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For more than three decades, Constance Weaver has been one of the fields' leading voices on literacy topics ranging from the reading process to grammar instruction with writing. *Reading Process & Practice first* appeared in 1988 and became widely known as the most authoritative, comprehensive, and definitive book of its kind. Now available in a Brief Edition, it continues to help teachers define reading in ways that support high-quality instruction. Connie once again led the way with the 1996 publication of the bestselling *Teaching Grammar in Context* and its companion *Lessons to Share on Teaching Grammar in Context*. Since then she has expanded and deepened her insights and specific teaching ideas in *The Grammar Plan Book* and *Grammar to Enrich and Enhance Writing*. In 1996, the Michigan Council of Teachers of English honored Weaver with the Charles C. Fries award for outstanding leadership in the profession. Connie is the Heckert Professor of Reading and Writing at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and Professor Emerita of English at Western Michigan University.

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