your teaching of the Literacy Hour \* personal and social education and citizenship \* drama and special needs \* assessment \* recording and progression \* developing a school policy for drama.

## **Teaching Content Outrageously**

A powerful instructional method for "hooking" students on academic learning Drawing from a teaching model designed to banish boredom and student apathy, this book explains how dramatic practices can serve as powerful tools for enlivening lessons and captivating students, even the most resistant learners. Filled with intriguing classroom examples, Pogrow shows how any teacher can make use of dramatic techniques, such as surprise, humor, fantasy, role plays, games, and simulations to create standards-based content lessons that are riveting, effective, and meaningful. The author explains how to design such lessons into any content area. Stanley Pogrow (San Francisco, CA), a noted authority on teaching practices for disadvantaged students, is professor of educational leadership at San Francisco State University, where he coordinates the Educational Leadership for Equity Program.

## **Creating Drama with 7-11 Year Olds**

This practical book gives you all the ideas you need to make drama a regular and integral part of your school's curriculum, offering detailed suggestions of drama work for ages 7 to 11. The teaching units are arranged around four strands: drama for literacy; drama and the whole curriculum; drama film, media, and ICT; and drama for performance. The authors provide a wealth of practical activities throughout. Each unit includes: explicit links to the Renewed Framework for literacy and the wider curriculum a list of resources needed clear learning objectives and outcomes steps for teaching and learning including how to modify activities to suit your school links to writing assessment guidance. Based on the authors' experience as teachers and in-service trainers, this book provides a wide range of ideas and activities for inspiring drama across Key Stage 2, and is essential reading for all those interested in bringing drama into their school.

## **Supporting Drama And Imaginative Play In The Early Years**

Written for the wide range of practitioners working with young children, this book gives guidance on both the theory and the practical management of drama in the Early Years. The relationship between 'pretend play' and the cognitive and affective development of young children is emphasised, having much to inform us about the children in our care. Major themes are children's need to experience quality talk and their engagement in narrative through story-making. The authors have a wide range of experience in Early Years teaching and in teacher training. Through their work, they are aware of the importance of drama for the development of the young child. Parents and practitioners are encouraged to explore drama activities and examples are given of fantasy play taken from pre-school, nursery and infant settings. All those involved with Early Years can discover that engaging children in dramatic activity is both a natural form of behaviour and a powerful learning medium.

## **Starting Drama Teaching**

Starting Drama Teaching is a comprehensive guide to the teaching of drama in primary and secondary schools. It looks at the aims and purposes of drama and provides an insight into the theoretical perspectives that underpin practice alongside practical activities, examples of lessons and approaches to planning.

## **Teaching Literacy through Drama**

This book provides teachers of children at Key Stages 1 and 2 with a much-needed source of exciting and creative drama-based activities, designed to improve literacy. As useful for the drama novice as for the busy literacy co-ordinator, these flexible activities are designed to help teachers meet National Curriculum and National Literacy Strategy (NLS) requirements, particularly through speaking and listening. The book is divided into three parts: Part 1 looks at literacy and the power of drama as a 'brain-friendly' medium for teaching and learning. Part 2 contains ten structured, practical units of work, each based on a different story, poem, play or traditional tale or rhyme and each linked directly to the requirements and objectives of the NLS and the QCA objectives for speaking and listening. Part 3 contains photocopiable Literacy Support Sheets for teachers to use and adapt for their own classroom needs. All units of work have been tried and tested by the authors, giving teachers a springboard from which to enhance and extend their literacy lessons, and engage the imagination of their pupils. The book is also the ideal resource for student teachers.

## **Princesses, Dragons and Helicopter Stories**

Stories and fantasy play engage all young children and help them to draw connections and make sense of the world. MakeBelieve Arts Helicopter Stories are tried, tested and proven to have a significant impact on children's literacy and communication skills, their confidence and social and emotional development. Based on the storytelling and story acting curriculum of Vivian Gussin Paley, this book provides a practical, step-by-step guide to using this approach with young children. Covering all aspects of the approach, Artistic Director Trisha Lee shows you how you can introduce Helicopter Stories to children for the first time, scribing their tales and then bring their ideas to life by acting them out. Full of anecdotes and practical examples from a wide range of settings, the book includes: Clear guidelines and rules for scribing children's stories, creating a stage and acting out stories How to deal with taboos and sensitive issues in children's stories How to involve children who are unwilling to speak or act Supporting children with English as an Additional Language Links to show how the approach supports children's holistic development Providing an accessible guide to an approach that is gaining international recognition, and featuring a foreword by Vivian Gussin Paley, this book will be essential reading for all those that want to support children's learning in a way that is fun, engaging and proven to work.

