

About the Author



Marcia L. Tate is the former executive director of professional development for the DeKalb County Schools in Decatur, Georgia. During her 30-year career with the district, she has been a classroom teacher, reading specialist, language arts coordinator, and staff development executive director. Marcia was named Staff Developer of the Year for the state of Georgia, and her department was selected to receive the Exemplary Program award for the state.

Marcia is currently an educational consultant and has presented her workshops to over 450,000 administrators, teachers, parents, and community leaders from all over the United States and the world, including Australia, Canada, Egypt, Hungary, Oman, New Zealand, Singapore, and Thailand. She is the author of the following seven bestsellers: *Worksheets Don't Grow Dendrites: 20 Instructional Strategies That Engage the Brain* (2nd ed.); *"Sit & Get" Won't Grow Dendrites: 20 Professional Learning Strategies That Engage the Adult Brain* (2nd ed.); *Reading and Language Arts Worksheets Don't Grow Dendrites: 20 Literacy Strategies That Engage the Brain* (2nd ed.); *Mathematics Worksheets Don't Grow Dendrites: 20 Numeracy Strategies That Engage the Brain*; *Science Worksheets Don't Grow Dendrites: 20 Instructional Strategies that Engage the Brain*; *Shouting Won't Grow Dendrites: 20 Techniques to Detour Around the Danger Zones* (2nd ed.); and *Preparing Children for Success in School and Life: 20 Ways to Increase Your Child's Brain Power*. She is also the author of *Social Studies Worksheets Don't Grow Dendrites: 20 Instructional Strategies that Engage the Brain*. Marcia has written a number of published articles and chapters that have been included in other books. Participants in her workshops call them some of the best ones they have ever attended since Marcia models the 20 strategies in her books to actively engage her audiences.

She received her bachelor's degree in psychology and elementary education from Spelman College in Atlanta, her master's in remedial reading from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and her specialist and doctorate degrees in educational leadership from Georgia State University and Clark Atlanta University, respectively. Spelman College awarded her the Apple Award for excellence in the field of education.

Marcia is married to Tyrone Tate and is the proud mother of three children, Jennifer, Jessica, and Christopher. If she had known how wonderful it would be to be a grandmother, Marcia would have had her five grandchildren, Christian, Aidan, Maxwell, Aaron, and Roman, before she had her children. She and her husband own the company Developing Minds, Inc. and can be contacted by calling the company at (770) 918-5039, by e-mailing her at marciata@bellsouth.net, or by visiting her website at www.developingmindsinc.com.