

Book Review: *Being Smart about Gifted Education* by Dona Matthews, Ph.D., and Joanne Foster, Ed.D., Great Potential Press, 2009, ISBN 13: 978-0-910707-95-4.

Winner of the Canadian Exceptional Book of the Year (Exceptionality Education Canada), *Being Smart about Gifted Education* is a highly readable and accessible volume about all aspects of gifted education. It deals with current paradigm shifts in gifted education, creativity, diagnostics and testing matches and mismatches, gifted development, motivation and achievement, social, emotional and behavioral considerations, families and parenting, advocacy and teacher education, and educational decision making. Filled with many examples and suggestions based on years of experience and expertise, Drs. Matthews and Foster explore the “mastery” model as a replacement for the “mystery” model in gifted education. This book will encourage you to examine past practice in gifted education, and to think about present and future models that incorporate all that we are learning about brain research, teaching and learning.

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