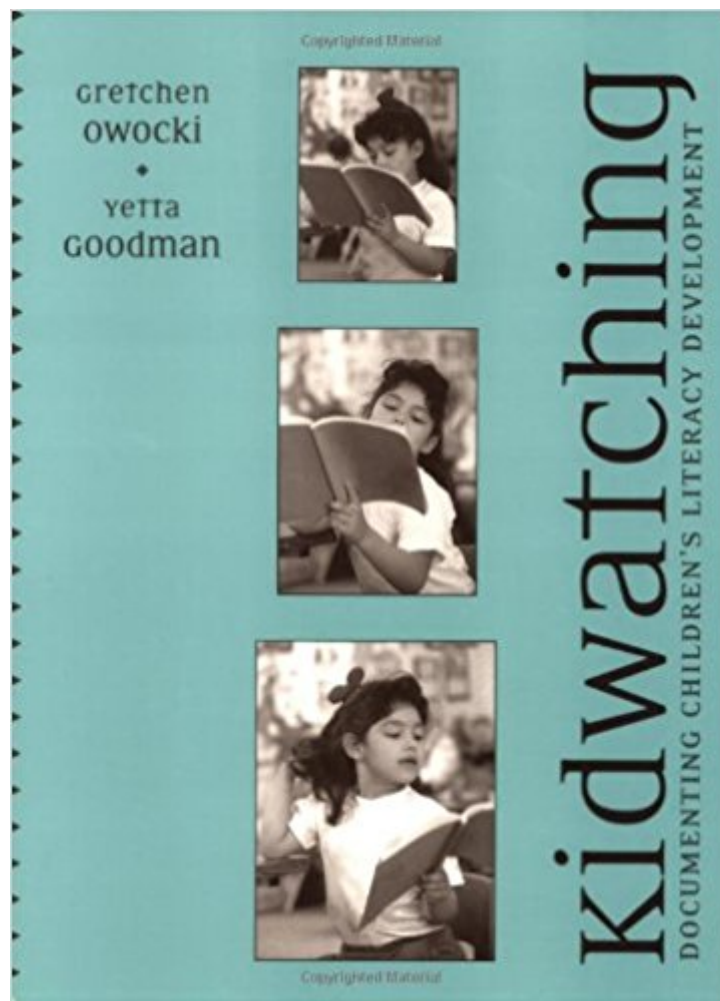




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# Kidwatching: Documenting Children's Literacy Development



## Synopsis

This smart, practical guidebook shows preschool, kindergarten, and primary teachers how to refine their literacy evaluation practices through careful kidwatching. By observing and recording children's literacy development, teachers also develop new understandings of the ways children think and learn. Ultimately, through kidwatching, teachers plan curriculum and instruction that are tailored to individual strengths and needs. Gretchen Owocki and Yetta Goodman are the perfect pair to guide teachers through the kidwatching process. Yetta coined the term in her seminal article in 1978 and has spearheaded the use of miscue analysis as a window into the reading process. Gretchen, Yetta's former graduate student, is an outstanding educator and published author on the ways young children develop literacy. Together, they have written a book that will serve as a professional development tool as well as a kidwatching handbook. In each chapter, they provide a clear description of how kidwatching enhances teaching and learning specific guidelines and suggestions for kidwatching practical tools and resources to be used in documentation and analysis empowerment for children-a chance to evaluate and revalue themselves by partnering with teachers to document and reflect on their knowledge. Kidwatching provides a framework for engaging in systematic, yet very personalized, data collection in all areas of literacy. High-quality kidwatching gives teachers the information they need to teach effectively and to share detailed, factual information with families and administrators. Kidwatching can also be used to strengthen school reform, to develop a common set of principles and practices that are in tune with local needs and interests. Learn to watch kids and see how effective you can be on these fronts.

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This was a required book in my reading methods class, and I am really glad the instructor included it! This book gives great information in the area of "kidwatching." The idea behind kidwatching is simple, but what you can learn from it is amazing!! I would recommend this for any current teacher or pre-service teacher!

This book is very informative and a useful tool for those seeking to become teachers or just polish their teaching skills. HOWEVER, I did not purchase this book from and do not understand why anyone in their right mind would pay \$200 for a 100 page paperback.....

This book is worth having in every teacher's library. It provides literacy assessments and they what and why's that go along with them. I will be keeping this book as a future resource in my classroom.

This has been very helpful for my early childhood literature class. It has surveys to help me get to know my students which I will be using for a class project.

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