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Praise for the First Edition

"The Dreamkeepers keeps hope alive for educating young African Americans."
—Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, president and founder, National Rainbow Coalition

"The Dreamkeepers is an immensely important and useful book for teachers and teacher educators. . . . In a creative, credible, and persuasive way, Gloria Ladson-Billings has made a major contribution to the field of multicultural education."

—JaCqueline Jordan Irvine, Charles Howard Candler Professor of Urban Education, Emory University

"Ladson-Billings integrates scholarly research with stories of eight successful teachers in a predominantly African American school district to illustrate that the 'dream' of all teachers and parents—academic success for all children—is alive and can be emulated."

—Library Journal

"Here is a book filled with pride and questions that should stimulate anyone interested in improving education."

—Booklist

About the Author

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