

# Spotlight on Eric Litwin and Dr. Gina Pepin



**Eric Litwin**, A former third-grade teacher and the number-one *New York Times* best-selling original author of the *Pete the Cat* series, as well as the author of *The Nuts and Groovy Joe*. Eric's books have sold over 13 million copies, been translated into 17 languages, and won 26 literacy awards.

**Dr. Gina Pepin** holds an Ed.D. in Teacher Leadership and an M.A. in Reading, Literacy, and Assessment. She is the 2018–2019 Upper Michigan Teacher of the Year. She is currently a K–3 reading teacher in Escanaba, Michigan, and an online instructor of graduate literacy courses at GCU and NMU.

Eric Litwin and Dr. Gina are available together and individually to provide keynotes and workshops to help inspire teachers and share.

## Main Keynote (1–2 hours)

### ✓ The Power of Joyful Reading

Award winning authors Eric Litwin and Gina Pepin will share how to transform your classroom (and school) into a “reading playground” - a space in which children read along to, sing to, dance to, and celebrate words and texts. They will show that when young children are immersed in joyful and engaging shared reading experiences throughout the day, something wonderful happens. Students learn to love books, enjoy reading, and see themselves as readers. They also gain reading skills and knowledge, which prepares them for reading instruction.

## Workshops (2–6 hours)

### ✓ Teaching Like a Reading SuperHERO.

This high energy workshop explores how to put the ideas in *The Power of Joyful Reading: Help Your Young Readers Soar to Success!* to work in your classroom. Learn engaging shared reading techniques that help your student develop their basic reading skills and knowledge and lead them to love books, enjoy reading, and see themselves as readers! Eric Litwin and Dr. Gina will demonstrate how to interweave joyful shared reading experiences into your daily routines, activities, and lessons throughout the day, day after day, all year long, even in our virtual classroom.

### ✓ Filling Your Joyful Reading Teacher Toolbox:

Award-winning authors Eric Litwin and Gina Pepin lead an interactive book study on *The Power of Joyful Reading: Help Your Young Readers Soar to Success!* This engaging workshop demonstrates and provides ready-to-go joyful reading activities, lessons, songs, and stories that you can put to work in your classrooms right away. It will empower you to immerse all young readers, including your English Learners, in joyful and engaging reading experiences throughout the day—and help them build their essential reading foundation.

### ✓ Nurturing Resilience through Joyful Reading:

Joyful reading experiences empower our students by supporting their social and emotional needs. Interweaving joyful shared reading experiences into your daily routines, activities, and lessons throughout the day provides opportunities for students to love books, enjoy reading, and see themselves as readers. It also helps help your student develop their basic reading skills and knowledge which prepares them for successful reading. And successful reading is the foundation upon which everything else is built.

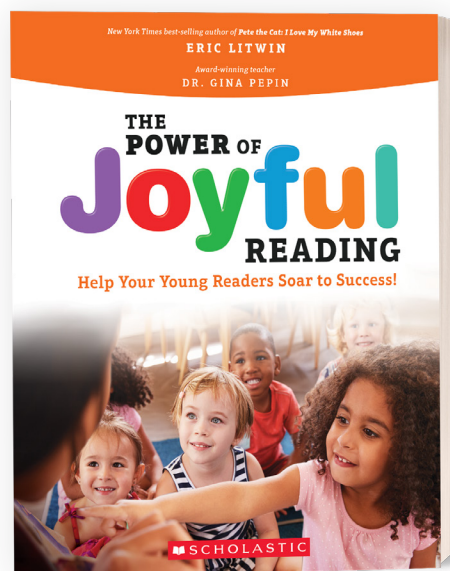
## Professional Book

### The Power of Joyful Reading

Eric Litwin and Dr. Gina Pepin provide practical tools and strategies to transform your classroom into a “reading playground”—a space where children read, sing, dance, and celebrate words and texts. This book supports educators and parents as they immerse young children in joyful shared reading experiences that build foundational reading skills. The concrete strategies in *The Power of Joyful Reading* help children learn to love books, reading, and see themselves as successful readers.

**Litwin and Dr. Pepin’s expert framework offers:**

- ✓ **Ready-to-implement strategies** that support all curricula and work with all learning approaches
- ✓ **Research-based solutions** for classroom practices
- ✓ **Strategies** to promote social-emotional growth
- ✓ **Tools** to implement successful shared reading experiences in daycare, preschool, kindergarten, and early elementary classrooms



The Joyful Reading Approach is Eric Litwin and Gina Pepin’s answer to one of the most critical educational crises of our time: the loss of joy in literacy education. This research- and theory-based approach works seamlessly alongside any purposeful reading and writing curriculum in early childhood classrooms.

—Dr. Lisa Pinkerton, Marie Clay Endowed Chair in Reading Recovery and Early Literacy, The Ohio State University

### Eric Litwin Virtual School and Library Concerts:

- ✓ **Because It’s All Good!** - Eric shares his joyful and interactive Pete the Cat read alouds, as well as *The Nuts and Groovy Joe*. Students sing along, move along, and dance along to the captivating musical stories. Eric shares how Pete the Cat and his other characters stay positive, loving, and resilient even as things get tough. This virtual program is designed to help our early childhood students stay positive as well as love books, enjoy reading, and see themselves as readers.

### Gina Pepin’s Additional Workshops and Services

- ✓ **Higher Education:** Dr. Gina Pepin is available to help you design and align a course syllabi based on *The Power of Joyful Reading: Help Your Young Readers Soar to Success!* for universities interested in offering ongoing professional learning hours or credits. Such courses include a book study and how to implement the Joyful Reading Approach in multiple teaching environments (hybrid, face-to-face, self-directed study etc).
- ✓ **Joyful Reading Approach Implementation Consultation:** Dr. Gina Pepin helps you design a joyful reading implementation guide for your school(s). The guide will be tailored to meet your unique community and school(s) needs. This can include standards alignment and curriculum integration according to state requirements and school improvement plans. It can include primary and secondary educators. Dr. Gina helps empower all your educators to immerse all their readers in joyful and engaging shared reading experiences (face to face or virtual environments) throughout the day, day after day, all year long.