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Review

This text is a thorough and thoughtful presentation of literacy assessment and instruction. The authors present the essential, research-based strategies for assessment and instruction in a practical and hands-on manner that makes the text accessible and useful for both pre-service and practicing teachers. It grounds the strategies in research, but does not overwhelm the reader with theory that they can't envision implementing with students. -- Lindsey Moses, University of Vermont Reading Diagnosis and Improvement: Assessment and Instruction is one of the better reading diagnosis texts on the market. The reading level is appropriate for my students, and the text is filled with helpful informal assessments that teachers can readily use in a classroom. -- Linda K. Lilienthal, Midwestern State University Its layout and design are excellent. The materials presented in each unit are easy to follow and provide students with a greater depth of information, which helps to enhance their engagement with this text. -- Dylinda Wilson-Younger, Ph.D., Alcorn State University

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About the Author

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administrators and parents.

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