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Gifted Children –a guide for parents and professionals by Kate Disten

I feel this book would be of interest to anyone with a gifted child, be it at home as a parent or in a professional context i.e. – teacher, childminder.

It is written by counsellors who are parents themselves and gives examples of their own first hand experiences as gifted children, or parents/ grandparents of them. This makes for an informative and very interesting read and provides useful and much needed guidance for all concerned in the child's wellbeing and an insight into how gifted children may actually feel.

The book is split into three clearly laid out sections which are then split into sub sections to enable the reader to look up a particular issue quickly and easily.

The first section is concerned with gifted children and their families and provides information on what is normal for a gifted child, effects on family, school life and home education.

The second section looks at special talents and special needs, as some gifted children can excel in one area and have difficulty in other areas i.e. poor social skills or have Asperger Syndrome.

The third section deals with living with giftedness, looking at the effects it has on life in general i.e. how other people may view it and react towards children and parents.

The book provides a substantial list of contacts for further information on a whole host of issues that may be relevant to parents, professionals and the gifted child. This is an excellent book, clearly written and would be an extremely informative resource to refer to for anyone wanting an insight into the lives of 'Gifted Children'.

I give this book 8/10

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