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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The New Teacher's Companion: Practical Wisdom for Succeeding in the Classroom:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CustomerGreat Book4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A Must Read for New Teachers (and Even for Experienced Teachers)By Dr. Meggin McIntoshWhen Gini Cunningham asked if I would write the Foreword for her book, I was thrilled - and felt a great deal of trepidation.

I had read the manuscript and wasn't sure I could write a Foreword that would properly support her brilliant work. I even procrastinated on it! Once, though, I started to write, the ideas flowed because I felt so strongly about this book - and wished I had owned the book when I was a beginning teacher (lo, these many years ago). Here is just a brief excerpt from what I originally wrote: Gini Cunningham's book is magical for so many reasons. A few of the ones that you'll discover: * Gini tells stories that are so real and comforting that we are pulled right into the text and the experience; * The author's passion for teaching is communicated so tenderly yet eloquently that teachers, principals, staff development trainers, and others will know that teaching is the finest profession and is a choice of both the heart and mind; * The practicality of the suggestions will pull readers right through the text instead of sending them running, the way too many books do because the `tips' are more like tribulations, which seem impossible to the new teacher. * The book is accessible when help is desperately needed on one particular topic. Readers will be able to jump in and find what they are looking for and will immediately have suggestions and support from their mentor-on-the-page. I've heard it said that we should have one mentor who is twice our age and one mentor who is half our age. Somehow, with Gini Cunningham, you get both. She has the wisdom that comes only through living and experiencing what life has to offer. She also brings a youth and freshness to her conversations and relationships. I can't say I know anyone else like her and these qualities come through her writing. Any of us who have taught have experienced `The First Year' (and that should be read with an ominous, heavy tone). Because of this shared experience, we have reason enough to know that the book by Virginia (Gini) Cunningham is needed and will be a welcome addition to the literature. You will keep learning with each reading of this book and will share it with others who either are, work with, or are getting ready to join the ranks of `new teachers.' Read, learn, and enjoy!-----Folks, my recommendation is that you get this book for yourself - and you get copies for your friends, family, and colleagues who are teachers. If you know someone who is a new teacher, have the book sent overnight shipping! 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A fine acquisition or gift for any new teacher who wants to start their career on the right foot By Midwest Book Review Being in charge of young minds can be an overwhelming thing. "The New Teacher's Companion: Practical Wisdom for Succeeding in the Classroom" is a guide for the rookie teacher who looks at the mountain of their career and doesn't know what to do. Procedures, planning one's time, curriculum, lesson plans, assessment, students, are all discussed and covered, giving new teachers the orientation they so often do not get. "The New Teacher's Companion" is a fine acquisition or gift for any new teacher who wants to start their career on the right foot.

Research confirms that the teacher makes the greatest difference in the learning success of students, so it's important that new teachers get off to a strong start. With help from veteran teacher and mentor Gini Cunningham, inexperienced teachers can better understand and successfully tackle the many daily challenges they will face in the classroom:

- *Setting up classroom procedures and managing class time
- *Coordinating standards, curriculum, and textbooks
- *Developing manageable lesson and unit plans
- *Handling discipline problems and engaging students in learning
- *Using effective assessment practices and monitoring student achievement

Teaching is a physically and emotionally demanding career, but Cunningham's practical advice and memorable anecdotes will help teachers prepare for and enjoy their work--even on the most difficult days. And administrators can use this accessible guide to support new professionals and avoid early burnout. The New Teacher's Companion is a valuable resource for any teacher who wants the classroom to be a rich and rewarding place for teachers and students alike.