

Class Clown Johanna Hurwitz

Yard sales, ice-skating, and surprise parties are just a few of the things that make fourth grade fun. But Julio and his friends know it's time to get serious when the class begins preparing for the big statewide test at the end of the year. Just thinking about it is enough to give anybody a stomachache! Julio and his best friend, Lucas, are going to try every superstition in the book to make sure they pass. They'll wear their underwear inside out, use brand-new pencils, and even—gulp—study. But when test day comes, Julio finds out there are some surprises no one can prepare for! Whether one has read about Julio and Lucas and their other classmates before in class clown and class president or this is the first meeting, here is a story that will strike a familiar chord. With the warmth and realism she is known for, beloved author Johanna Hurwitz brings us the hardships and humor of Julio Sanchez's fourth-grade year.

The fifth-grade class election is shaping up as a close contest between class clown Lucas Cott and one time teacher's pet Cricket Kaufman. It's just possible that the student with the greatest leadership ability is Julio Sanchez, but Julio's too busy running Lucas's campaign to notice. Or is he? And how can Julio throw his hat into the ring without betraying his best friend? Johanna Hurwitz introduced Julio, Cricket, and Lucas in *Class Clown* and *Teacher's Pet*, earning a ringing vote of confidence from Publishers Weekly: "Hurwitz masterfully demonstrates why she is one of the premier practitioners of the humorous school story genre." In *Class President*, she has backed these delightful characters with a winning ticket of humor and insight.

Reading-Writing Connections: From Theory to Practice is an extraordinary language arts methods text that enables elementary and middle school teachers to create classroom environments where all students can become lifelong readers and writers. Focusing on developmentally appropriate methods and materials, this remarkably readable book empowers a new generation of teachers to integrate reading, writing, listening, and speaking in K-8 classrooms. Heller's highly accessible writing style makes this book suitable as a primary text for undergraduate and graduate courses in language arts, reading, writing, and literacy. Special features of this second edition include: * a vision of how to transform cutting-edge theory and research into classroom practice that utilizes integrated language arts instruction; * a unique developmental perspective with separate chapters on teaching methods and materials for kindergarten, primary (1-3), intermediate (4-6), and middle grades (7-8); * instructional guidelines that offer generous, detailed suggestions for applying theory to practice, plus "For You to Try" and "For Your Journal" exercises that encourage critical thinking and reflection; and * a wealth of classroom vignettes, examples of students' oral and written language, illustrations, and figures that accentuate interesting and informative theory, research, and practice. In addition, *Reading-Writing Connections* offers expanded content on the impact of sociocultural theory and the whole language movement on the teaching of reading and writing across the curriculum; greater emphasis on cultural diversity, including new multicultural children's literature booklists that complement the general children's literature bibliographies; and current information on alternative assessment, emerging technologies, the multiage classroom, reader response to literature, and thematic teaching.

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Lucas Cott, the most obstreperous boy in the third grade, finds it very hard to turn over a new leaf when he decides to become the perfect student.

"What is your name?" That's what Nora asks her neighbors as she rides up and down the elevator of her apartment house. She doesn't mean to be a busybody. She just wants to be like doorman Henry and know all the people in her building--all 200 of them! And then one day Nora gets a great idea: they'll have a giant party, for everyone in the building!

All Curtis wants is a dog. At the animal shelter, Curtis falls in love with Sammy, a friendly puppy with curly black fur, floppy ears, a wagging tail, and perfect white teeth. He's the best dog in the whole world. At home, things are different--Sammy steals food and chews sneakers and toys--but Curtis loves him anyway. Then Sammy bites Curtis's mom, and Curtis has to face the fact that Sammy's not perfect after all. Will Curtis have to give Sammy up? Or will he do whatever it takes to keep his dog?

Lexi the squirrel doesn't trust humans. After all, it was a human who abandoned PeeWee the guinea pig in Central Park. So Lexi is outraged when a strange-looking man swipes the apple that the friends were about to eat. But when the stranger rescues PeeWee from the jaws of a dog, Lexi has a change of heart. Can two rodents make a difference in the life of a man living hungry and friendless in Central Park? Welcome back the street-smart squirrel and the well-read guinea pig in this stand-alone companion to *PeeWee's Tale*, which Publishers Weekly called "humorous and insightful."

Uses anecdotes and examples of student writing to recount the experiences of two teachers in creating special workshops for middle school students who had poor reading skills, and provides guidance for starting a literacy program.

