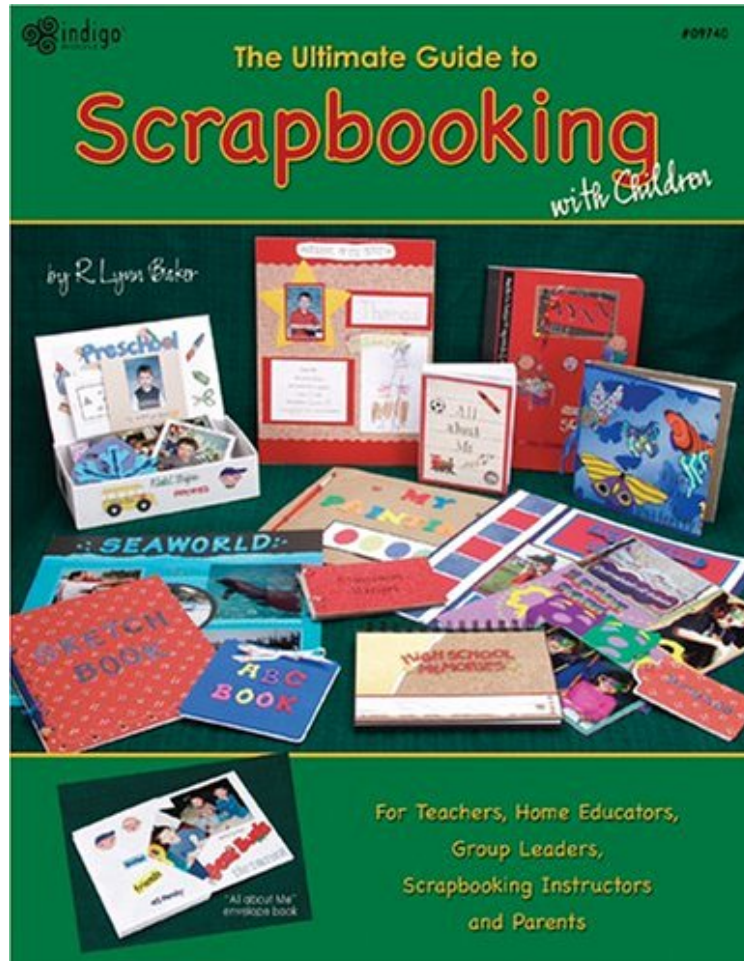


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the result of numerous requests she's received over the years for a curriculum book, and it shows. What you get is basically a workshop-in-a-book. It's set up to be of most use to those who work with children: providing guidelines for developmentally appropriate scrapbooking, activities ideas for scrapping with homeschoolers and in groups, and suggesting how to connect scrapbooking with classroom curriculum. Baker provides tested techniques and tips for making scrapbooking sessions go smoothly. She has obviously done her educational homework, and teachers will find it a godsend for their lesson planning. Everything is all lined up in the pages of this book. The author emphasizes that scrapbooking has its most advantages when it is "'applied' rather than 'introduced'...Children begin to 'own' what they have learned when they can apply it directly to an original product that they have successfully created themselves." This book abounds with ideas for "applying" scrapbooking to activities for children. The book opens with a Beginner's Guide to Scrapbooking, which provides a solid foundation for adults who might be beginners themselves. It also acts as an outline for presenting an introductory session to children. Baker is wise to include this section, as many teachers may recognize the benefits of scrapbooking, without having any experience with the craft themselves. Laying out all the components of a beginner's guide also helps provide a basis for consistency, should multiple teachers from the same organization want to start scrapping with their students. In this opening section, Baker also provides tips for successful scrapbook journaling. As the author of three books on scrapbook journaling, I particularly appreciated that these tips were offered up front. I believe that telling the story is the most crucial part of scrapbooking, so any book that offers suggestions to make it easier gets a "thumbs up" from me. In Section 2, Baker suggests specific tips for scrapbooking with children - these are obviously her "Best Practices", gained from her own experiences. I found these especially helpful, knowing they have already been tested. I particularly appreciated her ideas for using photos with kids, sources for inexpensive materials, and gaining community support. Section 3 presents specific hands-on projects with step-by-step instructions and ideas for incorporating the project with other activities. Even better than these complete project instructions, however, are some of the topics she suggests. Not only do you get direction for how to make a paper bag book, for example, but you also get ideas on what to use the paper bag book for, such as a home for artwork, a book on seasons, or an "All About Me" project. Other fun topical suggestions include a classroom recipes tag book, a "My Hometown" layout, and the life cycle of a butterfly. Section 4 offers four projects for homeschool students: Portfolio of Student Work, Homeschool Yearbook Scrapbook, Local Community Organization Scrapbook, and a Family Heritage Album. Each activity lists suggested age levels, outcome learner goals, supplies, directions, tips, online resources, and a bibliography of related books. Section 5 follows the same format, presenting six activities for groups, clubs, and scrapbook store classes. Section 6 provides 12 lessons plans for the traditional classroom. It follows the same format as Sections 4 and 5, adding information on Content Area Focus, Vocabulary Terms, Learning Assessment, and Learning Extensions. The lesson plans span curriculum in all age levels: early elementary, middle school, and high school. The only thing that detracts from the overall impact of the book is the design. When I said that this book is essentially a workshop-in-a-book, it also kind