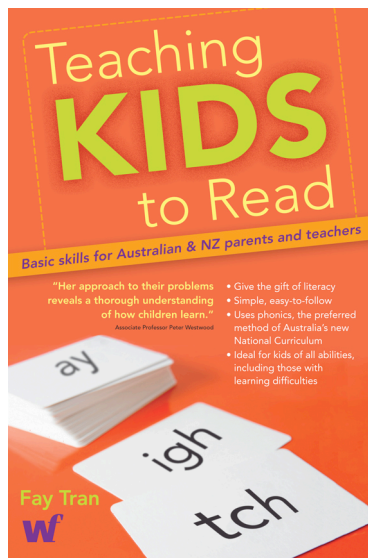


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TEACHING KIDS TO READ

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by Fay Tran

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Teaching Kids to Read is a book designed to have an impact on every school-age child in Australia, and their parents and teachers.

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About the author

Debut author Fay Tran is a specialist literacy teacher with over 25 years' experience in helping children of all abilities with their learning difficulties. Fay has just retired in 2010 from Victoria's top school, Geelong Grammar. *Teaching Kids to Read* represents the fruit of a lifetime's passion for literacy.

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