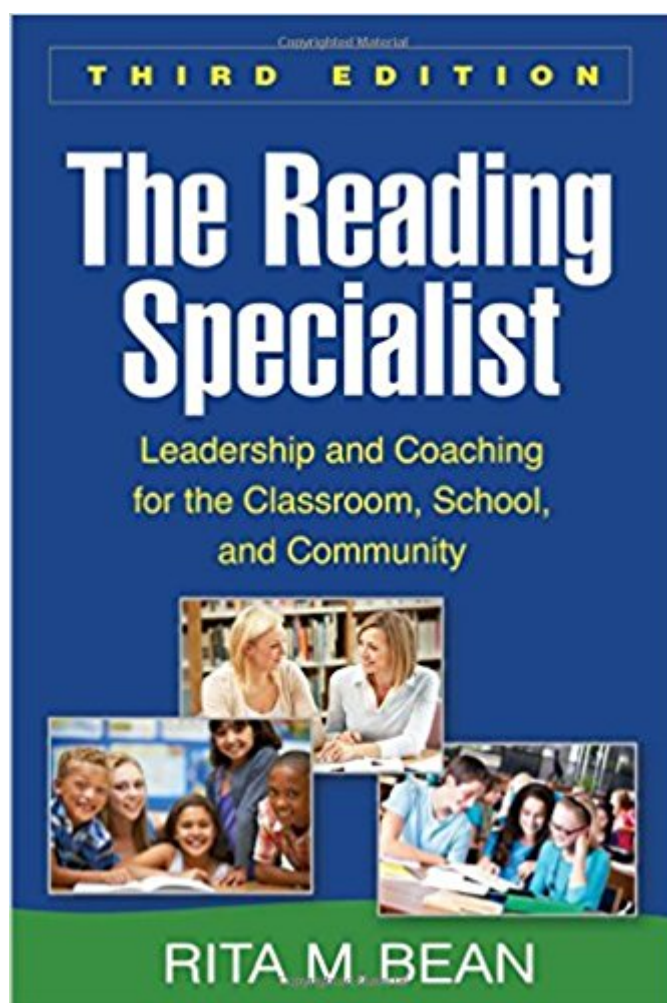


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# The Reading Specialist, Third Edition: Leadership And Coaching For The Classroom, School, And Community



## Synopsis

A trusted practitioner guide and course text, this book provides a complete introduction to the multiple roles of the reading specialist in grades PreK-12. Rita M. Bean offers evidence-based best practices for working with struggling readers; supporting teachers through professional development and coaching; planning curricula; assessing at the individual, classroom, and school levels; and building strong school, family, and community partnerships. User-friendly features include helpful classroom vignettes, questions for discussion and reflection, follow-up activities, and ideas for instructors and workshop leaders. Reproducible forms and worksheets can be downloaded and printed in a convenient 8 1/2" x 11" size. New to This Edition \*New overarching framework that connects literacy leadership more directly to classroom instruction and assessment. \*Links to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and new standards-based examples included throughout. \*Expanded coverage of literacy coaching, middle and high school grades, and response to intervention. \*Chapters now begin with key questions and include annotated resources for further reading.

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