## **Learning Through Drama in the Primary Years**

'Learning Through Drama' contains drama strategies and lesson plans for use with primary school children across the curriculum. The book provides guidance to teachers who have never taught drama before but are considering using it in a subject area such as science or history and offers new approaches to those familiar with common drama techniques (such as hot-seating and teacher in role). The book includes 36 drama strategies and over 250 cross-curricular activities, including practical ideas for inspiring speaking, listening and writing. 'This book is a beautifully laid-out, easy to use resource, full of imaginative and practical ideas to help learning become much more memorable and inspirational.' - Hilary Lewis (Drama Consultant). 'Even the well-practiced and creative drama teacher will find something in this book that serves as a refresher, reminder or quite simply a new idea... a must-have publication for those serious about the teaching of drama in primary school settings.' - Teaching Drama magazine.

## **Drama with Children**

Provides practical ideas for introducing drama activities into the English class, including mime, chants, puppets, role play, and short plays. Shows how the use of drama can improve both speaking and pronunciation, and can also help children to develop self-confidence and express their imagination, personalities and creativity. Demonstrates how activities can be integrated into day-to-day teaching, as well as providing inspiration for performances at open days or end-of-term shows.

## **California Preschool Learning Foundations: Visual and performing arts. Physical development. Health**

This volume brings together studies, research syntheses, and critical commentaries that examine play-literacy relationships from cognitive, ecological, and cultural perspectives. The cognitive view focuses on mental processes that appear to link play and literacy activities; the ecological stance examines opportunities to engage in literacy-related play in specific environments; and the social-cultural position stresses the interface between the literacy and play cultures of home, community, and the school. Examining play from these diverse perspectives provides a multidimensional view that deepens understanding and opens up new avenues for research and educational practice. Each set of chapters is followed by a critical review by a distinguished play scholar. These commentaries' focus is to hold research on play and literacy up to scrutiny in terms of scientific significance, methodology, and utility for practice. A Foreword by Margaret Meek situates these studies in the context of current trends in literacy learning and instruction. Earlier studies on the role of play in early literacy acquisition provided considerable information about the types of reading and writing activities that children engage in during play and how this literacy play is affected by variables such as props, peers, and adults. However, they did not deal extensively, as this book does, with the functional significance of play in the literacy development of individual children. This volume pushes the study of play and literacy into new areas. It is indispensable reading for researchers and graduate students in the fields of early childhood education and early literacy development.

### **Play and Literacy in Early Childhood**

The teaching of the arts and literacy in schools is often at odds with one another. The desire for schools to improve results on high-stakes testing can lead to a narrow view of literacy rather than one that acknowledges the unique and distinct literacies that exist in other curriculum areas including the arts. With methods of communication becoming increasingly complex, it will be more and more important for students to be able to utilise all semiotic modes. *Developing Literacy and the Arts in Schools* investigates this key issue in education and offers a solution to the negative relationship between the arts and literacy. Drawing on interview data and evidence from diverse classrooms, it explores the pedagogies of effective arts practitioners and teachers, and how they relate to theoretical frameworks, to unpack the key elements of effective practice related to literacy and the arts. A model of arts-literacies is provided to assist arts and literacy educators in developing a common language that acknowledges and values these distinct arts-literacies. Themes of multimodality, diversity, aesthetics and reflection in relation to the arts and literacy are foregrounded throughout. This book will be of great value to postgraduate students of Education specialising in arts and literacy, education academics, teacher educators, and classroom and preservice teachers.

