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Brief, yet packed with rich resources, this popular book is a true compendium of information about children's literature designed to awaken and motivate future and new teachers to share literature with children.

The well known, well respected authors focus on teaching reading to children through today's rich array of available trade books, rather than through an exhaustive textbook *about* children's books. At the same time they ensure that readers get critical coverage of the most important knowledge about literature and about teaching literature to children. Clear, concise, and direct, the book uses recommended book lists, examples, figures, and tables in combination with narrative and prose to help teachers free class time to more efficiently focus on involving children with literature.

This new edition includes some outstanding features designed to increase the effectiveness of the book's already-popular presentation:

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- **A focus on global and multicultural issues and books** is integrated throughout the genre chapters and in the book lists.
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- **Highlighted literary elements in each genre chapter**, along with a response strategy for encouraging readers to engage with books from that genre are included.
- **Connections to the Common Core Standards** are woven throughout the book.

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