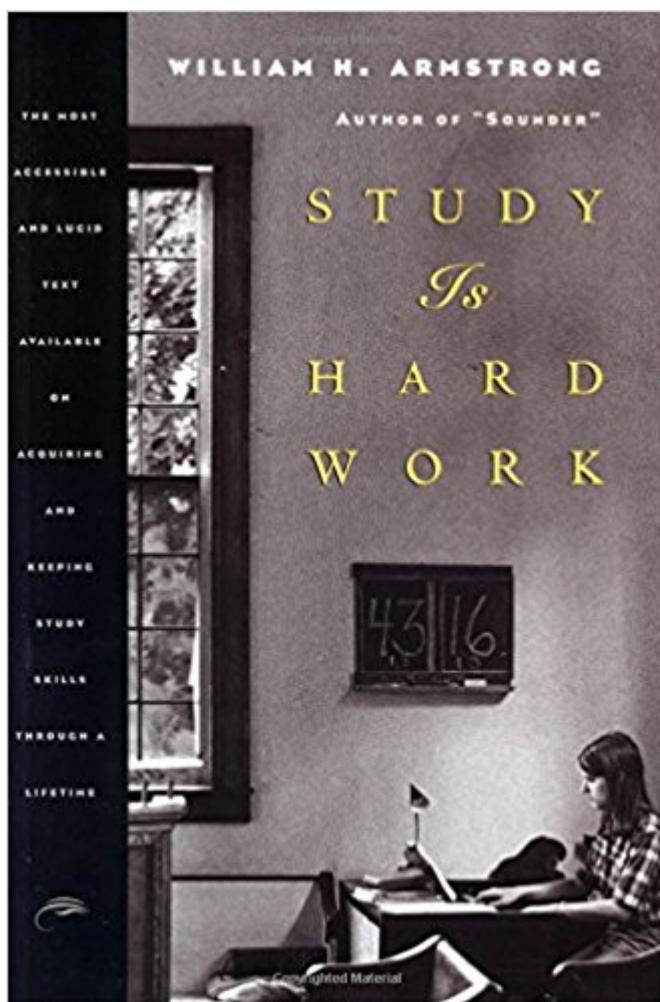


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# Study Is Hard Work: The Most Accessible And Lucid Text Available On Acquiring And Keeping Study Skills Through A Lifetime



## **Synopsis**

This is the best guide ever published on how to acquire and maintain good study skills. It covers everything from developing a vocabulary to improving the quality of written work, and has chapters on studying math, science, and languages; taking tests; and using libraries. If anyone you know is college-bound, buy this book: it will prove a lifesaver and a godsend.

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This book was recommended by my 13 year olds principal. I liked the book but I was looking for strategies for motivating my teen to study.

Techniques presented in the book are impossibly simple yet effective. These ideas have made learning enjoyable and apparently practical. The chapter on reading is especially insightful.If you struggle with learning or want to know some fundamentals for learning, get this book.As a physics and math college senior it inevitably helped me get through many complex readings, as it trained me to look for the ideas behind each line, and not the words themselves.The kindle edition had no errors.A warning: it is easy to know but hard to apply.

I had to purchase this book for my freshman english class, as I was required to read the whole text (14 chapters) and answer the 5 questions after each chapter for the final. This book suprisingly wasn't a burden to read as it's very small but packed with useful tips on how to improve your study skills and habits. I read the entire book and answered the questions (70 in total) after each chapter in a matter of 2 days. I already had very good study skills and habits (3.3 overall g.p.a. after my freshman year) but this book still gave me various ways of how to improve those and even brought

to my knowledge things I did that I didn't even know was helping me study. I would definitely recommend this book to everyone that attends school starting from middle school and up to even people just looking to improve their overall studying.

Sweat ... ."This passage from the Greek Poet Hesiod (which concludes: Long is the road thereto and rough and steep at first; but when the heights are reached, then there is ease, though grievously hard in the winning) is the core message of this book. It is also the passage that was posted on William H. Armstrong's classroom wall for over 30 years. This book and the work ethic instilled by Mr. Armstrong in his classroom did change my life to a very good degree. It took longer for the lessons imparted here to sink in on me than on others but they were there when I needed them once I got to college. Study is Hard Work, as its title suggests, pulls no punches. It is direct and to the point. Excellence is not easy. It takes work and organization. Mix well and repeat! Mr. Armstrong sets out a number of excellent suggestions which, when read, cause you to smack your head and say - "how obvious". Obvious yes, but overlooked or forgotten until seen in print in simple declarative sentences. The fact that study is hard work is an important lesson for children, particularly bright children, to learn as they move from elementary to middle school and then on to high school and college. One's ability to thrive on sheer native intelligence alone gets more difficult each step of the way. This book serves as preparation for the increased level of sheer work that is involved in maintaining that level of excellence. It is similar to a dentist advising you "this may hurt a bit". Foreknowledge is a valuable tool. As has been noted, Mr. Armstrong's approach may seem a bit blunt in today's environment. That fact alone seems a compelling reason to read the book. The fact that the suggestions noted in the book may seem a bit dated provides those children who can absorb these lessons with a valuable competitive edge in our increasingly competitive school and work environment. I have recently purchased this book along with a teacher's lesson plan book, another organizational tool used by Mr. Armstrong, for my daughter. It is a book worth buying. It is a book worth going over with your children even if, as with the dentist, it hurts a bit.

The best guide for any student

Interesting

Very good advice for studying....

This book has old school principles that are timeless! This is a must read for parents so that as your child is developing you can instill these basic principles for good study habits. I work with college students and a majority struggle terribly because they lack these basic principles.

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