

# Dr. Kathy G. Short

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## The Dangers of Reading Globally

Global literature offers the potential of opening children's and teachers' minds to multiple ways of living in the world and to intercultural understanding. Asking readers to read outside their comfort zones, however, can instead hold danger and perpetuate stereotypes and misunderstandings. We can address these dangers through acting on our social responsibilities as bookmakers, readers, and educators to balance individual voice with group responsibility and to determine if our actions could cause harm to readers' understandings of a culture. Recognizing these dangers is essential if we are to realize the possibilities.



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