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Dona J. Matthews and Joanne F. Foster. Being Smart about Gifted Children. A Guidebook for Parents and Educators. Great Potential Press,2004. Scottsdale, AZ.

This is a book written for parents and it covers a wide variety of topics about gifted children including conceptions of giftedness, creativity testing and assessment, identification and labeling issues, educational programs within school and outside of school, motivation, emotional and social issues and development, and cultural differences and learning problems among gifted children. The book is long (about 400 pages) but comprehensive and written in an easy, informative style appropriate for non educators. Despite its length it is palatable because it is filled with vignettes of gifted children and the authors frequently give practical suggestions for parents. Especially helpful chapters include the ones on emotional, social and behavioral concerns, development of gifted children, and adapting to program or school changes. This book is recommended for parents who want a broad view of many issues concerning gifted children.