



LITERATE NATION



Blueprint For a Literate Nation

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Cinthia Coletti is the author of *Blueprint for a Literate Nation—How You Can Help*, *Literacy Policy: Ground-Breaking Blueprint for State Legislation*, and, *The Power to Act: Transforming Literacy and Education*. She is a leader in the battle to focus attention on the decline of literacy in the United States.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Cinthia Coletti is the CEO of Literate Nation, founder of the Coletti Institute for Education and Career Achievement and Haan Foundation for Children. She is a leader determined to succeed in changing the problem of literacy for two-thirds of US children and, in so doing, transforming not only their lives but also our own. Serving decades in business—as chief executive of several corporations and on many boards—she turns her attention to radically reconceptualizing literacy itself with intellectual, social, ethical, and research-based solutions.

Cinthia Coletti writes from the heart about the experiences of her children, both talented and intelligent, whose language learning issues were disguised and undiscovered during their first years in school. Her words will resonate with every parent whose child has struggled with learning to read.

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Blueprint for a Literate Nation will inspire you, inform you, and then provide you—every concerned parent, teacher, and legislator—with the tools to make a difference. These tools are directed toward raising the bar for entrance into the teaching profession and for empowering states and school districts. Believing that literacy is the key to all academic success—and hence to a life that is satisfying and productive.

The first part of the book is Coletti's story—her personal crusade and the reasons for it—and what she has learned during her decade-long commitment to studying the causes for and solutions to our nation's literacy problems. Following her life as a highly successful corporate executive, Coletti turned those skills into a whirlwind of activity in behalf of all children, parents, and teachers who are looking for answers. The second part of the book consists of compelling detail on how the United States is lagging behind its international counterparts in literacy outcomes. It challenges communities and provides tools to begin grassroots efforts that will change and transformation this dangerous trend that affects the prosperity of America. The third part of the book provides the best data-validated literacy solutions—the best practices and state policies necessary to ensure every student is literate, educated and career ready.

