

## **Praise for *Rigor by Design, Not Chance***

Karin Hess's book is a must for anyone incorporating rigor in their classrooms and schools. She balances research-based content with practical examples to ensure classroom implementation. If you are implementing rigor in your classroom, this is a great addition to your library.

—Dr. Barbara Blackburn, author of numerous books,  
including *Rigor Is Not a Four-Letter Word*

Karin Hess brings as sharp a lens as I have ever seen to student understanding, assessment, and engagement. She brings rare and illuminating precision to the structure and language of classroom assessment practices. It would be impossible to read this book and not become a better teacher—right away.

—Ron Berger, senior advisor,  
Teaching & Learning, EL Education

Karin Hess has written a well-researched and valuable book on strategies to help teachers purposefully incorporate much-needed rigor into teaching and learning. This must-have book is rich with practical brain-friendly suggestions that promote student engagement to make learning meaningful and enjoyable.

—Dr. David Sousa, author of more than 20 books,  
including *How the Brain Learns* and *Brain-Friendly Assessments*

With the clarity of a long-time practitioner, Hess shares the principles and practices needed for shifting traditional K–12 pedagogy toward the deeper learning students need to become lifelong learners and successful adults. Educators need the mindsets and tools to dig into this challenging work. The book provides compelling rationales, explains essential teacher moves, and offers dozens of strategies to put them into practice. It's an outstanding text for teacher preparation programs or professional learning communities.

—Eliot Levine, research director, Aurora Institute and author  
of *One Kid at a Time: Big Lessons from a Small School*