

## ***Suggested Readings***

### **Selected publications by Dr. Maria Montessori:**

*The Absorbent Mind* -- Dealing comprehensively with the construction of the human personality, and the nature of learning, this book propounds Dr. Montessori's revolutionary ideas about education as an aid to life. In this book Dr. Montessori indicates the responsibility of adult humanity towards this fundamental period of self formation.

*The Discovery of the Child* -- First published in 1948, this book lucidly delineates the fundamental principles of the Montessori approach to education, which was based on a series of genuine discoveries of Dr. Maria Montessori. The application of these principles, transcends boundaries of class, culture or creed, and is relevant to the whole of human development.

*The Secret of Childhood* -- At the turn of the century, in a poor quarter of Rome, in the very first House of Children (Casa dei Bambini), a few slum children revealed to Dr. Montessori the spiritual grandeur of the human spirit. From the intensely poetic and philosophical, to the simple truths based on scientific observation, this book has inspired thousands and captures the thrilling moments of the early days of the Montessori movement.

### **Selected publications about Dr. Maria Montessori:**

*Maria Montessori: A Biography* -- by Rita Kramer. This biography covers the personal life of Dr. Montessori and the intellectual and social climate of Italy during her formative years.

### **Selected publications about the Montessori Method:**

*Montessori Madness! A Parent to Parent Argument for Montessori Education* -- by Trevor Eissler. The author uses lots of personal anecdotes and examples from his observations in a Montessori classroom to explain the Montessori principles and how they are used in Montessori education. Recommended for any parent interested in or wondering about Montessori.

*Montessori: A Guide for Parents* -- by Maren Schmidt. *Understanding Montessori: A Guide For Parents* helps parents understand the stages of childhood growth and learning and how Montessori education uniquely meets each child's learning needs.

*Montessori From the Start: The Child at Home From Birth to Age Three* -- by Paula Polk Lillard and Lynn Lillard Jessen. The authors provide parental guidance for the establishment of an environment to aid in the development of focus and concentration.

*The Normalized Child* -- by Kathleen H. Futrell. Practical examples and straightforward language describe Montessori's view on the characteristics of the "normalized" child and convey Montessori's ideas on child-rearing and education in one concise booklet.