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Dear (first\_name),

When you love books as much as I do, you’re compelled to share them with anyone who will listen. Luckily, for me, I have a captive audience in my classroom every day. A read aloud should be a joyful celebration for all. For you, for your students, and indirectly, for the author and illustrator who toiled over each word and every image that lay on and between the covers of the book. In my new book, *The Ramped-Up Read Aloud*, I outline the rationale that supports read aloud as a key instructional strategy.

Best,  
Maria Walther

n this remarkable resource, Maria Walther shares two-page read-aloud experiences for 101 picture books that tune you into what to notice, say, and wonder in order to bolster students’ literacy exponentially.

A first-grade teacher for decades, Maria is a master of “strategic savoring.” Her lesson design efficiently sparks instructional conversations around each book’s cover illustration, enriching vocabulary words, literary language, and the ideas and themes vital to young learners.

Teachers, schools, and districts looking to energize your core reading and writing program, search no further: The Ramped-Up Read Aloud delivers a formula for literacy development and a springboard to joy in equal parts.

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