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This significantly updated second edition of the bestselling Reading for Understanding is a guide for using Reading Apprenticeship® to increase student engagement and academic achievement in subject area classes.

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Endorsed by leading reading researchers and educators at every level, this practical and comprehensive resource

- presents a coherent framework for improving the reading and subject area learning of all students, including English learners, students with special needs, students in honors and AP courses, and those in a range of college settings
- includes research-based strategies tested in thousands of classrooms
- offers a clear vision of how to address the Common Core State Standards
- amplifies key points with authentic "classroom close-ups"
- provides concrete instructional and assessment tools

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"Highlighting the critical nature of equitable opportunity for increasingly diverse students, the authors use their powerful framework to engage students in the rigor of disciplinary learning demanded by the Common Core State Standards." —Dr. Christelle Estrada, Ph.D., Secondary English Language Arts Specialist, Utah State Office of Education

## **About the Author**

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