

About the Authors



Frances Lively is a Virginia reading specialist with more than 30 years of education experience. Formerly the supervisor for secondary English and reading programs for Henrico County, Frances has served on numerous Standards of Learning review committees, including six years on the review committee for EOC Reading. She is also a past board member of the Virginia Association of Teachers of English (VATE) and actively presents reading workshops throughout Virginia.

I have always felt quite fortunate that at the ripe young age of two, I knew that being a teacher was what I wanted to do when I grew up.

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Though my mother told me I should be a teacher, I rebelled and worked in business for one year. I was miserable, and applied for a teaching position before the year was over. My mother was right: I was born to be a teacher.

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