

Book title: Teach Like a Champion

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1. What is your overall impression of the book?

I read this book after it was recommended to me from other teaching friends. I have enjoyed reading every page and also refer back to it now that I am teaching. It gives fantastic practical advice and puts the theory into real life teaching situations to show you how it should and could be done.

2. Who do you think would benefit most from reading the book? What will they learn?

I think trainee teachers would really benefit from reading this book before they enter the classroom. It will help them to create their own pedagogy and give them lots of ideas that can be used within their own classroom. It has given me lots of things to think about when planning lessons and interacting with children

3. What did you think about the quality of the writing? Please consider the tone, structure and ideas. Does it suit the audience?

The quality of the writing I believe is the perfect tone for its intended audience. Ideas are broken down and then examples are given of how they have implemented these ideas in the classroom. There are even video recordings of teachers implementing specific ideas in order for the reader to see how what is written down on the paper can be adapted into a classroom.

4. Please discuss the research used to underpin the ideas. What evidence does the author use? Is it robust and up-to-date?

The Teaching experience is the main research used to help create the different techniques. The book interviews, and gets the ideas off many members of the teaching community. Its relatively recent publication means that all techniques are up to date and relevant for the modern classroom.

5. What did you learn from reading the book? What ideas/approaches/practice will you change or adopt as a result of reading this book?

This book gave me many ideas, ones I have used and ones I intend to use when I have my own class. I started using hands down in the classroom after reading this book and I have also implemented some of its suggested behaviour management techniques.

6. Could you share a quote from the book that particularly resonated with you?

“High expectations among teachers are the most reliable driver of high achievement.” P89