

## **Ending Illiteracy in America Introduction**

The Table of Contents for the Five Curriculum Chapters notes that this chapter is written on the assumption that you have already read [Chapters 12 and 13](#). The Purpose of [Chapter 12 - Don't Take Our Word For It](#) is to confirm that the Reading Program does in fact teach every child. The purpose of [Chapter 13 - The Reading Program - What It Is and Why It Works for Everyone](#) is to show how the Reading Program goes about teaching every child.

One might think that a Chapter with the title of Ending Illiteracy in America would simply describe the Program that will end it and then offer proof that the Program works. If ending illiteracy were that simple, then ending illiteracy in America would have started in 1984 when the Program's ten-year study of its effectiveness began, and over the more than forty years that have passed since that starting point, already ended a long time ago.

This chapter assumes that you have already read [Chapters 12 and 13](#), so you know of the Program's effectiveness. Your focus can now be on learning why it was never published and what can be done about that now. It really is possible to end illiteracy in America. The purpose of this chapter is to convert that possibility into reality.

For the readers of this chapter who may not have read any of the stories in [The Book of IFs](#) that explain how the Reading Program came into existence, a summary will be provided in the next section.

Once the essence of the Program's creation has been described, this chapter will then explain why a Program proven through a ten-year study involving over 300,000 students from all across America, representing every kind of learning ability or supposed lack there of, with a success rate of 100%, is not already in use nationwide.

It really is possible to end illiteracy in America. However, before illiteracy can be ended, the "whys" that have stood in the way of the Reading Program's universal distribution must be overcome. Overcoming the last of these obstacles is one of the purposes of this book.