

West Virginia Reading Association Conference at the Greenbrier Resort *Katie Garner-November 18, 2021*



Katie Garner, M.Ed. is the author of the best-selling book [Secret Stories® Cracking the Reading Code with the Brain in Mind](#) as well as several other popular teacher resources. As an internationally known keynote speaker, author and literacy consultant with thirty years of experience working in classrooms across the US and Canada, Katie shares her passion for infusing neuroscience into both literacy and learning.

Her “backdoor-to-the-brain” approach to fast-tracking phonics skills for reading ([via the social and emotional learning systems](#)) shifts the paradigms associated with early literacy instruction. Katie's fast-paced, dynamic presentations spotlight brain-based strategies for aligning existing reading/phonics curriculum with the science of reading and how our brains learn best. Her practical and proven methods for bringing neuroscience into the forefront of literacy and learning have been shared in both lecture and panel discussions at Harvard University and MIT, and have been the subject of numerous professional journal articles.