Because one book can never meet the needs of all students

This book is at once an urgent call to action and a how-to book for inspiring and supporting even the most reluctant readers in your room.

—NANCY ALLISON

With Nancy’s guidance you can make student choice not only the best way to engage your students, but the most effective way to turn your whole class into readers.
When I finished *Middle School Readers* I wanted to reverse time and relive sixth grade as a student in Nancy Allison’s class. Allison takes us into her own unique brand of reading workshop, providing the finest road map for teachers. Ultimately, what Allison communicates is that to help students read fiction and nonfiction, to refine their knowledge of genre structure and reading strategies, we must engage in conversations with students that lead them to independence.

—LAURA ROBB
Author of *Teaching Reading in Middle School*

Offering students a choice of what to read is research-sound practice and in this book Nancy offers her classroom-tested wisdom on how to make choice manageable. With Nancy’s unique deskside conferences students develop their independent reading strategies and learn to select just-right books, while you as the teacher manage multiple needs and keep everyone focused. You’ll find examples of conferences with reluctant readers, English learners, developing and gifted readers—conferences that improve student motivation and ability.

**Nancy includes:**

- **sensible advice**—from setting up your library to doing effective assessment
- **booklists**
- **reproducibles**
- **practical ideas** for minilessons.

The included study guide makes *Middle School Readers* ideal for individual teachers, teacher groups and preservice teachers who want to develop their student-centered instruction.

**Nancy Allison** began her work with adolescents 25 years ago. For most of that time she has been in Title I schools in Houston where she has worked extensively with children of poverty, minority students, and English learners. As a literacy coach she has shared her success with other teachers in the Houston area for the past 16 years.