### **Developing Literacy and the Arts in Schools**

Everything you need to get dramatic in the classroom This easy-to-use, comprehensive teacher-resource book has lesson plans and practical activities that integrate theater into language learning. Plus ten original scripts so you can put the activities into action immediately! Drama and play scripts can be used to teach pronunciation, pragmatics, and other communication skills, as well as provide grammar and vocabulary practice! Conveniently organized into two parts, Part 1 includes pragmatics mini-lessons, community builders, drama games, and pronunciation activities. There are also lesson plans for producing a play (either fully-staged or as Reader's Theater), as well as guidelines and activities for writing plays to use with (or without students,) and suggestions for integrating academic content. You'll even find rubrics and evaluation schemes for giving notes and feedback. Part 2 includes 10 original monologues and scripts of varying lengths that can be photocopied and used in the classroom. Specifically designed to feature everyday language and high frequency social interactions, these scenes and sketches follow engaging plot arcs in which characters face obstacles and strive to achieve objectives. With a foreword by Ken Wilson, this book is a must-have for anyone interested in using the performing arts to help students become more confident and fluent speakers.

## **Systematic and Engaging Early Literacy**

This book offers a comprehensive guide to teaching acting exercises that will unleash the inner creativity of students aged 8-18. Theories and techniques of some of the greatest theatre practitioners including Sanford Meisner, Constantin Stanislavski, Lee Strasberg and Uta Hagen provide a basis for Samantha Marsden's original exercises for students between these ages. You won't find Duck, Duck, Goose, Zap, Zap, Boing – or any other traditional drama games in this book: instead, the craft of acting technique takes the limelight. These exercises have been tried and tested in the author's own classroom, and are guaranteed to inspire, ignite imagination and encourage heartfelt performances. Focus points used in leading drama schools such as voice, movement, relaxation, character development and understanding text are recreated for a younger student. They are easy to follow and will be fun, challenging and immensely rewarding for teachers and students alike. The book features a foreword by Paul Roseby, CEO and Artistic Director of the National Youth Theatre.

## **The Drama Book**

This open access book examines the educational conditions that support cultures of exploration in kindergartens. It conceptualises cultures of exploration, whether those cultures are created through children's own engagement or are demanded of them through undertaking specific tasks within different institutional settings. It shows how the conditions for children's exploration form a web of activities in different settings with social relationships, local landscapes and artefacts. The book builds on the understanding of cultural traditions as deeply implicated in the developmental processes, meaning that local considerations must be reflected in education for sustainable futures. Therefore the book examines and conceptualises exploration and cultural formation through locally situated cases and navigates toward global educational concepts. The book provides different windows into how children may explore in everyday practice settings in kindergarten, and contributes to a loci-based, ecological, integral knowledge relevant for early childhood education.

## **100 Acting Exercises for 8 - 18 Year Olds**

'This book is special. It proposes a style of drama that liberates teachers and children from traditional dialogues...The dramas, each linked to a literacy text or wider theme, are amazing...I would recommend buying this. It challenges, but rewards with a new level of classroom dialogue' - Literacy Time 'This new book for teachers is timely and full of good ideas. It demonstrates the value of drama as a means of achieving education that stimulates creative and critical thinking while also engaging the emotions' - Teaching Thinking & Creativity Showing teachers how to use drama to promote speaking and listening for pupils, including those who find learning difficult, this book describes, analyses and teaches how to use role play effectively and looks at how to generate a productive dialogue between teachers and pupils that is both powerful and enabling. The authors present innovative methods for teaching across the curriculum which are genuinely inclusive and can help to motivate reluctant learners. The 'how to' section of the book describes a range of strategies and approaches: o how to begin with 'teacher in role' o how to begin planning drama o how to generate quality speaking and listening o how to use drama for inclusion and citizenship o how to generate empathy in drama o how to link history and drama o how to begin using assessment of speaking and listening (and other English skills) through drama The second section includes full lesson plans that have been tried and tested with pupils, complete with detailed guidance on how to structure the work and how to play the teacher roles. Each is linked to literacy, the wider curriculum, PSHE and citizenship. The book is a valuable resource for primary teachers in training and in practice.

