



## Advance Praise for YOUR CHILD'S STRENGTHS by Jenifer Fox

“With this important book, Jenifer Fox expands the strengths revolution to our children. *Your Child's Strengths* is a smart and useful guide for any parent—full of great exercises that will change the way your kids think about themselves and their future.”

- Daniel H. Pink, author of *A Whole New Mind*

“*Your Child's Strengths* is a tonic for the regret one feels for all the children burdened by a school and world preoccupied by weaknesses rather than strengths. Countless compelling stories illustrate vividly the theme, that focusing on children's strengths is the roadmap for all parents and teachers to give what we inherently wish to provide: a means for children to find their own path. The *Strengths Inventory* and *Affinities Program* curriculum in the Appendix offer a remarkably practical means to start down the path and are worth a read by themselves, but then you would miss the journey of revelation the book evokes.”

- Patrick F. Bassett, President, National Association of Independent Schools

“This is a brilliant, innovative, enormously practical, and hugely important work. Where positive psychology and strength-based philosophies usually stumble, this book soars, namely, in practical application. If teachers and parents would all read this and implement its suggestions, our broken educational system would be fixed in no time. Truly, this book could change the world.”

- Edward Hallowell, M.D. author of *Driven to Distraction: Recognizing and Coping with Attention Deficit Disorder from Childhood to Adulthood* and *Delivered from Distraction: Getting the Most out of Life with Attention Deficit Disorder*

“*Your Child's Strengths* contains clear, interesting, step-by-step techniques for identifying and utilizing children's cognitive and emotional strengths - an excellent starting point for any parent, teacher, or student who wants to take the more effective step of focusing on assets rather than liabilities. The wisdom contained in this remarkable volume will be a godsend, not only for those who are just beginning to try to understand a child's learning style but also for those already battered by a misguided an educational system.”

- Dan Kindlon, Ph.D., co-author of *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys*

"Jennifer Fox has vision, passion, intelligence, and experience. All show in *Your Child's Strengths*, which contains a wealth of practical ideas for parents and educators who want to encourage among children the strengths that make possible the good life."

- Christopher Peterson, Professor of Psychology, University of Michigan and author of *A Primer in Positive Psychology*

"*Your Child's Strengths* puts in plain view what has been in front of us all along – that education and character development always do best to first identify and deepen strengths, rather than to first (and too often exclusively) focus on deficit and weaknesses. Fox's approach is more interesting, more effective, and ultimately more humane."

- Michael Riera, author of *Staying Connected to Your Teenager: How to Keep Them Talking to You, and How To Hear What They're Really Saying*

"When I was labeled 'learning disabled,' the educational system tried everything to fix me, from giving me purple-colored reading glasses to putting me through hundreds of hours of remediation. Through all these efforts to fix what was supposedly wrong with me, my strengths, gifts, and talents were not simply neglected or ignored, but negated. Jennifer Fox has taken a groundbreaking and important stand against the standardized deficit and remediation education that dominates the lives of millions of students. Philosophical yet extremely practical, innovative yet grounded in solid research on effective pedagogy, *Your Child's Strengths* is a must read for any student, parent and educator."

-- Jonathan Mooney, author of *The Short Bus: A Journey Beyond Normal and Learning Outside the Lines*