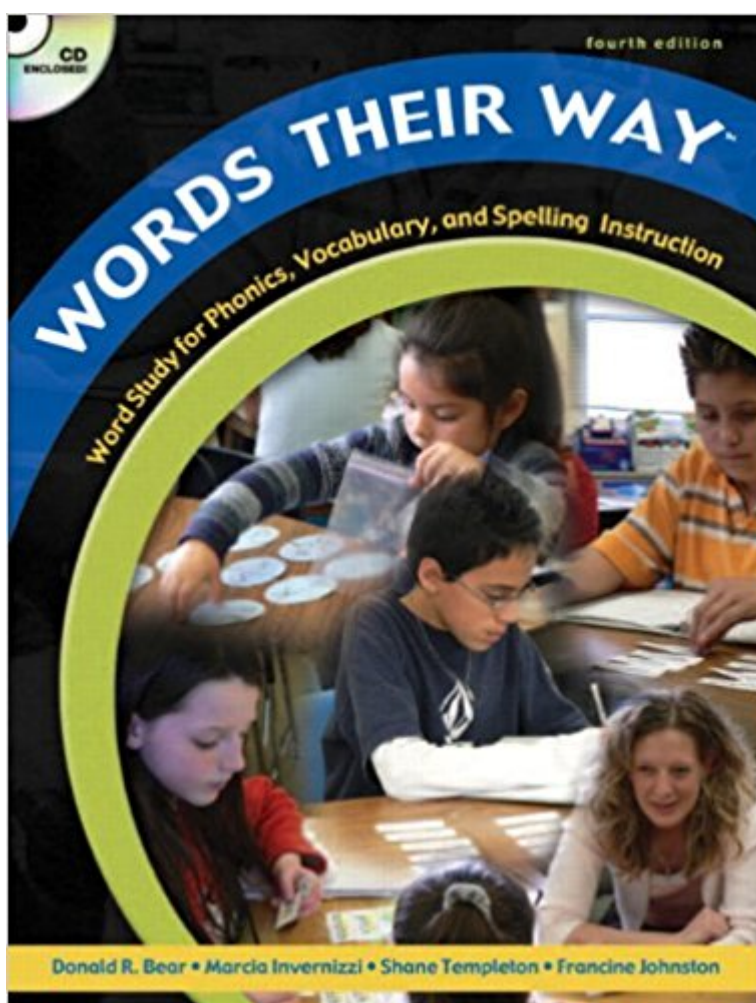


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# Words Their Way: Word Study For Phonics, Vocabulary, And Spelling Instruction, 4th Edition (Book, CD & DVD)



## Synopsis

Words Their Way™s developmentally-driven, hands-on instructional approach has been a phenomenon in word study, providing a practical way to study words with students. The keys to this research-based approach are to know your students' literacy progress, organize for instruction, and implement word study. This streamlined book and the DVD and CD-ROM that accompany it gives you all the tools you need to carry out word study instruction that will motivate and engage your students, and help them to succeed in literacy learning. Ordered in a developmental format, Words Their Way complements the use of any existing phonics, spelling, and vocabulary curricula. Knowing Your Students Streamlined Chapter 2 provides step by step guidelines for assessing students. Words Their Way Word Study Resources CD: Assessment Planning and Additional Interactive Word Sorts contains computerized assessments to gauge students' developmental levels. Word Study with English Learner sections in each chapter help you organize and adapt instruction to meet the needs of students whose first language is not English. Organizing for Instruction Words Their Way DVD Tutorial: Planning for Word Study in K-8 Classrooms reinforces and illustrates classroom organization and management, as outlined in Chapter 3. Word Study Routines and Management sections in every chapter give you practical guidance on managing and implementing word study in your classroom. Tech Notes throughout chapters pinpoint opportunities for you to use the DVD and CD-ROM to prepare for instruction. Implementing Word Study Classroom-proven, research-driven activities end each developmental chapter, giving you the instructional practices to get your word study instruction up and running immediately. Words Their Way Word Study Resources CD: Assessment Planning and Additional Interactive Word Sorts provides more than just assessments. You'll also find hundreds of additional word and picture sorts, games and templates, and an interactive Create Your Own section. The Appendix at the back of the book contains a comprehensive bank of word lists, word sorts, picture sorts, games and templates. "This book would be very useful for both university reading courses and classroom teachers. I use Words Their Way both in my first grade classroom and with college students as a way to implement word study".--Kristi McNeal, CSU Fresno "The theory behind and practice for word sorts allows even the novice teacher to understand how to use the assessments to organize instruction. The organization of the last five chapters creates a useful resource for teachers. Each begins with a research-based description and moves into sound instructional practices, giving the teacher a complete understanding of how to meet the needs of students."--Cathy Blanchfield, CSU Fresno

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My problem with the book is the publisher, but needs to be aware of the problem. This book has an online component. The online information was not accessible due to a faulty access code given at the back of the book. After 2 hours on the phone with Pearson, the publishers would not honor the purchase of the book and give me a correct code because was a third party purchase.

Purchased to help me better instruct my own child. Perhaps a little more dense than the kind of books a parent might normally purchase (this is an outright textbook intended for teachers in training and teacher development) but it's still accessible (and a much better value than paying the full price for the newer editions).

Excellent book! Filled with good explicit instruction for teaching phonics. Author does an excellent job of showing how phonics relates to spelling and vocabulary instruction.

What a great spelling support -- especially for students who are struggling with the concepts! It works as a stand alone item, but I'd recommending also purchasing the *Words Their Way Teaching* book to get the most out of it.

A great book for educators! I was required to read this book for one of my courses, but after the course was finished, I decided to keep it for my own reference. Lots of resources for teachers & easy to read and understand.

*Words Their Way* is an excellent way to teach spelling. I love the various levels and I love how students are encouraged to learn at the level they are at!

Ever been told to find a new way to teach spelling, and been given absolutely no instruction about it

at all? Yeah, I teach fourth grade GT language arts. That scenario fell to me the day before school started this year. After searching around a good bit, I wanted to get into more intermediate rules and practical applications that would help writers on the state mandated writing test. Words Their Way was a good start, but I had no time to prep a lot of materials or read a lot of research that suggested possibilities. I knew how kids spelled constructively, but how to make the leap? Its not intuitive when you are the middle of high stakes teaching. Spending \$[...] on this book brought me peace of mind and a lesson plan come Monday morning.

Everything that you need that deals with word study is in this book. I personally believe that this book is essential for all teachers to have whether using it as a reference, for spelling inventories, interventions, lesson ideas and more. I would definitely recommend this book. It will make your job easier!

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