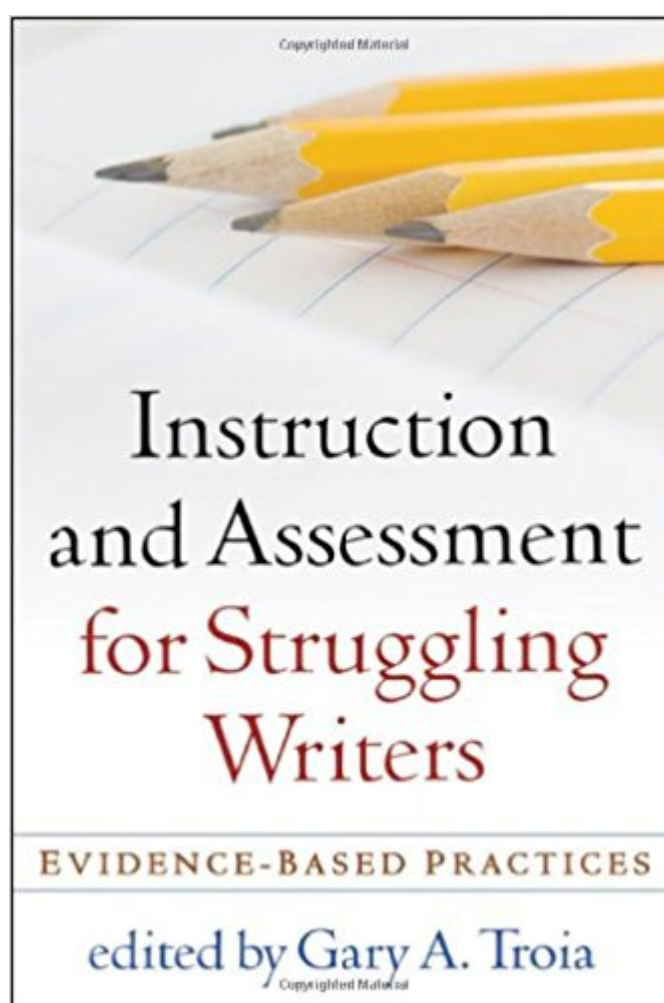


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# Instruction And Assessment For Struggling Writers: Evidence-Based Practices (Challenges In Language And Literacy)



## Synopsis

This unique book focuses on how to provide effective instruction to K-12 students who find writing challenging, including English language learners and those with learning disabilities or language impairments. Prominent experts illuminate the nature of writing difficulties and offer practical suggestions for building students' skills at the word, sentence, and text levels. Topics include writing workshop instruction; strategies to support the writing process, motivation, and self-regulation; composing in the content areas; classroom technologies; spelling instruction for diverse learners; and assessment approaches. Every chapter is grounded in research and geared to the real-world needs of inservice and preservice teachers in general and special education settings.

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"This is the first book to focus on writing instruction and assessment for students with learning challenges. It is a timely and valuable resource for teachers and researchers. I look forward to using this book as a text in my undergraduate courses and graduate seminars in literacy instruction for students with special needs."--Linda H. Mason, PhD, Department of Educational and School Psychology and Special Education, Pennsylvania State University"An especially practical resource, the book combines accessible summaries of research evidence on a variety of topics in writing with how-to ideas that can be implemented right away by a motivated clinician or teacher. Without giving short shrift to research, the contributors devote ample attention to the instructional needs of

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Great book!!

I bought this book because I am starting the next phase of a ten-year reinvention of what it means to "take four years of English" at a comprehensive high school. So far so good. I tend to like materials published by Heinemann, but was pleased to see an array of useful materials like this

book that cover specific strategies for teaching writing as a genuine process rather than a series of drafts that are somehow anticipated to be improved without direct instruction. I gave it a three out of five because it has a lot of ready to implement techniques but the black line masters are middle and elementary specific.

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