The second edition of Literacies continues to provide a comprehensive introduction to literacy pedagogy within today's new media environment. It focuses not only on reading and writing, but also on other modes of communication, including oral, visual, audio, gestural, tactile and spatial. Increased coverage of grammar, phonics and spelling has been integrated into this edition along with a comprehensive discussion of topics such as Multiliteracies and critical literacy.

Current Australian Curriculum content, such as achievement standards and language, literature and literacy curriculum strands, is integrated throughout, and the US Common Core State Standards are also included. In addition, a new chapter addressing cross-curricular priorities of the Australian Curriculum (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures), and a new chapter on literacies standards and assessment that incorporates assessment technologies, have been included. 'Making written meanings' is further explored in two separate chapters that cover both reading and writing.

New features include:

- coverage of the latest curriculum developments
- learning outcomes for each chapter
- additional practical classroom activities
- activities integrated with the text's website.

Videos and additional activities are provided on the book's website at literacies.com.

Literacies features the experiences of both teachers and students and provides a range of methods that teachers can use with students to develop their capacities to read, write and communicate. This book is a contemporary and invaluable resource for primary and secondary pre-service teachers and literacy students.

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