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Review

This book is a very valuable tool for individual teachers and the collaborative teams they are working so hard to further develop. The chapters beautifully align and offer a very strong guideline for the planning and implementation process for mathematics instruction and assessment. --Pamela Richards, Teacher on Special Assignment, Secondary Mathematics & Science, Visalia Unified School District, Visalia, California

This book is a significant addition to the PLC at Work library *a Learning by Doing* for mathematics. The power of the Common Core does not reside in the actual standards, but in how these rigorous learning outcomes impact classroom instruction and student learning. Kanold, Kanold-McIntyre, Larson, and Briars describe with specificity and simplicity the essential work teacher teams must do before, during, and after a unit of study to ensure every student succeeds. I only wish this book was available when I taught middle-school mathematics! --Mike Mattos, Educational Author and Consultant

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