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Martha is the creator of *LetsGetReadingRight.com*, and is the founder, owner, and CEO of *Sound Readers*® (Barrie ON). She offers introductory Orton-Gillingham/Structured Literacy/Science of Reading courses and resources for teachers and administrators to help them bring evidence-based, reliable, and valid research about beginning reading instruction into practice.

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 25 000 teachers, administrators, speech-language pathologists, early childhood educators, tutors, and parents over the past 25 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*, a set of 25 different card games that have been carefully structured by spelling patterns that move from simple to complex. These card games have been praised by teachers internationally for 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.

And finally, Martha is the mother of two adult boys (one with dyslexia, DLD, 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!