## **Children's Exploration and Cultural Formation**

How was it possible for drama, especially biblical representations, to appear in the Christian West given the church's condemnation of the theatrum of the ancient world? In a book with radical implications for the study

of medieval literature, Lawrence Clopper resolves this perplexing question. *Drama, Play, and Game* demonstrates that the theatrum repudiated by medieval clerics was not "theater" as we understand the term today. Clopper contends that critics have misrepresented Western stage history because they have assumed that theatrum designates a place where drama is performed. While theatrum was thought of as a site of spectacle during the Middle Ages, the term was more closely connected with immodest behavior and lurid forms of festive culture. Clerics were not opposed to liturgical representations in churches, but they strove ardently to suppress May games, ludi, festivals, and liturgical parodies. Medieval drama, then, stemmed from a more vernacular tradition than previously acknowledged-one developed by England's laity outside the boundaries of clerical rule.

## **Speaking and Listening through Drama 7-11**

A guide to teaching drama effectively at KS1-3, along with advice for how it can be used for teaching and learning across the entire curriculum.

## **Drama, Play, and Game**

"Friday Night Lights" meets "Glee" -- the incredible and true story of an extraordinary drama teacher who has changed the lives of thousands of students and inspired a town.

## **School Improvement Through Drama**

*Decisions Determine Destiny* is a series of plays designed to bring stories to life through acting and play, allowing the students to become immersed in roles which any young person could find themselves in. Re-enacting the lives of characters in the stories and discovering how people can arrive at certain decisions which can sometimes be a catalyst of positive change or negative consequences. The *Decisions Determine Destiny* (DDD) series is a book of plays, which are intended to be part of the Life Skills series for young people. It can be used for; G.C.S.E. Drama, English and P.S.H.E classes, Pupil Referral Units, Mentoring Units, youth groups and drama workshops. *Decisions Determine Destiny* encourages teenagers to make the right choices when faced with real issues which sometimes arise in life. Experimenting through role play the many different circumstances they can find themselves in and ways in which they can deal with those circumstances if and when they arise. Using drama as a way to introduce life skills training for young people DDD gives the young people the opportunity to write, practice and perform the stories and scenarios proposed in the book.

## **Drama High**

This lively folk tale from Orissa, India, explains why tigers eat their food uncooked and why cats live with people. The tiger child is sent to fetch some more fire from the village, but on the way he gets distracted by his friends. By the time he gets to the village, he has forgotten what he has been sent to fetch.

## **Decisions Determine Destiny**

Aimed at primary teachers, this text explores creativity across curriculum subjects and offers advice on planning and implementing effective creative teaching and learning.

## **The Tiger Child**

As Drama becomes a very popular way of encouraging creative learning in the early years, this highly practical book shows early years practitioners how to teach drama and stagework to children from 3 - 5 years. Full of suggestions, activities and sample session plans that are set alongside intended 'learning objectives' of

the Foundation Stage, the book prepares practitioners to lead and develop dramatic work with confidence and enthusiasm, whilst ensuring they understand the theory and the value behind each activity. Based on the extensive tried and tested experience of the author, Debbie Chalmers outlines any potential pitfalls so that practitioners may be fully aware and in control of the safety and behaviour of any group of children. Any early years practitioner who wants to make drama a fun and enjoyable activity with their pupils will find all the help and guidance in this book necessary to increase their confidence and to share their enthusiasm with other staff.

## **Creativity in the Primary Curriculum**

This new edition includes several personal memoirs by German-born children whose lives were saved, and transformed, by the Kindertransport.

## **Drama 3-5**

Distinguished playwright David Edgar examines the mechanisms and techniques which dramatists throughout the ages have employed to structure their plays and to express their meaning. Written for playwrights and playgoers alike, Edgar's analysis starts with the building blocks of whole plays – plot, character creation, genre and structure – and moves on to scenes and devices. He shows how plays share a common architecture without which the uniqueness of their authors' vision would be invisible. What does King Lear have in common with Cinderella? What does Jaws owe to Ibsen? From Aeschylus to Alan Ayckbourn, from Chekhov to Caryl Churchill, are there common principles by which all plays work? *How Plays Work* is a masterclass for playwrights and playmakers and a fascinating guide to the anatomy of drama. 'lucid, deeply intelligent... combines theoretical acumen with the assured know-how of a working dramatist' Terry Eagleton, TLS 'Fascinating... Read it. You will learn a lot' The Stage

## **Kindertransport**

Gain access to a personal collection of 101 highly effective drama games and activities suitable for children or adults. Sections include improvisation, mime, ice-breakers, group dynamics, rehearsal, story-telling, voice and warm-ups.

