RECOMMENDED READING

AWSP is partnering with Scholastic to bring you book recommendations related to school leadership and education. Here are this quarter’s recommendations.

**FOR EDUCATORS**

**The Megabook of Fluency**

By Timothy V. Rasinski and Melissa Cheesman Smith

Fluency expert Timothy V. Rasinski teams up with Melissa Cheesman Smith, a veteran fifth-grade teacher, to help teachers effectively weave fluency work into their daily reading instruction. The book is packed with engaging text and tools, an assessment scale, and high-quality ready-to-use lessons including text phrasing and tonality, echo reading, word ladders, and more! Given the importance of fluency — and its pivotal relationship to comprehension and word recognition — the potential is high for improving students’ overall reading achievement and their performance in other content areas.

**FOR STUDENTS**

**Third Grade Mermaid**

By Peter Raymundo — Grades 2-4

Cora is a small mermaid with a big personality. But like so many mermaids in the third grade, she is struggling to truly be herself. She wants to be like the Singing Sirens, the most glamorous swim team in the sea. Unfortunately, an annoying roadblock — _er, seablack_ — keeps getting in her way. When Cora fails her spelling test, her coach says she can’t be on the team unless she gets an A on the next one! Can Cora conquer her spelling test, make the swim team, _and_ stay true to herself at the same time?

**FOR STUDENTS**

**Just Another Girl**

By Elizabeth Eulberg — Grades 10-12

Hope knows there’s only one thing coming between her and her longtime crush: his girlfriend, Parker. She has to sit on the sidelines and watch as the perfect girl gets the perfect boy, because that’s how the universe works, even though it’s so completely wrong.

Parker doesn’t feel perfect. She knows if everyone knew the truth about her, they’d never be able to get past it. So she keeps quiet. She focuses on making it through the day with her secret safe, even as this becomes harder and harder to do. And Hope isn’t making it any easier.

In “Just Another Girl,” Elizabeth Eulberg astutely and affecting shows us how battle lines get drawn between girls, and how difficult it then becomes to see or understand the girl standing on the other side of the divide. You think you have an enemy. But she’s just another girl.

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