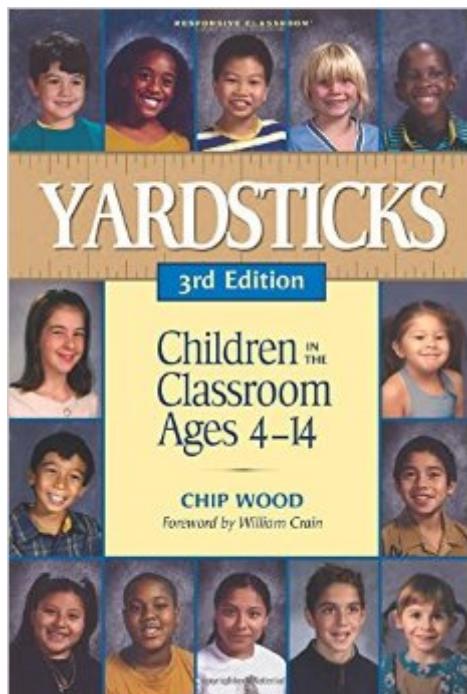


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# Yardsticks: Children In The Classroom Ages 4-14



## **Synopsis**

Written with warmth and humor, *Yardsticks* offers clear descriptions of children's development. This comprehensive, user-friendly reference helps teachers and administrators use knowledge of child development to shape classrooms and schools where all children can succeed. For each age, this book includes: Narrative description of developmental traits Charts summarizing physical, social, language, and cognitive growth patterns Suggestions for curricular areas: reading, writing, mathematics, and thematic units Favorite books for different ages. What's new in the third edition: A new, brief overview of issues in the development of bilingualism and biliteracy among Latino/Hispanic children A new appendix on the "birthday cluster exercise" for applying the information in the book to working with a whole class of students An updated list of recommended children's books An updated list of recommended resources for teachers and parents.

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## **Customer Reviews**

As a school counselor and a classroom teacher I found this a wonderful resource for finding quick information on the developmental stages children go through. Each staff member at our school was given a copy and we discussed it at staff meetings. Everyone seemed excited to have such an easy-to-read book that was packed with such valuable information. It has helped teachers to understand that often children are just behaving according to their developmental age! I'd recommend it to all educators and parents!

Organized by ages this book tells what you as a parent or teacher can expect of the child and what is too much to expect. As a Reading Specialist this book has been invaluable in planning for grades 1 through 5.

This book is a good, practical guide to child development. It focuses on children at school, but gives honest social/emotional and cognitivne development guidelines. This would be useful to any parent wondering if their child is on target, as well as teachers.

This book has been great for me as a first parent. The book picks up where my common sense leaves off. I frequently refer to this book after my own child has displayed a particular behavior. Yardsticks has reassured me many times that my 4 year old son is normal...I have given this book too many friends as well as every teacher at my son's preschool. Because the book is broken down by age per chapter, it is very easy to read and undersatnd without feeling overwhelmed.A+

This book provides a useful "snapshot" of child development, year by year. The author's love and understanding of children truly shines through as he discusses the strengths and weaknesses of each age. The book is concise and easy-to-use, and has become one of the most frequently used books in my professional library. Teachers and administrators, this is a must have! It is especially helpful for teachers working with a new age group; administrators, "floaters" and substitutes who work with many age groups; and any professional looking for clear, concise information to share with families about the developmental needs of their children. Parents, too, will enjoy this book. While it focuses on the children in the classroom, the content will ring true at home, as well!

Did you ever wonder if your child were performing at his or her grade level, but had no place to start figuring it out? Did you ever wonder if your child's classroom activities and lessons made sense? If so, take a look at Yardsticks. A good friend of mine who is also a teacher recommended this book to me and it has proven to be an excellent resource. It gives, in very basic terms, the range of abilities for each year (ages 4-14), as well as suggesting classroom activities for teachers. This is an excellent resource, which, while not exhaustive by any means, should be an excellent first step in working with your child through the years and speaking with teachers. It's a great quick reference, broken down by age, then learning categories with bullet points within each categories.

As an educator and former homeschooling parent, this book is a great accessible resource for parents and teachers alike. Some have criticized this book as being shallow or incomplete. But this is not a college textbook. It is a handbook, especially beneficial to those who have not the time or interest to delve deeply into the subject. Homeschooling parents in particular would be well advised to start here before making expensive curriculum choices. It may also be a means of discerning whether your child has true problems or is being pushed beyond his developmental abilities by his teacher.

This is just one incredible book. It is direct to the point with no flowery words, theories or philosophies. Each chapter is one age. The author creates about a half dozen categories: physical, communication, etc. and provides bullets under each category of what to expect for the age. Each chapter is designed the same. I have found it to be right on the money! This should be a gift for every new parent!

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