Mind-Your-Own-Business...or else! Nora has made friends with all the people in her building--almost. Cranky Mrs. Ellsworth, whom Nora has nicknamed Mrs. Mind-Your-Own-Business, just won't be friendly. Then one day Mommy needs a baby-sitter for Nora and Teddy. No one can take the job...except Mrs. Mind-Your-Own-Business! Teddy is scared, but Nora is curious. Will Mrs. Mind-Your-Own-Business become their friend at last?

Ezra Feldman, almost ten, likes baseball more than anything else in the world. But his father cannot understand why his son would rather rot his brains watching men swinging big wooden sticks than read a book or play chess. Can an unwanted car trip, a grumpy old professor, and a surprising chess victory help father and son find a little common ground--and convince Ezra's dad that cheering for the national pastime isn't completely off base? Ezra Feldman, almost ten, likes baseball more than anything else in the world. But his father cannot understand why his son would rather rot his brains watching men swinging big wooden sticks than read a book or play chess. Can an unwanted car trip, a grumpy old professor, and a surprising chess victory help father and son find a little common ground--and convince Ezra's dad that cheering for the national pastime isn't completely off base?

Foster the development of conventions and editing skills through frequent, focused practice using *Daily Editing* for students in grade 3. The book includes 180 activities that cover topics such as capitalization, punctuation, grammar, spelling, and sentence structure. The activities are presented as various writing examples, including journal entries, letters, and e-mails. This 192-page book includes practice pages, reviews, a proofreader's marks chart, an editing checklist, a grammar glossary, and color-coded answer keys. The book supports NCTE standards and aligns

with state, national, and Canadian provincial standards.

Providing a wealth of simple, research-based strategies for teaching reading and writing, this book is designed for each chapter to be accessible to teachers, tutors, parents, and paraprofessionals. Teaching Reading and Writing demonstrates that effective literacy instruction does not have to be complicated or expensive. Each chapter provides easy-to use techniques and with Internet search terms. This guide presents teaching methods that can be implemented without having to acquire additional books, packages, or other instructional devices. All you need is paper, pencil, books, teacher creativity and imagination, and a desire to help students.

What do you do when you think your best friend is a liar and a thief? "In this engaging sequel to *The Hot & Cold Summer*, Hurwitz again demonstrates what makes her books so popular....The dialogue is natural, the humor unforced and the fifth-grade perspective controlled and right on target."--*Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*.

Julio hides his own leadership ambitions to help another candidate win the nomination for class president.

"This unique collection of short stories celebrates the creative power of imagination. At Hurwitz's invitation 10 well-known children's authors have written pieces based on a single premise: a young person finds an empty box among his or her birthday gifts. The enormously varied responses range in tone from amusing to heartwarmingly sad; all provide food for thought....An excellent surprise package."--*School Library Journal*.

New ways to teach reading, writing and the love of literature.

Looking for a way to make conferring with children more manageable and effective? Veteran teacher Laura Robb delivers a menu of reading and writing conferences that won't eat up precious class time, including spotlighting conferences, making-the-rounds, and debriefing talks. Filled with teacher-student conference dialogues, how-tos for finding conference topics within student work, management tips, sample schedules, conference assessment reproducibles, and more. Covers one-on-one, partner, small group and whole class conferences. For use with Grades 4-8.

Summer is here, and Elisa has plenty to look forward to. She can help take care of her little brother, Marshall, and she gets to be the oldest child in the family while her older brother, Russell, is at sleepaway camp. When Russell returns, so does his teasing. Elisa won't let that dampen her spirits, though. She is too excited about the big news--her family is going on vacation in the country. There she finds new ways to prove that she can do anything Russell can do--but sometimes the outcome is more than she has bargained for! Once again, Johanna Hurwitz has used her ability to evoke the true feelings of childhood to bring us warm and funny episodes in the life of spunky heroine Elisa.

Provides language arts, social studies, writing, math, science, health, music, drama, physical fitness, and art activities for use in kindergarten through sixth grade classes which celebrate the month of January. Includes lists of books and bulletin board ideas.

Four-year-old Elisa gets her picture taken, starts learning to read, breaks her arm, and experiences other exciting aspects of growing up.

A teaching guide for *Class clown*.

Class Clown

Successfully rescuing the animals during a fire at Crandal Animal Clinic, the Pony Pals become alarmed when they discover that Anna's kitten is missing, and they turn for help to the pony named Acorn. Original.

A young girl receives a pair of beautiful red shoes from her Tia Rosita and finds different uses for them until she grows enough for them to fit. By the illustrator of *John Henry*. Reprint.

A little girl makes crowns and sells them to help raise money for the pedestal needed for mounting France's gift to this country of the Statue of Liberty.

