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#### Review

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"*Compelling American Conversations* is a great textbook for teaching conversational American English to ESL learners. I highly recommend it as either a main textbook or as supplementary material for any ESL instructor to use with intermediate to advanced level students who want to improve their oral skills." ~ Eva Owen, EFL/ESL Instructor

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**Nathan Albright**, Edge Induced Cohesion

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#### From the Author

*Compelling American Conversations*, our third conversation textbook for English language learners, builds on expanded social media and lessons learned over the last five years. This intermediate ESL book contains many suggested activities from readers of our first book: *Compelling Conversations: Questions and Quotations on Timeless Topics*.

*Compelling American Conversations*, an intermediate American English textbook, will help students feel more comfortable in English and improve fluency. The many conversation activities will help English students to:

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- \* Listen to each other and respond to questions
- \* Become more comfortable speaking English
- \* Use common conversation starters
- \* Learn how to continue conversations on many current and timeless topics
- \* Discover and use new vocabulary words
- \* Memorize some American sayings and some old proverbs
- \* Discuss ideas by studying classical and modern quotations
- \* Express your opinions and support your statements
- \* Find and share Internet resources about living in the United States

- \* Speak English with greater confidence
- \* Enjoy learning about your classmates and yourself

We hope that with ***Compelling American Conversations***, American English language learners will ask more questions, speak more in their workplaces, and create their own compelling conversations - inside and outside English classes.

- Eric Roth, Toni Aberson, and Hal Bogotch, Co-authors, ***Compelling American Conversations***

From the Inside Flap

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~ Nathan D. Crandall, M.A., Founder, The Fluency Coach

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