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***Bulletin Board Power:  
Bridges to Lifelong  
Learning***

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*Bulletin Board Power: Bridges to Learning* might be of interest to elementary school teacher-librarians looking for bulletin board ideas. Although Hawthorne and Gibson do provide some general how-to suggestions for the creation of bulletin boards, they recommend that readers refer to their first book, *Bulletin Boards and 3D Showcases That Capture Them With Pizzazz* (LU, 1999). In *Bulletin Board Power*, Hawthorne and Gibson provide 72 bulletin

board designs, which can be used to promote reading. Each design is illustrated with a black and white line drawing, and details about background, lettering, etc. are provided. The book includes several of the patterns used for the bulletin boards.

Although *Bulletin Board Power* could be worth browsing for ideas, readers might find the designs less appealing than expected. The quality of both the illustrations and the patterns is also disappointing, especially given the relative ease of producing good quality work with even fairly basic desktop publishing programs.

If *Bulletin Board Power* is being considered for purchase for a dis-

trict collection, it would be a good idea to have a number of elementary school teacher-librarians take a look at it first. This is one of those titles that should be bought from a display rather than a review.

