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BOOK OF THE MONTH

A Place to Talk series by Elizabeth Jarman

(ISBN: see below). £8.09 each. Paperback. Published by A&C Black/Featherstone Education. Tel: 020 7758 0200; www.acblack.com/featherstone

Review by Martine Horvath

A Place to Talk at my Child-Minder's (ISBN: 9781408114704); *A Place to Talk at Home* (ISBN: 9781408114711); *A Place to Talk Outside* (ISBN: 9781408114896); *A Place to Talk in KS1* (ISBN: 9781408114698).

This is a brilliant little series of A5-sized books, which have been written to help improve children's speaking and listening skills.

They are photo-illustrated

making them incredibly accessible in a 'I see how I can do that quite easily and cheaply' kind of way!

You will look at your learning environments through inspired eyes having read this series of books and will feel empowered to use what you already have to make spaces more inviting and 'communication friendly', whether your setting is in a school, nursery, home, inside or outside.

If you do not buy any other books this year, these are the absolute 'must haves' for your shelf and are well worth the investment because

for every one idea you see and read, you will have 10 more of your own!

I promise that you and the children will not be disappointed with these or the chatter and fun these very 'doable' ideas will evoke.

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Communication



Early Childhood: A Guide for Students

by Tina Bruce

(ISBN: 9781848602243). £21.99. Paperback. Published by Sage Publications. Tel: 020 7324 8500; www.sagepublicatons.com

Review by Martine Horvath

This is a second edition text designed for students on Early Years Foundation Degrees and Early Childhood courses, Early Years Professionals and

Teaching Assistants, and provides a thorough introduction to the field of early childhood.

This edition has been updated in light of the *Early Years Foundation Stage* with new chapters on PSED, EYPS and health and safeguarding children, with a particular overall emphasis on reflective practice.

It is also a very useful read for pre-school practitioners,



across the board, with useful case studies, illustrations of good practice and reflective exercises.

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Development

Science in the Early Years

by Pat Brunton and Linda Thornton

(ISBN: 9781848601437). £19.99. Paperback. Published by Sage Publications. Tel: 020 7324 8500; www.sagepublicatons.com



Review by Martine Horvath

This book looks at the knowledge and processes of science in the context of supporting the learning and development of children, in the EYFS specifically.

It provides a thorough background, putting together relevant knowledge and understanding, key information and practical support, coupled with innovative ideas.

It considers the value of nurturing and developing young children's curiosity about the world in which they live and the skills, knowledge and attributes that practitioners need to have in order to do this effectively.

SAGE is offering a 20% discount on this book, plus free P&P to **eye** readers until April 31, 2010. To order, call Customer Services on 020 7324 8703, or visit www.sagepub.co.uk/education and quote reference: UK10DM001