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Davis, Barbara Gross. (2009) *Tools for Teaching*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

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This book is a comprehensive how-to manual that provides all the practical, tested strategies for addressing all major aspects of college and university teaching. It contains hundreds of time proven tips and ideas for effective classroom instruction. The concepts are well documented and research based and the author writes from the trenches, a necessary component if other instructors are to adopt its principles.

This handbook should be required reading for all teachers. In fact, anyone who teaches students of any age will benefit greatly from the book. It outlines the processes for great teaching and student engagement.

The chapters on technology, and how to use it, will be extremely useful to instructors. Ideas and concepts are given that will greatly enhance the teachers' delivery

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options. It is the most comprehensive book on teaching tools on the market.

The strategies and resources in each chapter are especially helpful. Although numerous technologies are explained in the chapter on Mobile Learning, the discussion of podcasting is very informative and illustrates how it can be a great tool for students who have trouble taking notes or comprehending complex class material. Specific guidelines are given for effective use of this technology such as using lecture-capture software that allows students to search for specific terms or points when they replay the lecture thus making the replay more efficient and less time consuming.

The author is to be commended for taking material that is not highly interesting and presenting it in such a way the reader hangs on to every word. This book should be on every desk of every teacher and used on a daily basis.

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