Teacher And Child: A Book For Parents And Teachers

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Parent-teacher relationships only work well if a teacher not only puts in the effort to respond to your concerns and questions, but also reaches out to share concerns and compliments with you. What can you do when you think the teacher isn’t living up to her part?

Approach Issues Head-On. Dealing with a difficult teacher is hard but not as uncommon as you may think. Some parents shoulder the blame and responsibility for their child’s problems, not talking with the school because they feel as if it’s their issue alone to deal with. Some parents get the feeling that the school is passing judgment on their parenting when they receive a phone call asking to sit down and talk about their child. That’s not always the case. These days, children and teenagers are reading lots of books by authors like Stephenie Meyer, J.K. Rowling and Philip Pullman. Ben, a teenager, says, ‘I am reading a great book at the moment. It is by a crime writer called Henning Mankell.’ His friend Sam adds, ‘My favourite books are by fantasy writers.’ Sam’s sister says, ‘My parents usually give me books for my birthday and this year, I am reading lots of short stories. Librarians say, ‘It’s great. These days, more and more young people are using libraries. They usually start with J.K. Rowling’s books when they are nine or ten years old but then they try different authors.’