

Introductory Book List

Here are some introductory books on Maria Montessori and Montessori education.

- Lillard, Paula P. (1996). [Montessori Today](#). New York: Random House. Order through [NAMTA](#) or from your local bookstore. ISBN 0-8052-1061-X, 207 pages, bibliography, index.

Describes Montessori theory and contemporary American Montessori schools serving ages ranging from birth to adulthood.

- Lillard, Paula P.; Jessen, Lynn L. (2003). [Montessori from the Start](#). New York: Schocken. Order through [NAMTA](#) or from your local bookstore. ISBN 0805211128. 304 pages.

What parents can do to help their youngest children in the process of self-formation.

- Montessori, Maria. (1948). [To Educate the Human Potential](#). Madras, India: Kalakshetra Publications. Order Montessori-Pierson Publishing Company edition through [NAMTA](#).

Describes the needs of the elementary-aged child in the process of acquiring culture.

- Montessori, Maria. (1949). [The Absorbent Mind](#). Madras, India: Theosophical Publishing House. Order Montessori-Pierson Publishing Company edition through [NAMTA](#). U.S. edition can be ordered online through Amazon.com.

Discusses the development of infants and young children from birth to three years. Gives a clear explanation of the basis of Montessori theory and method.

- Montessori, Maria. (1956). [The Child in the Family](#). Chicago: Henry Regnery. Order Montessori-Pierson Publishing Company edition through [NAMTA](#).

A series of short essays about the child, the family, and the school, with a philosophical emphasis.

- Montessori, Maria. (1973). [From Childhood to Adolescence](#). New York: Schocken. Order Montessori-Pierson Publishing Company edition through [NAMTA](#).

Discusses the development and education of the child from age seven through adolescence. Includes Dr.

Montessori's thoughts on university education.

- Standing, E. M. (1957). [Maria Montessori: Her Life and Work](#). London: Hollis and Carter. Order through [NAMTA](#).

Covers Maria Montessori's life, how she developed Montessori education, its theoretical basis, and the worldwide

growth of the Montessori movement.

- Stephenson, Susan Mayclin (2013). [The Joyful Child: Montessori, Global Wisdom for Birth to Three](#). Order through [Amazon](#) or [Michael Olaf Montessori Company](#). Every culture has wisdom but in modern times much of it has been lost. The first three years of life are too important for experiments, but the Montessori guidelines presented here have held true all over the world, no matter what the culture of the child, for over 100 years. This book strives to help parents look for, discover, appreciate, and support the mental, physical, and emotional needs of the child in the first three years of life.
- Stephenson, Susan Mayclin (2013). [Child of the World: Montessori, Global Education for Age 3-12+](#). Order through [Amazon](#) or [Michael Olaf Montessori Company](#). This book is a wonderful resource for parents seeking thoughtful, sound advice on raising well-grounded children in a chaotic world. It presents the Montessori principles in clear and eloquent prose. This book gets everything in one place. The what to do (practical advice), the why it works (theoretical grounding), the how to build on it (self-construction) is all here. It is filled with practical wisdom of what you need to help raise a happy and healthy child.

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The following books give more in-depth information about Montessori education.

- Kramer, Rita. (1976). [Maria Montessori: A Biography](#). New York: Putnam's. Order online through [Amazon](#).
- Lillard, Angeline Stoll (2008). [Montessori: The Science Behind the Genius](#). Order online through [Amazon](#).

One hundred years ago, Maria Montessori, the first female physician in Italy, devised a very different method of educating children, based on her

observations of how they naturally learn. In this book Angeline Lillard shows that science has finally caught up with Maria Montessori. Lillard presents the research behind eight insights that are foundations of Montessori education, describing how each of these insights is applied in the Montessori classroom. In reading this book, parents and teachers alike will develop a clear understanding of what happens in a Montessori classroom, and more importantly, why it happens and why it works.

- Montessori, Maria. (1917). *The Advanced Montessori Method* ([Vol. 1: Spontaneous Activity in Education](#); [Vol. 2: The Montessori Elementary Material](#)). New York: Frederick A.

Stokes & Co. Order Montessori-Pierson

Publishing Company edition through Amazon.

A collection of essays including both theory and practice at the elementary level.

- Montessori, Maria. (1936). [The Secret of Childhood](#). New York: Frederick A. Stokes and Co. Order current Orient Longman edition through [NAMTA](#).

An introduction, both practical and theoretical, including observations and insights into the nature of young children.

- Montessori, Maria. (1943). [Education and Peace](#). Chicago: Henry Regnery. Order Montessori-Pierson Publishing Company edition through [Amazon](#).

Essays including lectures from the 6th International Montessori Congress in Copenhagen in 1937.

- Montessori, Maria. (1946). [Education for a New World](#). Madras, India: Kalakshetra Publications. Order Montessori-Pierson Publishing Company edition through [NAMTA](#).

A discussion of the role of education in a changing world.

- Montessori, Maria. (1948). [The Discovery of the Child](#). Madras, India: Theosophical Publishing House. Order Montessori-Pierson Publishing Company edition through [NAMTA](#). U.S. edition can be ordered online through Amazon.com.

Early writings of Dr. Montessori highlighting the materials and the work of the child in the primary class (ages 3-6).

- Montessori, Maria. (1955). [The Formation of Man](#). (first published in the U.S. under the title *Childhood Education*, New York: New American Library.) Order Montessori-Pierson Publishing Company edition through [NAMTA](#).

Dr. Montessori's approach to world literacy.

- Montessori, Mario. (1966). [The Human Tendencies and Montessori Education](#). Amsterdam: Association Montessori Internationale. Order online through [NAMTA](#).

A classic essay on the imagination, the natural characteristics of the child, and the integration of human development and history.

- Montessori Jr., Mario M. (1977). [Education for Human Development: Understanding Montessori](#). New York: Schocken Books. Order Montessori-Pierson Publishing Company edition through [NAMTA](#).

The ideas of Montessori from a philosophical, psychological, and educational point of view. Foreword by Buckminster Fuller.

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