## **How Plays Work**

Everything you need to know to produce great video drama for learning, in one short volume. The learning sector produces a good deal of video drama, but its knowledge of the form is patchy. As a result, video drama for learning does not have the best reputation. *Watch and Learn* sets out to change this. Award-winning British veteran of learning and development drama Tom Hickmore, has distilled his many years of experience and study to produce this concise reference aimed at people in the frontline of L&D. The book builds on the understanding that drama's principal use in the workplace is to address the overlap of public and private. We all bring our feelings to work, and they need to be managed. Whether we are talking about compliance, where behaviour is a key factor, diversity issues, where we need to promote understanding, or managing people who work in emotionally challenging situations such as healthcare, drama is a powerful tool. Drama can bring these areas of conflict to life in an adult way, stimulating critical thinking and discussion. *Watch & Learn* delivers everything you need to design excellent learning drama. Beginning with high level insight into how drama works, it goes on to explain all the fundamental dramatic techniques - from story structure to dialogue and gives an understanding of the cost factors at play. With drama the most expensive form of video, knowledge of how to design cost-effectively is paramount. *Watch & Learn* also includes a chapter on one of the most challenging forms of learning drama, the interactive branching scenario. Techniques are discussed in the context of the main challenge of the form - the balance between emotional and intellectual engagement. The book also includes a review of the relevant learning theory and research, plus real-world case studies. Each chapter is summarised in a list of learning points, making the

book a flexible tool that's easy to use. The book is supported by the author's free online videos including the series What Can TV Teach L&D? Whether you are a learning designer who wishes to raise their game or an L&D head who wants to know just what drama can do for you, this book will help.

## **101 Drama Games and Activities**

Now published in the Bloomsbury Revelations series, this is a classic work on the power and importance of drama by renowned American playwright, screenwriter and essayist David Mamet. In this short but arresting series of essays, David Mamet explains the necessity, purpose and demands of drama. A celebration of the ties that bind art to life, *Three Uses of the Knife* is an enthralling read for anyone who has sat anxiously waiting for the lights to go up on Act 1. In three tightly woven essays of characteristic force and resonance, Mamet speaks about the connection of art to life, language to power, imagination to survival, public spectacle to private script. Self-assured and filled with autobiographical touches *Three Uses of the Knife* is a call to art and arms, a manifesto that reminds us of the singular power of the theatre to keep us sane, whole and human.

## **Watch & Learn**

Do you find it difficult to find drama activities for preschool age children? Teaching theatre to very young children is a completely different experience than working with older kids. Their attention spans are shorter and they require games that are simple, short and active...but also provide them with the skills necessary to grow as an actor. *Teaching Drama to Little Ones* is packed with activities that do just that. It includes 12 lesson plans specifically designed for kids age 3-7 that you can implement today. It also includes guides on how to adapt a script and rehearse a show with this age group. Inside this book you'll find: 12 lessons plans packed with over 70 activities ideal for kids age 3-7 Each lesson contains a Warm-Up, Focus, Voice, Movement and Imagination activity Simple reflection questions after every lesson A guide to creating a script for little ones A guide to auditioning, rehearsing and performance tips for little ones An appendix with lyrics of simple songs for classroom use Below are just a few of the topics covered in the lessons: Getting to Know You. Students will feel comfortable in a new environment, realizing that theatre class is a place where they can make new friends while learning how to sing, dance, and act. Make Believe. Students will use their imaginations to be different characters and go on make believe adventures. Working with a Partner. Students will build trust and gain confidence by learning to work with a partner. Working as a Team. Students will realize that theater involves teamwork and everyone has a role with something important to contribute. Rhythm. Students will understand rhythm, be able to clap and follow a steady beat, and practice speeding up and slowing down their voices and movements. Energy. Students will explore how energy is necessary when performing and learn how to control and focus using that energy. Emotions. Students will explore how we use emotions to show the audience what we are feeling. Actions. Students will use movement to learn the basic concepts of blocking, choreography, and stage directions. Becoming a Character. Students will become familiar with the practice of pretending to be different characters. Using Your Voice. Students will understand why projection and diction are necessary while singing and acting. Acting Is Reacting. Students will understand that listening and reacting are just as important as speaking. Putting it Together. Students will learn how their newly developed acting skills fit together as they prepare for a final presentation or show.

