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Building Resilience in Children and Teens
The Caring Child: Raising Empathetic and Emotionally Intelligent Children
The Element
Emotional Intensity in Gifted Students
Failing Our Brightest Kids
The Five Love Languages of Children
Forty Colleges That Change Lives
The Gatekeepers
The Gifted Kids' Survival Guide
Helping Boys Succeed in School
The Hidden Ivies
How Rude
If I'm So Smart, Why Aren't the Answers Easy?
Letting Go of Perfect
Living With Intensity
Mindsets for Parents
Misdiagnosis
On the Social & Emotional Lives of Gifted Children
Out of Our Minds: Turning the Tide of Anti-Intellectualism in American Schools
The Overachievers
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The Public Ivies
Quiet
Raising Children With Grit
Raising Resilient Children
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Smart Girls
Some of My Best Friends Are Books
Success Strategies for Parenting Gifted Kids
Suicide Among Gifted Children & Adolescents
Super Smart: 180 Challenging Thinking Activities, Words, and Ideas for Advanced Students
The Underachieving Gifted Child: Recognizing, Understanding, and Reversing Underachievement
When Gifted Kids Don't Have All the Answers
When Your Child Learns Differently: A Family Approach for Navigating Special Education Services with Love and High Expectations
Whole Brain Child
Why Bright Kids Get Poor Grades
Websites

Calm—calm.com
Google Scholar—Google it for better hits for meaningful research
Hoagies Gifted—hoagiesgifted.com
How Stuff Works site to explain how many things in life work—howstuffworks.com
Kansas Association for the Gifted, Talented, & Creative—kgtc.org
National Association for the Gifted—nagc.org
Science Friday—sciencefriday.com
Sparkle quiz website—sparkle.com
Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted—seng.org
The Kid Should See This—thekidshouldseethis.com

Companies

Critical Thinking Company
Edmund Scientific
Fat Brain Toys
Free Spirit Press
Mind Vine Press
Mindware
Nasco
Pieces of Learning
Pitsco
Prufrock Press
Royal Fireworks Press
Smarty Pants Educational Toys
Timberdoodle

Other

15 Years of Being Gifted
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBYPyTVZBM4&t=494s

The Gifted Adult
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSdrcXTLDIk

What Does it Mean to Be Gifted?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NKdo8jHksfA

The Stigmas of Giftedness
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAdO8bjAq4A
The Power of Introverts—https://www.ted.com/talks/susan_cain_the_power_of_introverts

Grit: The Power of Passion & Perseverance
https://www.ted.com/talks/angela_lee_duckworth_grit_the_power_of_passion_and_perseverance

Every Kid Needs a Champion
https://www.ted.com/talks/rita_pierson_every_kid_needs_a_champion
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Failing Our Brightest Kids, Cluster Fins (Sp) (Sawyer Johnson used this)
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Whole Brain Child - one of Kristine Fives' reviews - leads with brain research as a basis
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Mindset Level Beach - good examples to use w/ kids - sports analogies.

Rock Hard Apps - how colleges

Are You OK? A guide to caring for your mental health - paint

The Courage to Pix: How to overcome trauma - how to help someone going through trauma
Websites

Calm—calm.com - Educators get free accounts with full access. Guided mindfulness
Google Scholar—Google it for better hits for meaningful research
Hoagies Gifted—hoagiesgifted.com - Great discussion groups & FB (closed group)
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Companies - Places known buy things for schools

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- Fat Brain Toys
- Free Spirit Press - Print resources & more
- Mind Vine Press
- Mindware
- Nasco
- Pieces of Learning - puzzles
- Pitsco
- Prufrock Press - publishers
- Royal Fireworks Press - publishers
- Smarty Pants Educational Toys
- Timberdoodle
- Carolina Biological - Science & biology

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Every Kid Needs a Champion - Educator doing talk
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Meyers Briggs test - use for kids