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Harvey "Smokey" Daniels has been a city and suburban classroom teacher and a college professor, and now works as a national consultant and author on literacy education. In language arts, Smokey is known for his pioneering work on student book clubs, as recounted in *Literature Circles: Voice and Choice in Book Clubs and Reading Groups*, and *Minilessons for Literature Circles*. His latest bestselling books on content-area literacy are *The Curious Classroom*; *Comprehension & Collaboration, Second Edition*; *Upstanders*; *Subjects Matter, Second Edition*; the *Texts and Lessons* series; and *Content-Area Writing*. He is also coauthor of *Best Practice, Fourth Edition*, and *The Best Practice Video Companion* as well as editor of *Comprehension Going Forward*. Smokey works with elementary and secondary teachers throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe, offering demonstration lessons, workshops, and consulting, with a special focus on creating, sustaining, and renewing student-centered inquiries and discussions of all kinds. Smokey shows colleagues how to simultaneously build students' reading strategies, balance their reading diets, and strengthen the social skills they need to become genuine lifelong readers. Connect with Smokey @smokeylit. **READING** *Comprehension Going Forward* **Mini-lessons for Literature Circles** *Subjects Matter, Second Edition* **Texts and Lessons for Content-Area Reading** **Texts and Lessons for Teaching Literature** **WRITING** *Community of Writers* **Content-Area Writing** **LITERACY** *The Curious Classroom* *Comprehension & Collaboration, Second Edition* *Inquiry Circles for Elementary Classrooms* *Inquiry Circles for Secondary Classrooms* **SCHOOL CULTURE** *Best Practice, Fourth Edition* *Best Practice Video Companion* *Rethinking High School* *Rethinking High School Video* *Upstanders*

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