

The potential of the visual: **Teaching literacy with** multimodal texts

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Images can tell stories, convey information and persuade viewers in complex and sophisticated ways. To be literate is about more than being able to read printed text; it is also about closely viewing, deeply understanding, meaningfully engaging with and critically responding to visual texts. The potential of the visual: Teaching literacy with multimodal texts gives teachers the knowledge they need to teach their students to become active, aware and critical viewers.

Chapter 1 Introduction: Why this book?

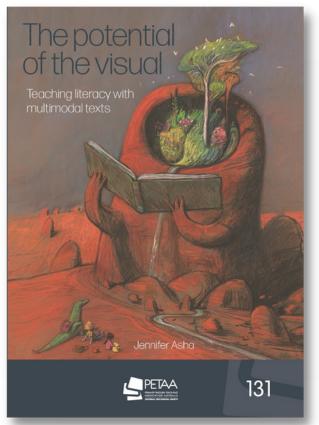
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Part 1 of the book outlines the theoretical knowledge that teachers need to teach viewing as an integral part of teaching literacy. It puts forward a pedagogical framework for teaching literacy in our visually rich environment. Part 2 uses a variety of high-quality multimodal texts - picture books, advertisements and videos - to demonstrate the teaching of viewing in authentic contexts.

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