

# Just Read It

Unlocking the Magic of Independent Reading in Middle and High School Classrooms

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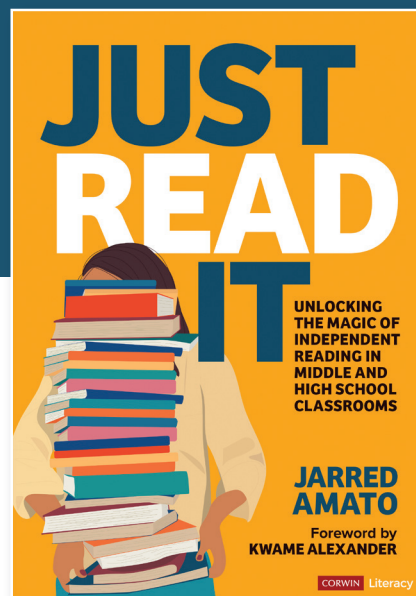
*Read widely and read often - create a classroom environment where independent reading thrives*

Independent reading is more than just “drop everything and read” – it is a gateway to writing, critical thinking, discussion, and deeper learning. Many teachers have pushed aside independent reading in the time crunch to teach all the content and skills in the curriculum — or because of pressure to stay true to a traditional literary canon. Instead of looking at it as either/or, *Just Read It* shows teachers how to make independent reading “yes, and.” Dr. Amato’s Read and WRAP (write, reflect, analyze, participate) framework helps teachers cultivate meaningful learning experiences with daily dedication of independent reading time, followed by writing, reflection, conversation, and community-building lessons and activities.

With thoughtful, student-centered structures and strategies to sustain independent reading success, this booky

- Provides detailed insights on transforming the principles of access, choice, time, and community into actions
- Shows how to support student interests and varied reading levels
- Offers ready-to-go activities to initiate Read and WRAP routines at the start of the school year, keep momentum going, and finish the year strong to ensure continued literacy growth
- Demonstrates how to leverage student feedback to fine-tune the Read and WRAP routines
- Discusses various options for incorporating independent and whole-class novels into the curriculum
- Offers a game plan to “level up” IR, including how to launch and lead a Project LIT chapter

We live in a time when choosing what we read is critically important, and this book offers all the tools teachers need to guide students along the path to true literacy. *Just Read It* is perfect for anyone who believes in the power of books to change students’ lives and nurture a life-long love for reading.



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## FIVE STAR REVIEWS



“Time and time again, Jarred Amato has proven himself to be an educator who successfully manages to get the most reluctant of students to choose reading and engagement with literature over myriad other forms of entertainment. In *Just Read It*, we get an inside view of his methods and practices presented in ways that are easy to emulate. This book should be required reading for every middle- and high school ELA teacher.”

—Nic Stone,  
#1 New York Times Bestselling  
author of *Dear Martin*