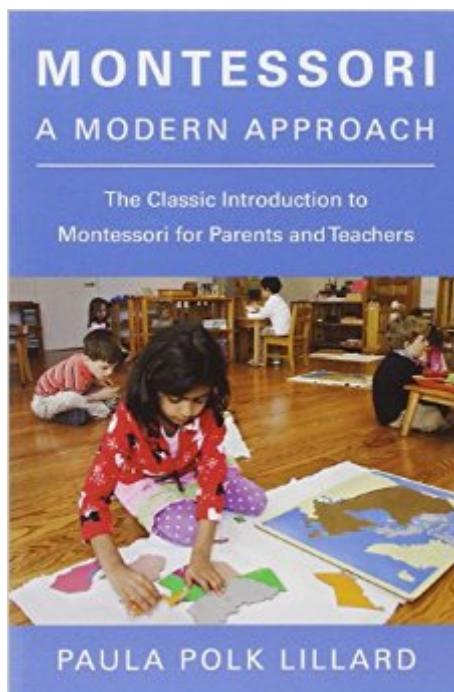


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# Montessori: A Modern Approach: The Classic Introduction To Montessori For Parents And Teachers



## **Synopsis**

Montessori: A Modern Approach has been called the single best book for anyone -- educator, childcare professional, and especially parent -- seeking answers to the questions: What is the Montessori method? Are its revolutionary ideas about early childhood education relevant to today's world? And most important, especially for today's dual-career couples. Is a Montessori education right for my child? Paula Polk Lillard writes both as a trained educators and as a concerned parent -- she has many years as a public school teacher, but it was her enthusiasm for the education her own child experienced in a Montessori school that led her to become a leading voice in the Montessori movement in this country. Her book offers the clearest and most concise statement of the Montessori method of child development and education available today.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is a great book, because it uses Montessori's own words to explain the basic concepts of Montessori, and it covers all of the basics. However I wouldn't recommend it to parents who first want to find out about Montessori, because the language is very complex and you get tired of so many ideas in so little space. First time readers of Montessori are better off with her other book, "Montessori Today". This is an excellent book for people who will have patience and read it little by little to be able to "Swallow" and get every idea.

Not a how to book...talks more of Maria Montessori, history, and basic theory, but not as much of the "how to" in the home with your child. If you're looking for a book which details the montessori materials and specific demonstrations/exercises of how to use the materials you would be better

served to buy the books written by Elizabeth Hainstock or David Gettman.

I chose to purchase this book along with THE MONTESSORI METHOD, MONTESSORI'S OWN HANDBOOK, and MONTESSORI TODAY (by the same author). I was well pleased with Lillard's objective point of view and constant reference to Montessori's own words. I do not feel as though this author is simply trying to idolize someone who many Montessorians consider a heroine, but that she is simply trying to convey the value of a Montessori education in today's world. Another work of hers, MONTESSORI TODAY, is much more explicit when it comes to classroom set up and elaboration on elementary level information. A MODERN APPROACH builds upon information provided in THE MONTESSORI METHOD and "sets the stage" for MONTESSORI TODAY. I, personally, am most excited about reading MONTESSORI FROM THE START, as well. I feel that she is an excellent author and has contributed a considerate amount of knowledge to parents and educators alike in regards to this particular method. I have yet to find another to rival it.

After reading Montessori From the Start and Montessori Today I decided I might as well read Paula Lillard's other books too! I think I found the other two to be more useful to me just because I needed that more specific information about the child's development at various ages. But this one does a great job explaining the basics of the Montessori philosophy in a more general sense. I would definitely recommend this to anyone who's interested in understanding the Montessori philosophy!

This book does a great job of introducing and explaining all of the basics of the Montessori philosophy. The author manages to pack a lot of important information and ideas in without totally overwhelming the reader. I have read all of Paula Lillard's books and I do personally like Montessori from the Start the best, but I really wouldn't want to skip out on any of them. One thing that I really appreciate about this one in particular is that the author uses some excerpts from Montessori herself, so you get to hear it straight from the horse's mouth. Overall I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who wants to understand Montessori better.

I can't say enough about how much I love this book! It is well organized and explains Montessori in a clear, understandable way. If you are a teacher, parent or someone who wants to know what Montessori is all about, this book will not disappoint you. I can't recommend it enough.

Another important read in the series of Maria Montessori's work! I recommend this book for

educators and parents alike! Enjoy!

I enjoyed this the first couple times I read it. The review is just as good.

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