

## CONTENTS

### LETTER ONE:

*Reading, the Canary in the Mind* 1

### LETTER TWO:

*Under the Big Top: An Unusual View  
of the Reading Brain* 15

### LETTER THREE:

*Deep Reading: Is It Endangered?* 35

### LETTER FOUR:

*“What Will Become of the Readers  
We Have Been?”* 69

### LETTER FIVE:

*The Raising of Children in a Digital Age* 105

### LETTER SIX:

*From Laps to Laptops in the First Five Years:  
Don't Move Too Fast* 128

### LETTER SEVEN:

*The Science and Poetry in Learning  
(and Teaching) to Read* 150

LETTER EIGHT:  
*Building a Biliterate Brain* 168

LETTER NINE:  
*Reader, Come Home* 188

*Acknowledgments* 207

*Credits* 213

*Notes* 215

*Index* 249