## **Three Uses Of The Knife**

The English Teacher's Drama Handbook is a rich, thought-provoking introduction to teaching drama within the English classroom. Divided into two sections, the first part of the book explores deological influences that have shaped drama's relationship with English over the past 250 years and aims to help you locate your own practice within a theoretical and historical context. Starting with Rousseau's seminal text *Emile*, it considers the theories of key thinkers and practitioners and a range of complex issues including the construction of 'childhood', children's play, the teacher and student relationship, the implications of linking drama and English and the impact of national curricula on drama and English teaching. The second half of the book offers a collection of comprehensive, practical schemes of work to inspire and support you and your



students to realise the power of drama in bringing English language and literature vividly to life. Suitable for a range of ages and abilities, each activity makes explicit links to the key thinkers and issues explored in the first part of the book and explores a particular aspect of work in English - from grammar and spelling to poetry and play texts. Together with guidance on how to begin and progress the activities, each sequence includes ideas for exploring issues further in the English classroom. Written for English teachers at any stage of their career, *The English Teacher's Drama Handbook* offers new ways of looking at drama and English that will ensure meaningful and enjoyable teaching and learning.

## **Teaching Drama to Little Ones**

It challenges and explores current pedagogical orthodoxies and provides credible alternatives and insights based on research. It contributes to a more open and expansive agenda in language, literacy and pedagogy. It represents a move from restrictive certainties to the potent possibilities of uncertainty and professional challenge.

## **The English Teacher's Drama Handbook**

Introducing drama to the learning experience is guaranteed to enrich a child's development, and is an especially effective approach for children with special educational needs, including those with autism spectrum disorders. This practical handbook offers teachers an array of simple and easy-to-implement theatrical techniques that will enhance students' learning and encourage artistic expression. The author demonstrates how dramatic play doesn't have to be restricted to drama lessons and can be applied to a diverse range of school subjects and recreational settings. 'The Little Red Hen', for example, covers themes that are relevant to literacy (rhyming and rhythm), maths (counting seeds), science (discussing farming), and art lessons (designing costumes). Step-by-step lesson plans take teachers through every aspect of running fun and engaging story dramas, including warm ups, movement, songs and props. Handy tips throughout suggest ideas for developing the plays further and ways to adapt them according to the needs of the group. This book will be an essential and comprehensive guide for anyone interested in drama as an educational tool in inclusive or special needs settings.

## **Classroom Interactions In Literacy**

Beegu is not supposed to be on Earth. She is lost. She is a friendly little creature, but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. However, so far she has only met the BIG ones. The little ones are a different matter . . .

## **Story Drama in the Special Needs Classroom**

The most controversial and newsworthy plays of British theatre are a rash of rude, vicious and provocative pieces by a brat pack of twentysomethings whose debuts startled critics and audiences with their heady mix of sex, violence and street-poetry. *In-Yer-Face Theatre* is the first book to study this exciting outburst of creative self-expression by what in other contexts has been called Generation X, or Thatcher's Children, the 'yoof' who grew up during the last Conservative Government. The book argues that, for example, *Trainspotting*, *Blasted*, *Mojo* and *Shopping and F\*\*king* are much more than a collection of shock tactics - taken together, they represent a consistent critique of modern life, one which focuses on the problem of violence, the crisis of masculinity and the futility of consumerism. The book contains extensive interviews with playwrights, including Sarah Kane (*Blasted*), Mark Ravenhill (*Shopping and F\*\*king*), Philip Ridley (*The Pitchfork Disney*), Patrick Marber (*Closer*) and Martin McDonagh (*The Beauty Queen of Leenane*).

## **Beegu**

## Step by Step Educational Drama

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