

Preface

Users of previous editions of the *Basic Reading Inventory* will notice that there are now two books. Don't be alarmed! These two books are a result of suggestions from teachers, reading specialists, and coaches who desired to have the student word lists, passages, and student materials from the Early Literacy Assessments in a separate booklet so it would be easier to manage and use during the administration of the *Basic Reading Inventory*. I think you will find this change a welcome revision. I want to make the inventory even more useful for you.

The bigger of the two books contains all you need to know to administer, score, and interpret the *Basic Reading Inventory*. You will feel right at home with this slightly smaller volume that resulted from moving the word lists and passages for the seven forms to a separate booklet. In updating the manual, I have devoted my efforts to refining those components that warranted revision, clarification, expansion, and updating. Special thanks to all teachers, colleagues, reading specialists, and reading coaches who have offered help, ideas, constructive criticism, and encouragement. Here are some of the new features of the tenth edition:

- A complete student example of the administration of the *Basic Reading Inventory* has been included. This is an actual student. The results have been shared in several of my training workshops and participants have appreciated looking over the results, discussing them, and suggesting instructional strategies. This was the first time Joelle administered the *Basic Reading Inventory*, and I think she did a great job! Her willingness to share will help increase your knowledge base.
- There are new practice exercises to help you gain greater competence in determining a student's three reading levels.
- The fluency norms have been updated based on research that involved over 500,000 student scores.
- Greater attention has been devoted to intervention strategies so that the results of the *Basic Reading Inventory* can be used to make instruction more responsive to student needs.
- A large annotated bibliography on informal reading inventories (IRIs) will help you trace the development of this widely used form of informal assessment. This bibliography appears on the CD along with many other useful resources.

The *Basic Reading Inventory* has seven forms and ten Early Literacy Assessments. A CD contains video clips to help you learn administration procedures, the performance booklets for all seven forms of the inventory, the record booklet for the Early Literacy Assessments, numerous summary sheets, answers to practice exercises, and a large annotated bibliography of research and resources related to informal reading inventories.



There's something about a tenth edition that makes me thankful for your partnership over the years. I hope you, whether veteran or first-time user, will find the *Basic Reading Inventory* helpful in your work with all students and especially with those students who find reading difficult. Together, in partnership, we are helping many students strengthen their reading.

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