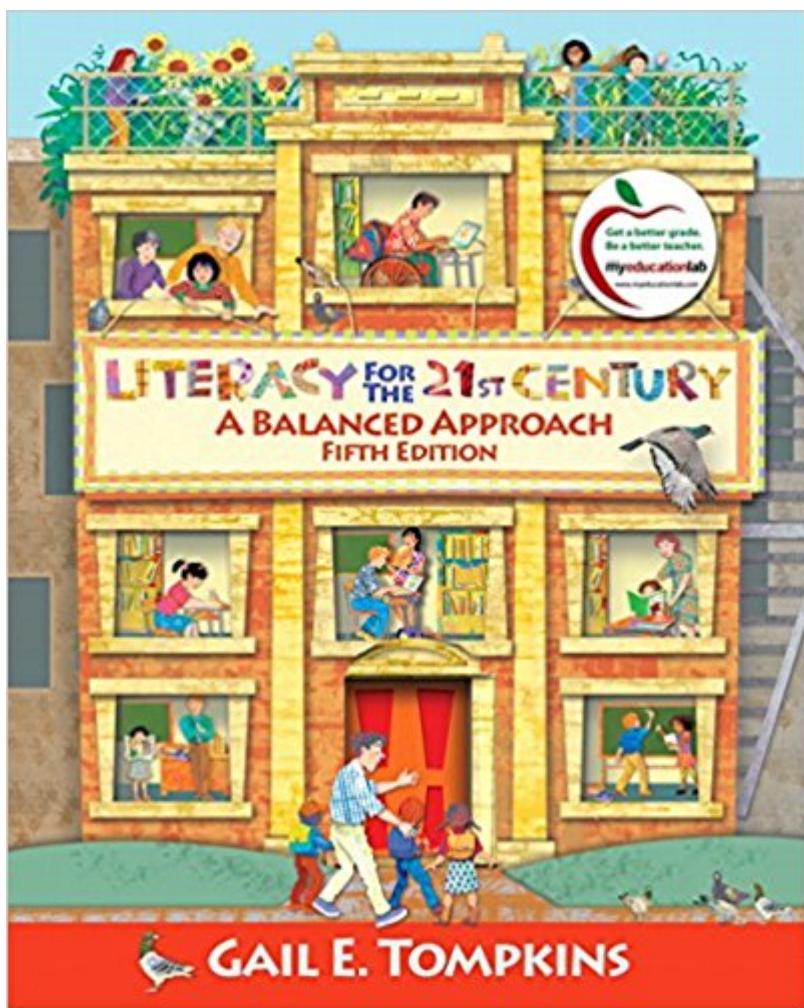


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# Literacy For The 21st Century: A Balanced Approach (5th Edition)



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**Pros:** This book is an easy read compared to other educational textbooks that provide well defined instructional strategies. This is a good reference book for anyone who teaches reading. The glossary and index are excellent.  
**Cons:** The book is written for teachers of grades K-8. Teachers of older students with disabilities will have to modify many of the strategies to suit older students.

This book was originally assigned as required reading for an undergraduate class I took. I've kept it as a resource to study for the Foundations of Reading MTEL, and passed on the first try. Everyone else in the class said it definitely helped them pass as well. Tompkins writes in a very accessible, easy to follow format, and although it's technically a textbook, it's a quick read as long as you stick to a schedule. I love it and will be keeping it for future reference, as well as recommending it to other teachers. An absolute must if you're trying to pass the MTEL or equivalent foundations test in another state!

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