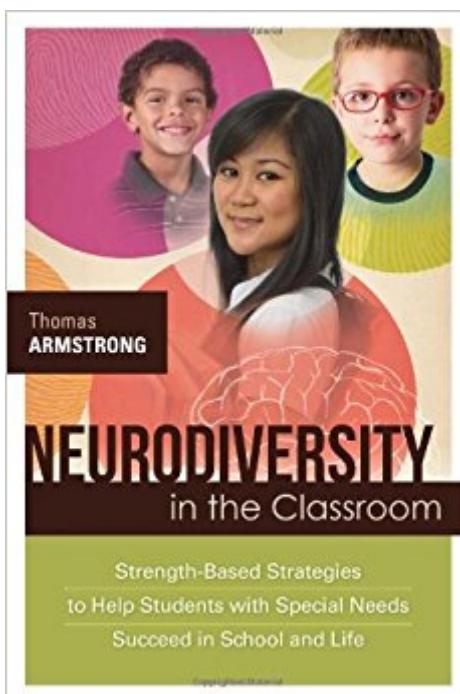


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Neurodiversity In The Classroom: Strength-Based Strategies To Help Students With Special Needs Succeed In School And Life



Synopsis

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Thomas M. Armstrong is a veteran of the early 1960s civil rights movement in his native Mississippi. He was at the forefront of early protests led by black Southerners for voting rights and equal public accommodations from 1958-1961, resulting in threats that had him running for his life. Mr. Armstrong moved to Chicago where he has resided since 1964. He remains closely allied with other former Freedom Riders and civil rights workers around the country and often speaks at schools and civic organizations such as the African American Leadership Roundtable in Chicago. He has been

the subject of scholarly research by respected academics, sought after for major media interviews, and featured in print from critically acclaimed books to a Forbes magazine publication. The documentary "Freedom Riders" will be broadcast nationally on PBS in May 2011 and has been pre-screened at locations around the country from New York to Denver to Los Angeles. The movie is receiving rave reviews and Mr. Armstrong will be a featured panelist at well-publicized events where he will promote his memoir Autobiography of a Freedom Rider.

I love reading Dr. Armstrong's books, I think they are insightful and provide a new approach to educating those with diagnosed disabilities. This text is a lot of repetitive information from his previous text on neurodiversity and I think his positive niche scenarios are a bit pie-in-the-sky, but still worthy goals. If you have the previous text, there is not much new here.

Excellent book for any classroom teacher. I will implement many of the ideas for "good niche" construction in my class as soon as school starts.

Book was in excellent condition. Just as described!

The focus on student strengths is exactly the philosophy new teachers need to embrace.

Having a son who falls into the category of hard-to-categorize and having taught Adult Basic Skills for years with always present questions about how to help people who definitely don't snug neatly into the norm, this book helped me to have a paradigm shift on the subject. I am able now to think "highly creative" about ADHD students, which was wonderfully freeing for me.

It really opens your mind to ways of thinking of students in the classroom, especially those labeled special education. I highly recommend it. I purchased it on kindle and found that format to be easy to read.

This book has some good tips and positive angle building for the classroom. i wanted more teachers and professionals to read it!

This book will help you broaden your knowledge of how the brain works in kids. Great resource and Armstrong is a great author.

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