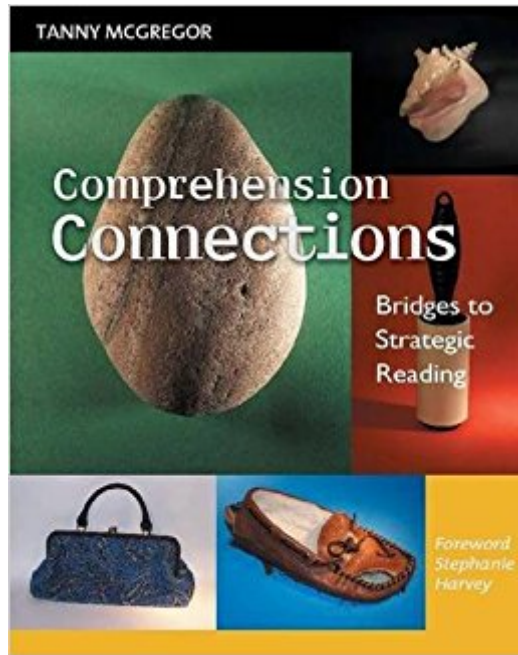




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# Comprehension Connections: Bridges To Strategic Reading



## Synopsis

Inferring, questioning, determining importance. It's not easy to explain these abstract reading strategies to elementary readers, yet knowing how they work and how to use them is an important first step to connecting with texts. Fortunately Tanny McGregor has developed visual, tangible, everyday lessons that make abstract thinking concrete and that can help every child in your classroom make more effective use of reading comprehension strategies. *Comprehension Connections* is a guide to developing children's ability to fully understand texts by making the comprehension process achievable, accessible, and incremental. McGregor's approach sequences stages of learning for each strategy that take students from a fun object lesson to a nuanced and lasting understanding. Her lessons build bridges between the concrete and the abstract by incorporating writing, discussion, song, art, and movement into a web of creative connections that reinforce each strategy on a variety of levels. All the while *Comprehension Connections* offers an inside look at the dynamic of McGregor's teaching, showing you how her ideas look in action, and including the language she uses and that she encourages her students to use as they build their facility with: schema inferring questioning determining importance visualizing synthesizing. Many students struggle to understand what it is they are supposed to do as they learn to read strategically. Help them make connections to the ideas behind reading and watch as your readers go deeper into texts than ever before.

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The smash-hit Comprehension Connections introduced teachers across the country to the imaginative, inspiring, and practical teaching of Tanny McGregor. Now Genre Connections brings to teaching genre the same creativity and can-do spirit that has helped hundreds of thousands of practitioners improve. Tanny has been teaching and learning in Cincinnati for more than two decades. She is a staff developer, a nationally-known keynoter and workshop presenter, and a member of Heinemann Professional Development Services. In addition to Comprehension Connections and Genre Connections, she is a coauthor of the Heinemann title Comprehension Going Forward. Tanny online Tanny's voice jumps off the page. If you'd like to hear that voice in person, then listen to her appearance on Education Talk Radio.

I am a literacy leader at my school, and I just purchased one of these books for every grade level in the school. I also talked our county-wide literacy coach into purchasing a copy for every literacy leader in our district. I cannot say enough about how fantastic this book is. It is jam-packed with great strategies for introducing and/or reviewing reading standards. They are easily adapted for all elementary and even middle school grade levels. This book and Genre Connections should be on every reading teacher's professional library shelf!!

This book is a good introductory book for strategic reading. I love the activities and suggested dialogue I can use to teach reading strategies to my first grade students. However, I was hoping for Tanny to go into the subject with a little more in depth. I guess I should have read the description more carefully--the book is incredibly thin! Like I said before, it's a great book to get a teacher, especially new teachers, started. What's helpful is that Tanny gives a list of suggested books for further reading at the end of each section.

I am very impressed with Tanny's books. I have learned a lot about the teaching of reading, and she is a fantastic teacher to teachers. I would recommend this book to anyone who is a teacher or intrigued by the process of learning to read and teaching to read.

I loved this book! I devoured it on a camping trip--a place where I usually avoid work related reading--and found myself planning lessons and how I could incorporate these ideas and lessons

into out mandated, less-than-stellar, curriculum. I did my first lesson, and the kids really enjoyed it. The concrete object lesson seemed to really resonate with them.

This book is just..... wow. I feel like it should be way more known in the teacher crowd than it is. Every elementary teacher should have this book. I kept reading chapter after chapter getting more and more excited, thinking-- this is what I've been looking for all along! Tanny takes each "big idea" comprehension strategy-- metacognition, schema, etc. and gives you a handful of perfect lessons to teach it. When I say perfect, I mean PERFECT. They are so engaging and cute, yet drive the idea home so no student will ever forget it. The lessons all start with something concrete, like paint color samples, salad bowls, a lint roller. These props are the things that make the lessons stick in kids' minds, yet they are the things that I am never creative enough to come up with on my own. After the idea is introduced with this concrete object, students explore it with wordless picture books and then move on to texts. I can't remember the last time I've been so excited about a teaching book. It definitely goes in my top 3 teaching books ever. (The other two are The Daily 5 and On Solid Ground.)

Every elementary teacher needs to buy this book! Gives you a clever way to introduce reading skills like: inferring, predicting, schema, visualizing

This book is AMAZING! I am a Literacy Coach and plan on purchasing copies for an Elementary Book Study. If you teach Elementary School, you should own this book. Buy it! My only disappointment is that I didn't find this book sooner.

Awesome!

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