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*Working in the Reggio Way* helps teachers of young children bring the innovative practices of the schools in Reggio Emilia, Italy, to American classrooms. Written by an educator who observed and worked in the world-famous schools, this groundbreaking resource presents the key tools that will allow American teachers to transform their classrooms, including these:

- Organization of time and space
- Documentation of children's work
- Observation and questioning
- Attention to children's environments

This workbook also contains interactive activities for individual or group reflection.

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## From Reader Review Working in the Reggio Way: A Beginner's Guide for American Teachers for online ebook

### Sara says

What is this book about?

Working in the Reggio Way is an introductory book to the Reggio Emilia style of schooling originating in Italy. It is by an American teacher to spent time in Reggio Emilia working in their early learning programs, and how she has adapted the philosophies for North American schools.

For Full Review: <http://manybrainsblog.weebly.com/1/po...>

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### Jonathan Butcher says

I liked the way the book was categorised, and provided some great questions that all educators should ask themselves. Worth the read indeed.

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### Erin says

I got so many ideas for my classroom and my school from this book! While it doesn't tell teachers exactly what to do, this book offers provoking questions, stories from Reggio Emilia, and insights that will help teachers think more deeply about their teaching practice. While she is writing about Reggio inspired teaching, Wurm really encourages teachers to be sure that what they are doing in the classroom aligns with their values and beliefs about young children and education, so this would be useful for all early childhood teachers.

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### Sarah K says

One day I will be back in the classroom. Many good ideas, some practical, some not so much, but the author does a great job of reminding the reader that learning opportunities and situations should vary within the culture. Just make sure your goals and practices are in line and always self-assess and evaluate!

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### Heather says

Simple, straightforward read, with ideas and questions for any teacher (especially early childhood) to challenge attitudes, beliefs and habits that may prevent them from creating the most supportive educational environment possible. Offers inspiration and guidance to get you from "that wouldn't work here" to "how will I apply this to my setting?"

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## **Diem Dangers says**

I read this mostly to get some ideas about how I could be more creative about my mothering at home and was surprised at all the interesting ideas I got from it... it gave me more of an appreciation for the difference it makes in children's lives to play in sunlit rooms, have their crafts and creations be displayed at their level, and be taken seriously, be surrounded by plants and other living things...

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## **Chelsea Jewell says**

Great beginners guide to the magic of the Reggio way!

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## **Natalie says**

Another Reggio book, less compelling than others, but still useful to understand the basic premise of what they are trying to do and how it is (generally) in direct opposition to normalized preschool teaching methods in the U.S.

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## **Fran says**

I would give this 3 and 1/2 stars out of 5. It really makes you think. You have to have an open mind.

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## **Emily says**

I'm not a professional educator, which is the intended reader of this book, but I am interested in the Reggio philosophy and incorporating some of the methodology into our household. I found the language really accessible and while a lot of it is not applicable to a family setting (unless you are homeschooling, which I am not), a lot of it is very useful for considering how to approach helping your child with problem solving and exploring topics.

This is not a "project-based" book that defines how a room should be set up, what materials to offer, what projects to do to spark inquiry. This is a book that offers a mind-set to dealing with children's explorations and a way to prompt further and deeper wondering without trampling on their tendrils of thought. Its a very gentle and kind way to deal with children.

The number one thing I took away from this book was to allow my child ample time and opportunity to answer questions on her own - even if the answers are not strictly correct. I am short on patience in general and it's a good reminder for me to be supportive of her learning and exploring without needing any sort of results.

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## **Jane says**

*Working in the Reggio Way: A Beginner's Guide for American Teachers* is an excellent reference that gives lots of examples for organization, observation, documentation and all aspects of teaching following the ideas developed in Italy called the Reggio Way. This is a project based learning with intentional planned learning situations for the students to use and learn by doing, which is the way young children prefer to learn.

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## **Becky Cook says**

Great book to help introduce you to Reggio. Lots of reflection on your own classroom and the way you schedule your day. I like how she addressed how we, in the US, cannot ever be Reggio Italy but we can adapt these concepts in our classroom.

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## **kristen says**

Great to hear from an American educator that spent a year in Reggio Emilia, Italy when she wanted to experience the Reggio Approach first hand. It was helpful to read about the challenges she observed study groups discover in implementing the philosophy in their respective countries. Helpful insight she shared: Americans compartmentalize education where the Reggio Approach views education as an interconnected whole piece.

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## **Mario MJ Perron says**

This should be a must read part of any teacher training course. It gives a great introduction to the Reggio Emilia philosophy. It goes much deeper as it explains where this method came from, what educational theories it's built on, and why this is the predominant method being used in Europe and growing throughout the world. It give a better understanding of emergent curriculums, flipping classrooms, and cooperative learning, all while drawing a clear definition of what a child centered system really is... hint: it's child directed.

The distinctions between this and Montessori are as simple as how Reggio uses social interactions as a critical part of growing it's activities.

I love this method and this book!

Good luck and good reading.

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## **Elaine says**

Think I have a much better understanding of the Reggio Method. I appreciated that the author presented the material in manner that allowed you to look at what you could incorporate in your classroom, recognizing that many of the ideas run counter to how we do things in North America. Really enjoyed the section on documenting student learning. Very helpful ideas.

