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### Review

*"The Common Core Mathematics Companion, 6-8 should be readily available for every teacher of mathematics. It provides a succinct and organized way to bring the theoretical standards down to practical application for enhanced student achievement."*

(Betty Brandenburg, Retired Educator)

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*"The sample lesson-planning section provides a framework that prompts teachers to ask higher-order-thinking questions and ways to differentiate instruction. The sample planning page is also a great resource for administrators to gain an understanding of what mathematics should look and sound like in the classroom. Both the teacher and the administrator can have meaningful conversations about related standards and student learning."* (Teaching Children Mathematics)

### About the Author

**Ruth Harbin Miles** coaches rural, suburban, and inner-city school mathematics teachers. Her professional experiences include coordinating the K-12 Mathematics Teaching and Learning Program for the Olathe, Kansas, Public Schools for more than 25 years; teaching mathematics methods courses at Virginia's Mary Baldwin College; and serving on the Board of Directors for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematic, and both the Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics. Ruth is a co-author of five Corwin books including *A Guide to Mathematics Coaching*, *A Guide to Mathematics Leadership*, *Visible Thinking in the K-8 Mathematics Classroom*, *The Common Core Mathematics Standards*, and *Realizing Rigor in the Mathematics Classroom*. As co-owner of Happy Mountain Learning, Ruth specializes in developing teachers' content knowledge and strategies for engaging students to achieve high standards in mathematics.

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