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Vivian writes and teaches about the worlds of young children. She examines their stories and play, their logic and their thinking, searching for meaning in the social and moral landscapes of classroom life.

A kindergarten and nursery school teacher for 37 years, Vivian brings her storytelling/story acting and discussion techniques to children, teachers, and parents throughout the world.

She is the recipient of the 1987 Erikson institute Award for Service to Children and a MacArthur Fellowship in 1989. She received the American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation for Lifetime Achievement in 1998. In 1997, her book, *The Girl with the Brown Crayon*, was given the Harvard University Press Virginia and Warren Stone Prize as the outstanding book about education and society. In 1999 the same book brought her the NCTE David H. Russell Award for Distinguished Research in the Teaching of English. Vivian received the John Dewey Society's Outstanding Achievement Award for the year 2000, and, more recently, in 2004 was named Outstanding Educator in the Language Arts by the National Council of Teachers of English.

