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### **Review**

"This indispensable book presents an accessible, research-driven approach to making content meaningful for English language learners. It enables teachers to put together a differentiated lesson on the run or dig further into proven teaching and learning strategies for non-native speakers. Keep this book on your desk and the sticky notes handy--you'll be marking page after page of useful, effective, and enjoyable additions to your teaching repertoire!--Kristine B. Heim, MA, ELL Teacher, Saint Paul (Minnesota) Public Schools

"Standards based, practical, and flexible, this book provides tools for helping ELLs grow in critical areas of literacy. Teachers are guided to select exactly which lessons are most appropriate for the needs of their students and to determine the level of instruction: beginning, intermediate, or advanced. The 'Tech It Out' sections and many website links show how to take learning to the next level in a modern way. Teachers finally have a way to differentiate literacy skills so ELLs can actively participate with their peers. This is a 'must-have' book for every classroom teacher trying to help ELLs succeed!"--Jacqueline Wells, MS, fifth-grade teacher, Waunakee, Wisconsin

"The book presents 25 ready-to-use strategy lessons focusing on academic language and literacy learning and growth. Common Core and TESOL Standards can be found at the beginning of each lesson. Teachers working with ELLs will find this book easy to follow and use, as it contains modeled, multistep activities with clear examples and handouts. Each chapter concludes with a technology-mediated activity and includes suggested websites and books."--Floris Wilma Ortiz-Marrero, EdD, ESL teacher, Amherst Regional Middle School, Amherst, Massachusetts

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