of looks like one - it's basically a black-and-white handout, with some color inserts in the middle, and a colorful front and back cover. (Granted, it's 90 pages, so it's much more than a mere "handout".) I would like to see the color photos of the projects paired with the actual instructions to improve the flow of the book. But these design preferences are minimal in the face of the valuable content. As a former preschool teacher, I enjoyed reading *The Ultimate Guide to Scrapbooking with Children* primarily for all the specific techniques and suggestions Baker offers. Just paging through the hands-on projects section, my mind started whirling with possibilities. I could vividly imagine how easy it would be to incorporate her ideas into classroom activities, increasing the chances that children will become the authors of their own books, rather than just the subjects.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A MUST have for those who scrapbook with kids! By scrap teacher I am a teacher and parent, and absolutely LOVE this book! The activities included are fun and inexpensive, and the directions are so easy to follow. I have used this book in my classroom and at home, and I don't think I will ever run out of creative ideas to use scrapbooking with my kids in class or at home thanks to this book! As a teacher, I also found this book helpful when presenting the idea of scrapbooking in the classroom to my school administrators. R. Lynn Baker provides information that connects scrapbooking to key concepts of development, and shows how hands-on crafts can be used in the classroom to support learning and academic goals. If you work with kids or just want to scrapbook with your own kids, buy this book! You will be thrilled with the activities that reach beyond traditional scrapbooking to include book-making, memory boxes, envelope books, tag books, paper bag books and even books made from ziplock bags!

The Ultimate Guide to Scrapbooking with Children is written for teachers, homeschoolers, group leaders, scrapbooking instructors and parents--basically anyone who works with children of any age, preschool through high school. And, no worries if you have little or no scrapbooking experience, a helpful *Beginners Guide to Scrapbooking* is included, which also serves as a handy reference for teaching the basics to others. Inside you'll find everything you need to know to successfully integrate scrapbooking into ongoing activities, whether you are in a school, home, store, or club setting. There are also over 36 hands-on projects and 24 activities. Included in the projects are a wide variety of books that can be made to hold thoughts, pictures, memorabilia and learning materials. The ideas are practical and

often inexpensive, such as the zipper-top baggie book, paper bag books, wallpaper border book, foam shape books, accordion books, and envelope books. There are also directions for completing 10 layouts for a more traditional approach to scrapbooking. Every project is accompanied by several ideas for ways to use it with children and tips for altering the project, making it easier, or using it with different age groups. 8.5 x 11 inch format, perfect bound

About the Author Author Lynn Baker has a degree in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education and several years of teaching experience with students from preschool through adult level, as well as several years of experience as a scrapbooking instructor. In addition to developing a curriculum book that was a self-published predecessor to this book, Lynn conducts workshops for school districts, parents, scrapbooking instructors and group educators. She also has two websites, www.scrapbookingintheclassroom.com and www.scrapbookingkids.com; moderates an online discussion board, Teaching Scrap; and owns and edits an online magazine, The Scrappin Class E-zine.