

FOREWORD

Mahatma Gandhi once said, “The future depends on what we do in the present.” I applaud Prof. Lubie Grujicic-Alatriste’s efforts to create an inspiring English composition textbook, for native speakers and English as a Second Language students alike, based on civic engagement. It is a reflection of her commitment to teaching and student learning. Not only is this book intended to improve communication skills, but it also has the goal of creating good citizens that are curious, capable of researching issues of importance to the community, aware of opportunities for community service, and capable of making solid arguments to defend their positions. Topics in the book include understanding civics, community action, green communities, health initiatives, the environment, learning to take financial responsibility action, and cooperation. These issues set the stage for engaging classroom discussions, heartfelt writing, and the promise of students primed for lifelong learning—a bright future that is strived for by all dedicated educators.

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