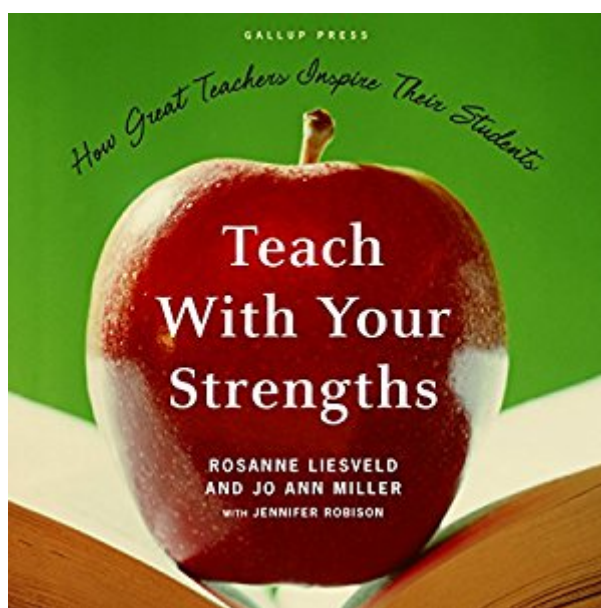


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# Teach With Your Strengths: How Great Teachers Inspire Their Students



## Synopsis

WHAT DO GREAT TEACHERS DO DIFFERENTLY? As an educator, you may ask yourself this question all the time. Or you may know the answer but are struggling in an environment that just doesn't appreciate great teaching. Whatever the case, educators - and American society in general - have long worried about the lack of great teaching. That is why, for decades, Gallup has directed the leading thinkers in education and psychology to uncover what makes a teacher truly great. Mountains of research point to this remarkable fact: While their styles and approaches may differ, all great teachers make the most of their natural talents. Here's something else: Great teachers don't strive to be well-rounded. They know that "fixing their weaknesses" doesn't work - it only produces mediocrity. Worse, it diverts time and attention from what they naturally do well. In *Teach With Your Strengths*, you'll hear from great teachers, many of whom reveal their unorthodox - and sure to be controversial - approaches. You'll gain key insights gleaned from 40 years of research into great teaching. And, you'll take an online assessment that reveals your Signature Themes of talent. As you hear this groundbreaking book, you'll discover your own innate talents as a teacher. And you'll learn how to liberate those talents to inspire the next generation of students.

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The book I received is perfectly fine. However I bought this book new and expected this book to come with the access card with the code to take the strengths finder quiz. Mine didn't come with this so I emailed asking for it and all I got was a refund. Don't buy this book if you need the code, you can buy it anywhere else new and get the code, this was just the better deal.

While the first part of this book speaks generally about teaching, the second half addresses your individual strengths as found through the website Strengthsfinder.com and how they apply to teaching. In order to access this information you go to their website and type in the access code on the inside of the dust jacket. The access code can only be used ONE time, and evidently the person I bought the used book from had used the access code, so I was not able to find out my personal strengths. Consequently the book was of little use. This book is one of a series of books which use the Gallup Strengthsfinder website and happily I had purchased Strengths Finder 2.0 (by Tom Rath) new and the access code was sealed inside the book so I finally had access to the website. Once enrolled I took a preference test (about 20 minutes) and received information on my 5 strengths. These correspond for the most part with those listed in Teach With Your Strengths. This information on my strengths is not earth-shaking but it does support Gallup's contention that we shouldn't waste time or energy trying to "fix" our lesser talents but instead develop what we do naturally (172). As with anything it is not a magic wand, but instead an interesting way of thinking about maximizing our individual potential.

Good insight to teacher qualities However. I ordered it new and the code in the back that I needed for a college course had been used, resulting in me having to buy another copy.

Teach with your Strengths is an inspiring, research-based guide to improve teaching and learning for teachers at all levels. It is very practical in that it helps teachers to identify their strengths and how to use them in a classroom. The impact on student learning is far-reaching. Our staff will be reading and implementing the concepts in Teach with your Strengths this school year.

I was delighted to read a "teaching" book that was written in plain, useful, straightforward language and not just consultant blowhard speak. I learned my strengths and how to put those to use in the classroom. The strength finder described me spot on. I was excited to learn that I should not dwell on my weaknesses; it's futile and counterproductive. I would have liked a few more teaching ideas, but this book at least gives me food for thought. The Kindle version doesn't have an access code. Luckily, my school offered the "test."

This marvelous book offers not just insight into teaching, but insight into learning and life lessons. I bought it for my mother, who has been involved in education for 60 years (and still at it!) She

recently learned her Strengthsfinder strengths, and the content in this book supported her understanding of her results. Lovely book, so helpful. Imagine if all educators understood the strengths-based approach to success!

The product code inside the book did not allow me to do any test and it's an absolute waste of money.

Great book, however I bought it new and the code didn't work so I had to buy another new copy. I recommend getting the kindle version to prevent this from happening to you too.

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