

## **Parent Comments**

“Diane inspired me talk to my children about the books they read and changed the way I not only talk about books but it also changed the way I talk to my children about many subjects from friendship, peer pressure, doing their best, standing up for what is right, and more. The conversations start easier and go places when they begin in a story. Diane’s passion and knowledge about children and books are both exciting and informative.” – **Parent of a 2nd grader, The American School in London**

“My son has never ‘loved’ to read, however I read the books Diane recommended in Reading Together and he read many of them on his own. From Reading Together I learned the habit of talking with him about the books he read, which made my son a conversationalist! He is a freshman in high school, and while he still doesn’t put reading first on his list of things to do, the habit of taking about the stories gave him confidence he had something to say about what he reads. This confidence made him a good reader.” – **Parent of a 5th grader, North Hillsborough Elementary, Hillsborough CA**

## **Teacher Comments**

“Really enjoyed the sessions, informative, breezy, passionate, articulate, founded on research, interactive, conversational, humorous, these are some words that come to mind to describe the learning...” – **Teacher at The Hamlin School, San Francisco CA**

“Just a note to let you know how much I enjoyed Diane’s presentations. She was very inspiring; I came away with so many ideas that I’d like to try next year. My take away was, ‘Don’t monkey with the story—read it as it is written!’” – **Teacher at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School, Moraga CA**

## **Librarian Comments**

“I cannot even begin to tell you how valuable Diane’s advice has been to me, both as a parent and as a librarian.” – **Librarian at La Jolla County Day School, CA**

*Reading Together* illustrates that every adult has the opportunity to show children how to love reading by helping them find great stories. Her approaches, techniques, and enthusiasm will surely inspire you to instill a love for reading in every child you work with. – **Librarian at Western Academy of Beijing, China**

“I am delighted to have Reading Together, a book that doesn’t just offer me book recommendations but offers practical and useful information about how to hook my kids on reading. We enjoy the conversation starters offered with each book recommendation and find ourselves using the questions at random moments and we are having really thoughtful conversations. Thank you Reading Together!” – **Librarian at Sacramento Country Day School, Sacramento CA**

## **Organization Comments**

Diane provided our very diverse audience with a very exciting way of looking at literature as a window on the world. She gave us a template on how to use stories to talk about our differences and commonalities in a very creative and productive manner. Our attendees felt both enriched and excited with this new approach to reading and talking about books with children. – **United Nations Association**

Diane’s presentation, both a welcome and inspiring take on reading and talking with adolescents, showcased the opportunities books offer to connect with our children at this exciting stage of their lives. We came away rejuvenated with the possibilities of having meaningful and thoughtful conversations with our adolescent children about books that offered a refreshingly honest way people grow into genuine adulthood. – **Parents Coalition of Bay Area High Schools**

“We were delighted with the feedback from our teachers and administrators who spent a day with Diane. Participants said they appreciated her practical ideas on not only what to read, but found her demonstration of conversational reading, talking with children about the stories they read to help them get more from their reading, to be invaluable and inspiring. One teacher said, “I came away feeling both motivated and rejuvenated by her wealth of information and passion.” – **Marin Office of Education**

