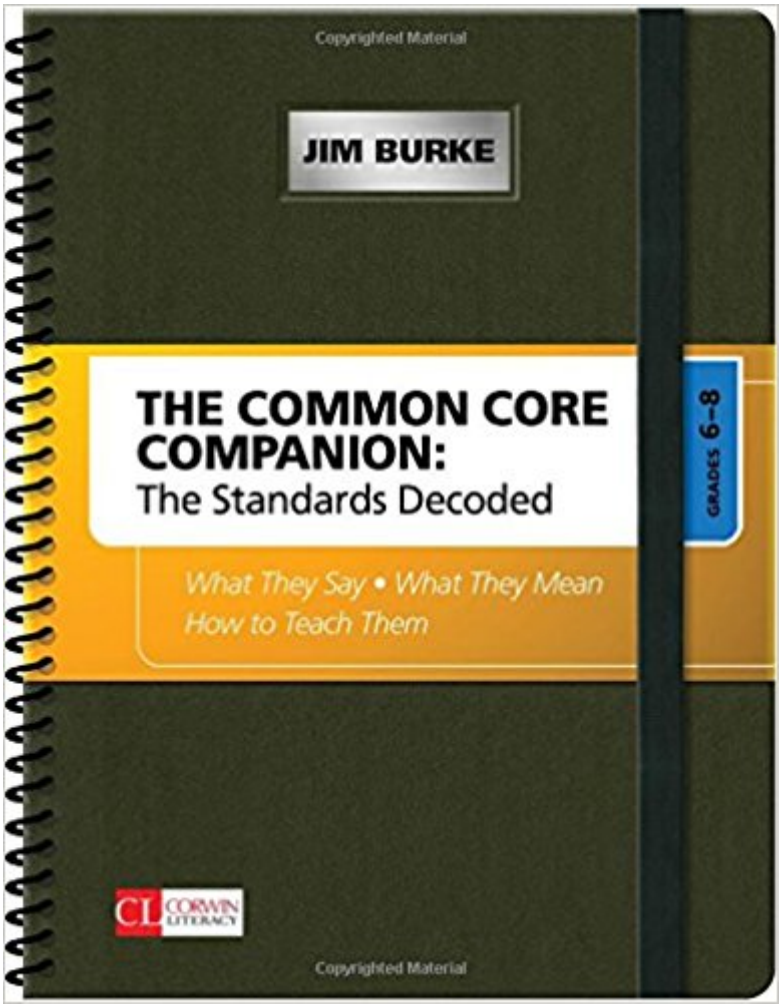
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Save your money. Just takes the standards and elaborates on the language, which is not difficult. No ideas or suggestions for implementation. Not a fan.

Nearly all of the language arts teachers in my building are using this book as a planning resources. Really breaks down the standards and how to approach them with the students. Some of the methods seem a little out of order for what I would use as logical steps, but that’s a condition of my teaching style and I have easily organized those steps in the way I would teach them. My only complaint - this book desperately needs tabbed sections! All of us who use it has it filled with post-it flags to separate the sections.

One of the best sources for unpacking the standards. For each standard it spells out what the student should be able to do, what questions should be asked and answered. Very clear guidelines for what teachers can do to work in each standard. Love the question stems. Great for all content areas and has the social study and science/tech standards directly addressed. I am a literacy coach and this was a great resource to share with teachers--easiest I have found.

This book is what I've been looking for for a few years now. The book itself is organized well and extremely easy to use. Each standard has its own section that breaks down the standard to clearly identify what the student and teacher should be doing in easy to understand language. It's great for helping to write student friendly learning objectives for the classroom! In addition it's full of suggested activities for each standard in case you need some help with developing solid lessons to address CCSS. Great book, great buy!

Although this is well organized in terms of sorting and presenting the standards, the volume of "how to" teach the actual standards is pretty skimpy. There's a single page of suggested tips for each standard, however, they are just that, bulleted lists of tips, not lessons in any shape or form. I have spent SOOOO much money on these "common core" books which appear to be mostly about retyping the standards, not presenting comprehensive ways to organize and teach them. Disappointing purchase.....

I bought this to help me with curriculum planning as well as for during our vertical articulation meetings. It's helpful to see the difference in expectations between the grade levels. It has also helped when planning with other content areas when they're looking for ways to support ELA in their classrooms.

Our district adopted the CCS last year. While non-core subjects like mine (Art) were expected to implement them, nobody could say just HOW TO DO THIS! During training our instructors would ask "...what do you think the standards mean and how will you apply them in your classroom? WELL, have you seen the list of these standards?! Slogging through all of that and dealing with our own standards at the same time about put me over the edge. I eventually grasped a better understanding, but wish I had this book LAST YEAR! This book puts all of the academic verbosity into perspective and lays it out in terms that even an oldish teacher like me can understand and incorporate. It also has great sections of academic vocab aligned to the standard and practical ways

to implement them plus- BONUS TIME a monthly planner so you can prove to the world just how CCS savvy you are! I recommend it to any teacher who is tired of hearing gobbledy gook and needs some straightforward useful answers about the COMMON CORE. Anyway, I have to go. I am PROCRASTINATING writing my CCS lesson plan.

Wonderful way to break down the Common Core. As I read, I got countless ideas for different ways to implement the CCS in the classroom. Plus, Jim Burke is kind enough to give us even more ideas. I will definitely have this in my classroom all year.

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