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#### About the Author

A popular workshop presenter and winner of NCTE's James Moffett Award in 2010, **Gretchen Bernabei** has been teaching kids to write in middle school and high school classrooms for more than thirty years. In addition to four other professional books and numerous articles for NCTE journals, she is the author of National Geographic School Publications' *The Good Writer's Kit*, as well as *Lightning in a Bottle*, a CD of visual writing prompts.

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