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-John Schumacher, Teacher-Librarian

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"An inspiring book; filled with thought-provoking insights into the Common Core standards. Pam alleviates 'core anxiety' by providing innovative ways to fill any gaps that may exist in your current classroom practices. She takes a look at the everyday literacy skills utilized by a variety of professionals and weaves a link down to our youngest learners. Pam's explanations of the necessary 'shifts' I need to make in my teaching are user-friendly and easy to implement. I love the Colleague Conversation starters designed to open dialogue, share ideas and reflect on personal literacy experiences. I can't wait to share this uplifting resource with all of my teacher friends!"

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"The Common Core State Standards are a Bill of Rights for all children."

With this call to action, Pam Allyn provides practical strategies for how to implement core ideas for the classroom, school, and home communities. All students can be college and career ready scholars—reading, writing, speaking, listening, and using language in real world ways. This book answers all your questions about how to master core teaching and core learning. And it's all about what you, your school, your students, and their families can do right now to become Core Ready.

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