Too often, new teachers enter the profession excited to make a difference in the lives of children only to find themselves disillusioned and overwhelmed with the expectations of the classroom. In *A Sense of Belonging*, Jennifer Allen shares her stories and journey in creating an infrastructure of support for new teachers within her school district. *A Sense of Belonging* provides research-based, practical ideas on how to support new teachers while honoring the innovation, idealism, and optimistic enthusiasm that they bring to the classroom. From supporting new teachers early in the year with administering and analyzing literacy assessments, through using student work to guide instruction, to offering ongoing help with curriculum planning, Jennifer shares strategies on: * fostering relationships with new teachers, starting before school even begins; * creating learning environments for new teachers to be reflective practitioners; * coaching new teachers in their classrooms and providing opportunities for them to observe their peers in action; * supporting new teachers beyond their first year through gradual release of support over their first several years in the classroom; and * facilitating professional development opportunities where new and veteran teachers learn alongside one another. Jennifer believes, and her book demonstrates, that when schools embrace, encourage, and celebrate the work of new teachers, they establish a supportive environment that fosters excellence and improves retention. Offers advice on how to choose books for children, and features essays about various genres of children's books, each followed by an annotated bibliography of recommended titles.

Here is an all-new *Park Pals* adventure from the author of *PeeWee's Tale* and *Lexi's Tale*. When Plush, a female guinea pig, ends up in Central Park, PeeWee thinks he'll have a family soon. But at first, Plush would rather listen to classical music than explore the wild outdoors with him. Then PeeWee finds out that winter will be coming—something neither of them have ever faced. And for once, PeeWee's best friend, Lexi, who always has something smart to say, doesn't have much advice. Will PeeWee and Plush overcome their differences in time to prepare for the bitter cold? Full of surprises, and featuring an adorable cast of guinea pig babies, this action-packed tale about building friendship and conquering fear is sure to find a special place in readers' hearts.

"Fluency is an important part of comprehension, but how can teachers make sure they've providing the support that all readers need? This resource will provide fluency support for all students, including disfluent readers. Chapters are included on RTI Tiers, assessment and ways to integrate technology"--

Written for young independent readers, *Perspectives* combines core non-fiction features with an emphasis on research skills. The *Habitat Explorer* books look at how plants and animals adapt to their environment, and the diverse life forms that exist in each territory.

Use this book to provide practice with a wide range of reading comprehension activities and encourage students to become netter readers. Reading selections from across the disciplines

encourage students to understand, evaluate, and interpret what they have read.

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Provides articles covering children's literature from around the world as well as biographical and critical reviews of authors including Avi, C.S. Lewis, J.K. Rowling, and Anno Mitsumasa.

Eight-year-old David Bernstein discovers life is much more exciting when he calls himself Ali Baba Bernstein. Only Ali Baba would have dared to grab the class snail and escape to the boys' room for his own magic experiment. David would never have invited every David Bernstein in the phone book to his birthday party -- or find himself hailed as a great detective -- or discover adventures and misadventures everywhere he went. But Ali Baba Bernstein does!

A guinea pig in Central Park? PeeWee, once a boy's dear pet, has been secretly released into the wilds of Central Park. But instead of relishing his freedom, PeeWee is at first a stranger in a strange land—until he meets Lexi, a city-wise squirrel who gives his new stubby-tailed friend some tips as well as some confidence. A series of eye-opening adventures—from the search for PeeWee's former owner to his discovery of the power of reading—turns a timid rodent into an endearing hero that will leave Hurwitz fans cheering for more.

Open the door to success with the CCSS This book shows how to leverage the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) to equip all students—not just high achievers—for college and career. The authors helped lead their district in closing achievement gaps and increasing the number of students who completed four-year college programs. The results of their efforts show a remarkable increase in both excellence and equity in the content areas due to applying the authors' research-based ACES framework: Acceleration rather than remediation Critical thinking Equity in education for all students Support Educators will find practical strategies that are applied and developed in model lessons linked to the CCSS and KSUS standards.

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Caring for Ms. Wiggin's beloved pony, Winston, Anna is devastated when she realizes how old and sick Winston has become and calls upon her Pony Pal friends for support when she is forced to say goodbye. Original.

When Cricket Kaufman breaks her ankle just before her spring-break vacation trip to Washington, D.C., she's stuck at home with prankster Lucas Cott instead of sightseeing with her best friend, Zoe. But when Cricket stirs up some mischief of her own, she learns that good friends can remain true even at the most unexpected times. Another winning installment in the 'Class Clown' series.

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