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Welcome to the newest edition of *The Adult Learner*. It is an honor to have Malcolm Knowles in this updated and seventh edition. *The Adult Learner* has been a core work on adult learning for over 30 years. Our goal has been for it to remain a classic in the field of adult learning and human resource development.

We approached the task of continuing to update this classic book with care and thoughtfulness. In shaping this revision, we think it is still important to preserve Malcolm's work and insights as close to their original form as possible. Thus, just as in the 5th edition, you will find that Part 1 of this edition (Chapters 2–6), entitled "The Roots of Andragogy," are nearly identical to Chapters 1–5 of the 4th edition of *The Adult Learner*. We have carried out only minor copyediting and formatting to preserve Malcolm's original thinking. Chapter 1 and Part 2 (Chapters 7–11), entitled "Advancements in Adult Learning," are our new contributions to the book. In addition, Part 3, "Practice in Adult Learning" has been updated and expanded.

Highlights of the seventh edition include: expanding the chapter on the Future of Andragogy to more fully address progress in measuring Andragogy; light edits to chapters in the Roots of Andragogy section originally written by Malcolm Knowles to enhance readability; the addition of two new readings on Andragogy around the world; and a new reading on a theory of computer-based instruction for adults. In addition, we have prepared a set of powerpoint slides for each chapter which will be available to anyone adopting the book for classroom use. We hope you will agree that we have only improved upon the very successful 6th edition.

Each of the three parts of *The Adult Learner* have their own style. While the voices are varied, the messages are harmonious. The messages