



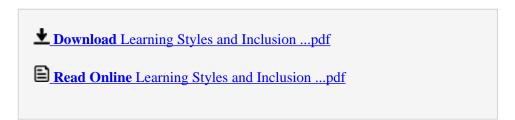
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#### **Editorial Review**

#### Review

'We have been lucky enough to hear Gavin speak twice in the last year and those of you who have also heard him will know that he is at the cutting edge of his field. This book really encompasses those areas that are particularly topical and the "buzz" words on everyone's lips! This book clearly sets out "who" is involved in inclusion and "what" is actually meant by learning styles. Gavin not only offers practical strategies but also suggests how "old hands" could vary their teaching styles to appeal to all types of learners.

Therefore we feel this book is for the main stream teacher as well as the specialist and, if this is a target area for your school, this book might be a valuable addition to your bookshelf - *SATIPS* 

'[Gavin Reid' provides some useful links to websites devoted to different approaches. Some of the ideas relating to specific areas of the curriculum, for example, the suggested approaches to the teaching of modern languages, are likely to be particularly valuable. Reid also outlines strategies using learning styles for pupils with learning differences, including attention disorders, dyslexia, developmental co-ordination difficulties, number difficulties, and those on the autistic spectrum' - *Times Educational Supplement Extra for Special Needs* 

In this book, Gavin Reid has grasped the nettle (of inclusion) with both hands and provided a text that is full of common sense and practical suggestions as to how the mainstream teacher can draw upon recent psychological theory and research to enhance the learning of all children. He jumps on no bandwagons but draws judiciously from a wide range of approaches to assessing learning styles and links what can be learned about groups and individuals from such techniques to helpful classroom practice' - *Professor Bob Burden*, *School of Education and Lifelong Learning, University of Exeter* 

`Gavin Reid is that rare professional who not only explains how and why children learn best, but also suggests a myriad of practical strategies to help them. I highly recommend this book for everyone from undergraduates to "old hands" working toward successful inclusion.

Parents, too, will profit from Dr. Reid's wise and comprehensive experience' - Jane M. Healy, Ph.D., Educational Psychologist and Author of "Your Child's Growing Mind: Brain Development and Learning from Birth to Adolescence." 3rd Edition. NY: Broadway Books, 2004.

'Gavin Reid uses a holistic overview approach to describe the learning process with a view to having more control over what and how students learn; in order to maximize the effectiveness of the learning experience. The focus moving from the 'task' (what to learn) to the 'how' making sure that the student's learning is optimized. The author provides an awareness of the wide variety of learning styles, their strengths and limitations, and how their selective application can help provide a diverse, individually structured, meaningful learning experience for everyone regardless of ability. In this sense he provides a useful summary of the wide variation in learning style models and gives an appreciation of how they can be used to assist 'inclusion'. The information is presented in an easy-to-digest format and, following its own principles, uses various different methods to summarise the specific chapter (e.g. key points, mind maps, pictorial route maps, etc.) in order to help the reader get the most from the book' - *The Psychologist* 

'This book will indeed be of value to those involved at the "chalk face" of educational inclusion... It cannot but help to raise issues and questions about the reader as a learner, as well as about educational practice. Gavin Reid tells us in his introduction that "in the climate of inclusion an understanding of how children learn, and of learning styles, is not only desirable but essential." To this end, this book is most definitely a helpful resource' - *Support For Learning* 

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