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Bio

Dr. Teresa May is a sociologist, advocate, and Executive Director of the Margaret Byrd Rawson Institute. Mentored by Margaret Byrd Rawson, an early educational and dyslexia pioneer, she brings over 30 years of experience as a parent, educator, and educational reform leader. As a mother of two dyslexic sons—and dyslexic herself—she has fought for equity in education from local schools to the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court. Her work focuses on dismantling systemic barriers to evidence based reading instruction and empowering parents, teachers, and policymakers to recognize dyslexia not as a deficit, but as a different way of learning that demands a different way of teaching.

Ideal Audience

- Parents of struggling readers
- Teachers, literacy specialists, and school leaders
- Education reformers, policymakers, and advocacy organizations
- Neurodiverse individuals and allies

Suggested Interview Topics

- The Dyslexia Divide: Why schools still fail to teach kids to read
- Margaret Byrd Rawson's Legacy: the Orton-Gillingham approach to the science of reading and the art of teaching in action
- Why Teacher Training is Failing Our Kids
- From Parent to Supreme Court Petitioner: One family's fight for educational justice
- Reading Is a Civil Right: What the literacy crisis reveals about public education
- How Politics Sabotage Science in Education

Why Book Me?

- 30+ years in dyslexia education and advocacy
- Personal and professional expertise as a sociologist and parent
- Speaker, author, and leader of an institute honoring a legendary educator
- Featured in academic publications and educational reform conversations
- Comfortable speaking with warmth, depth, and clarity to all audiences

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