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Daly and Beloglovskys' "Loose parts 2: Inspiring play with infants and toddlers" (Book Review)

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Book Reviews



Daly, L., Beloglovsky, M. (2016). *Loose parts 2: Inspiring play with infants and toddlers*. St. Paul, MN: Readleaf Press. 282 pp. \$32.95. ISBN 9781605544649

Lisa Daly is a professor of early childhood education at Folsom Lake College and frequently presents workshops and directs art programs for children. Miriam Beloglovsky is a professor of early childhood education at Consumnes River College.

As titled, Daly and Beloglovsky's offering to early childhood development is about loose parts. Loose parts, for the uninitiated, are "open-ended materials that can be used and manipulated in different ways." In this sequel designed for small children, Daly and Beloglovsky illustrate the value of loose parts to learning. Instead of giving an infant or toddler a "fixed" toy, or a toy that only has one purpose, the authors invite their readers to give appropriate loose parts to children that they can learn and play with through their earliest years of development.

Loose Parts 2 is organized by stages of development so the reader can quickly go directly to the stage that applies to their child. The loose parts pictured throughout the book are made up of everything from building scraps, to containers, kitchen utensils, dowels and anything that can be carried, thrown, rolled, shaken, rattled, and so on. These treasures range from store-bought to treasured finds like pinecones or interestingly textured rocks.

Daly and Beloglovsky make teaching look fun, especially if it means hunting for and collecting colorful treasures to give to your children. *Loose Parts 2* would make an excellent textbook or instructional guide to parents.

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