Recommended Text Complexity Book: Grades 5-12

**Rigorous Reading: 5 Access Points for Comprehending Complex Texts**
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Call it close reading, call it deep reading, call it analytic reading—call it what you like. The point is, it’s a level of understanding that students of any age can achieve with the right kind of instruction. In Rigorous Reading, Nancy Frey and Doug Fisher articulate an instructional plan so clearly, and so squarely built on research, that teachers, schools, and districts need look no further:

1. Purpose & Modeling  
2. Close & Scaffolded Reading Instruction  
3. Collaborative Conversations  
4. An Independent Reading Staircase  
5. Performance

Also included are illustrative classroom video and an online Facilitator’s Guide.