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BIOGRAPHY

My name is Dwayne Vega. I teach 7th grade English Language Arts and Reading. I used to be in the Army, but then I became a teacher.

Neil Gaiman says, "I don't think there is such a thing as a bad book for children. Every now and again it becomes fashionable among some adults to point at a subset of children's books, a genre, perhaps, or an author, and to declare them bad books, books that children should be stopped from reading. I've seen it happen over and over; Enid Blyton was declared a bad author, so was RL Stine, so were dozens of others. Comics have been decried as fostering illiteracy."

I agree with what he says—there isn't any substitute for reading and I want to guide people along the path of literacy.

Stephen King says, If you want to be a writer, you must do two things above all others: read a lot and write a lot. There's no way around these two things that I'm aware of, no shortcut."

Kings words haunt my classroom. Through the crucible of writing instruction, we, at RSA, will mold literate scholars ready to take on the challenges an increasingly fraught world.