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TO TEACH COMPREHENSION, 2-6

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True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others at whatever cost.

ARTHUR ASHE

This book is dedicated to all the teachers who've purposely made it their lives' work to teach in higher-needs schools and lower-income areas—those genuine superheroes, with whom I'm fortunate to work on a daily basis.

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