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Praise for Joyful Reading

"This book is a must-read for all classroom teachers who are faced with meeting the literacy needs of a diverse population; it provides powerful insights into the development of thoughtful and self-regulated readers."

—Nicole Gavin, director of literacy, City of Baltimore, Maryland

"Using SEM-R helped our school move from Continuous Improvement to Excellent and helped earn a City Schools Excellence with Distinction Award! Thanks for your part in attaining that designation with SEM-R!"

—Judy Hedge, reading specialist, Dublin Public Schools, Ohio

"For teachers searching for ways to actively engage students in reading while fostering a love for literature, this book offers a literary journey that will lead to success!"

—Christy Caroon, educator, Fred A. Anderson Elementary School, Bayboro, North Carolina

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Sally M. Reis, Ph.D., is professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Connecticut where she also serves as principal investigator for the National Research Center on the Gifted and Talented. Widely published, Reis conducts workshops and provides professional development to schools and districts both nationally and internationally. Her colleagues and coauthors are all professors in reading, educational psychology, and curriculum and instruction with extensive experience in SEM-R.

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