



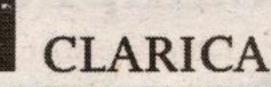
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# See Johnny Read

By DONNA DANIELLI

n her new book See Johnny Read! Campbellville writer Tracey Wood asks the question "When does a reading delay become a reading problem?" Wood asserts that reading may be harder for boys due to their more physical and competitive natures, and as such, boys require alternative methods of teaching than girls do. See Johnny Read puts educational information gleaned from Wood's 18 years helping struggling children as a reading consultant and popular speaker on learning disabilities, into simple step by step, practical terms.

Wood uses a clear, conversational style throughout the book. She frequently uses real life

examples to illustrate her points, while offering practical solutions that focus on educational fun. She is careful to note the differences between teaching decoding (reading) and encoding (writing) as each requires a different method of teaching.

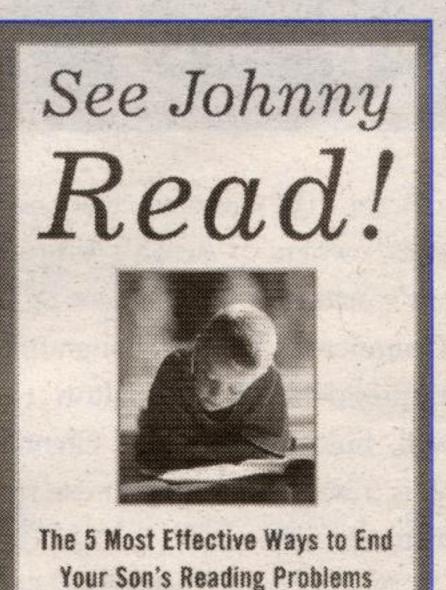
See Johnny Read! is packed with simple, common sense teaching tips. Not only does Wood outline the best way a parent can teach their child, she also offers sound advice on choosing a tutor, making the most of parent/teacher interviews, handling homework and more. She does

include sections on behaviour management and Attention Deficit Disorder that seem somewhat out of place in a book about reading difficulties, but the information is nonetheless informative. The chapter summaries at the end of each chapter are a particularly effective way of reinforcing the lessons for the parent and very handy to have.

Wood uses a system called SPRINT which relies on sight words, phonics and reading. She capably breaks lesson plans into segments and her list of 220 sight words that make up 80 per cent of our conversations is extremely useful. The only complaint that can be found is that the book is

> printed in the U.S. and as such, any references to federal laws regarding learning disabilities do not apply to the Canadian reader.

> Wood has targeted her book to parents of young boys with reading difficulties, but See Johnny Read! appeals to a broader spectrum than just that demographic. A parent of any child, boy or girl, with reading difficulties would find this book to be a "must-have" for their bookshelf. See Johnny Read! is only available through Wood's website at www.readingpains.com.



Tracey Wood

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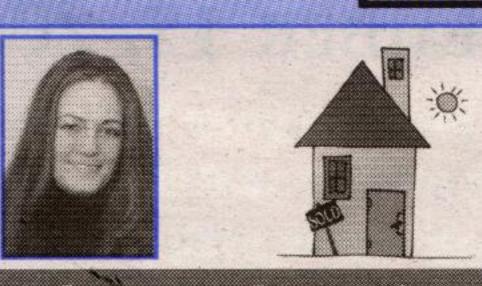
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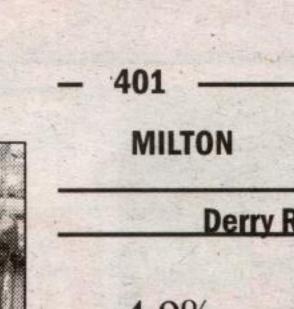
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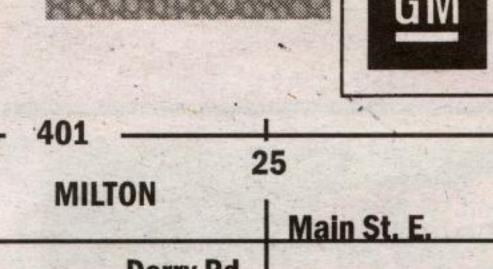


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