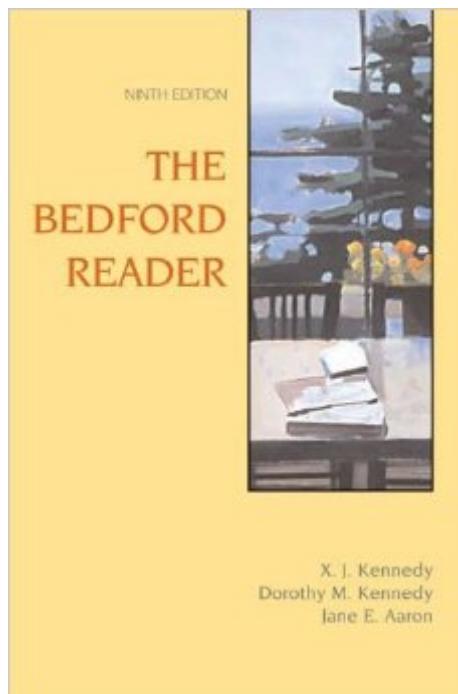


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I was required to get this book for an Intermediate Composition course in college and it has to be the best college textbook I have ever had. First there is a wide variety of stories to choose from and at least one will appeal to everyone. Even though it is a educational textbook I still read it in my leisure time, as well.

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My college uses this book for English Comp and Rhetoric. It is an excellent reference book, and I really enjoyed the essays. The essays in this book and questions really get you thinking and using your mind. EXCELLENT

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