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"For decades, Gerald Lieberman has been at the forefront of environment-based learning. The concept, which has acquired several names over the years, is essentially this: children and young people learn best when their time in the classroom is augmented by experiences in the wider community . . . School should be more than a polite form of incarceration; it should be a portal to a wider world. Gerald Lieberman's ongoing work underscores the right of a whole child to feel and be fully alive." — From the Foreword by **Richard Louv**, author of *Last Child in the Woods*

"Jerry has been a true pioneer for decades, breaking trail for the rest of us. What makes his work so impressive is that he not only conceives and writes about new K–12 education models, he finds effective ways to actually implement them on a significant scale. This book recounts some of those great adventures, and provides an indispensable map for any teacher or administrator who seeks new ideas for how to prepare students for the challenges of the 21st century." — **James L. Elder**, director, Campaign for Environmental Literacy

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