

The 'Real Secrets' to Children Loving Reading

"Brilliantly conceived, clearly organized, wisely (and often lyrically) written—this book is destined to be an indispensable classic for parents and teachers."

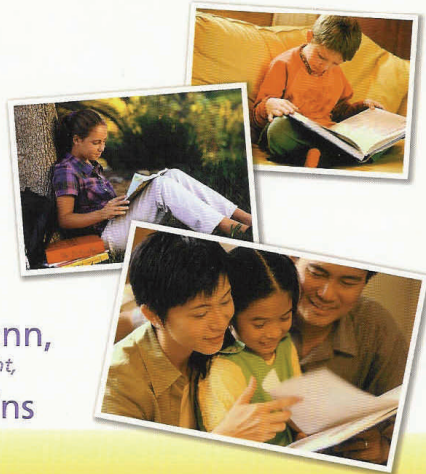
—T. A. BARRON, author, *The Ancient One* and *THE LOST YEARS OF MERLIN* series

7 Keys to Comprehension

For
Parents
and
Teachers

How to Help
Your Kids
Read It
and Get It!

Susan Zimmermann,
coauthor of *Mosaic of Thought*,
and Chryse Hutchins



Talk, read, and share your thoughts with a child and you will have a reader for life.

Good readers use the following 7 Keys to unlock meaning:

- Create mental images. (Make movies in your mind – pictures, smells, tastes, sounds.)
- Use background knowledge. (Share stories from your background knowledge—"Oh that reminds me of. . .")
- Ask questions. (Model what it means to be curious by sharing the questions you have when you read.)
- Make inferences. (Go beyond the words on the page.)
- Determine the most important ideas or themes. (Separate the nonessential from the essential.)
- Synthesize information. (Adding your own thinking to what is important.)
- Use "fix-up" strategies. (Reread, stop, think, and read on.)

Each of these "keys" is described in detail in this book. In addition, there is a wonderful list of suggested books for children of all ages.

The book is published by www.randonhouse.com or you can borrow the book from any elementary school library in Hobart.

Please come in and check one out!

Staff members from Joan Martin just completed a "must read" book for parents: *7 Keys to Comprehension*, by Susan Zimmermann and Chryse Hutchins. This book empowers parents by teaching them to take an active role in their child's learning. It is an easy to read book for parents to help their children understand and enjoy reading.

The authors stated that if parents do some simple things they will help their child develop the foundation needed to become an avid reader.

Some of those parent strategies are reading daily to their child, sharing their thinking about what was read, and telling their child stories. By using the **7 Keys** that great readers use, children learn that reading is not a chore but a lifetime adventure.

*"The most powerful predictor of a child's school achievement was the amount of time spent listening to stories."
Study in Britain: *Language, Learning, and Education.**