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For More Information:
- *Every Child a Super Reader: 7 Strengths to Open a World of Possible,* by Pam Allen & Ernest Morrell. Scholastic Inc., 2016.
- *Open a World of Possible: Real Stories About the Joy and Power of Reading,* edited by Lois Bridges. Scholastic Inc., 2014.
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