

The truth about reading. *

* The Invisible Crisis Hiding in Plain Sight.

From Emmy-Award winning director Nick Nanton comes a new eye-opening documentary film that highlights the stories of two people who didn't learn how to read and write until they were adults. Filled with powerful emotion, a deep sense of urgency, and an overarching spirit of hope, The Truth About Reading brings light to a hidden crisis and compels audiences to take action to end illiteracy once and for all.

FEATURING

David Chalk- Closing Keynote

David Chalk has had a successful career developing and promoting technologies. He is someone who many believed had everything - but he didn't. In 2021, at the age of 62, David learned to read and write. David's journey is featured in this documentary, and he will share his riveting story with the audience immediately following the screening.



John Corcoran

At age 48, John Corcoran was a husband, father, college graduate and school teacher who didn't know how to read. He carried the burden of this secret with him for his whole life, believing that he had to hide the truth. Finally, one day, he opened up about his struggles to a tutor at the local library, where he then began adult literacy lessons and learned to read and write.

The John Corcoran Foundation produced The Truth About Reading.



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Natalie Wexler

Natalie Wexler is an education writer, speaker and the author of "The Knowledge Gap: The Hidden Cause of America's Broken Education System—And How to Fix It".



Tracy White-Weeden

Dr. Tracy White-Weeden, President & CEO of Neuhaus Education Center is a seasoned leader dedicated to advancing literacy success for all and academic excellence for children. Dr. White-Weeden is also a relentless literacy advocate who frames literacy as a fundamental human right.



Lacey Robinson

As President and Chief Executive Officer, Lacey Robinson sets UnboundEd's vision for equity-driven national change as she carries the pride and tears of her enslaved ancestors and the native sons and daughters of this sacred land to this work.



Emily Hanford

Emily Hanford has been working in public media for more than two decades as a reporter, producer, editor, news director and program host. Her groundbreaking podcast episode Hard Words, on why children aren't being taught to read, was a winner of the inaugural Public Service award from EWA in 2019.

