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Martha is the president of Sound Readers®, a company she founded to disseminate information about dyslexia, and to provide Orton-Gillingham/Structured Literacy training to teachers and tutors to help them bring evidence-based, reliable, and valid research about beginning reading instruction into practice. Martha also currently teaches Language Arts courses for Georgian College's Early Childhood Education program.

Martha helps teachers reach students through multisensory, structured, and playful approaches to beginning reading instruction that have been demonstrated for almost a century to help students with dyslexia and other reading disabilities to gain literacy skills. She has presented thousands of hours of training to over 20 000 teachers, tutors, and parents over the past 20 years, and is renowned for her energetic, knowledgeable, and practical presentations that inspire teachers to implement what they learn with enthusiasm.

Martha is also the creator, publisher, and distributor of *Sound Readers® Crazy Cards* - card games that have been praised internationally for helping children link the sounds, spellings, and meanings of words through a fun game, making learning to read easier, more effective, and fun for all ages.

For sixteen years, Martha was also the *Early Literacy Specialist* with the Simcoe County Ontario Early Years system. In this capacity, she produced a multitude of free early learning resources for educators and parents to help them understand the many facets of early literacy right from birth, how to identify young children who may be at risk for later reading struggles, and what we can do to help all children gain the skills needed to be well prepared for success in school later on.

And finally, Martha is the mother of two adult boys (one with dyslexia and ADHD) and a school-aged daughter, all of whom give her the passion she has for making learning to read easier, more effective, and fun!