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He is the author or co-author of several professional books including *Learning with Zachary* (Scholastic), *Spelling in Use* (NCTE), *Volunteers Working with Young Readers* (NCTE), *The Writing Workshop: Working Through the Hard Parts* (NCTE), *Learning Under the Influence of Language and Literature* (Heinemann) *Reading Aloud Across the Curriculum* (Heinemann), *Climb Inside a Poem* (Heinemann) *Cracking Open the Author's Craft* (Scholastic), *Unwrapping the Read Aloud* (Scholastic), *Bullying Hurts: Teaching Kindness Through Read Aloud and Guided Conversations* (Heinemann), *The Writing Teacher's Troubleshooting Guide* (Heinemann), and *Writers ARE Readers: Flipping Reading Strategies into Writing Instruction* (Heinemann).

Lester is also the author of several children's books including: *The Sunsets of Miss Olivia Wiggins*, *Trevor's Wiggly-Wobbly Tooth*, *Saturdays and Tea Cakes*, *Jake's 100th Day of School*, *Snow Day!*, *Three Hens and a Peacock* (2012 Children's Choice K-2 Book of the Year Award), *The King of Bees*, and a forthcoming book titled *The Enormous Egg*.