

Professional Literature Book Review

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The professional literature that I chose to review is actually a book that was required in another class. The book is titled, “Get Better Faster: a 90-Day Plan for Coaching New Teachers” and it is written by Paul Bambrick-Santoyo. When I first received the book, I was a little skeptical because the title made me feel as if it would be a book that just teaches you how to make a quick fix to issues—almost like slapping a band aid on something. I was more interested in finding a book that really made you dive deep into the issues and give you the tools to correct them. This book does that plus more!

“Get Better Faster: a 90-Day Plan for Coaching New Teachers” is an extremely interactive book. It is full of strategies for coaching, sample data-driven instructional plans, and effective meeting notes templates. It even tells you questions and actions that you can utilize for various scenarios. The one thing that I genuinely love about this book is that it gives you the tools to become a better instructional leader and it also has a DVD on the back cover that is full of a variety of videos. These videos range from teachers in the classroom presenting lessons during an observation, meeting with the administrator/instructional coach before and/or after the observation, the teacher and coach practicing together to present a more effective lesson, and the conversations during lesson plan meetings. It is one thing to read how to coach teachers, but these videos really help you see what it should look like in action. There are videos of the coach having the teacher pretend the coach is the students and the teacher has to present the lesson to the coach and they stop and review as needed. This book truly is a toolbox for instructional leaders.

I would recommend this book to anyone who works with children. This book is not strictly meant for administrators or coaches; teachers would also benefit from this book because it shows different strategies, and it also shows how you can create an action plan to implement it.

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