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I have worked in disadvantaged schools for years. We know that many kids from poor families often do not have access to novels and they start school way behind the eight ball in terms of literacy and numeracy. Teachers are working really hard to redress the imbalance with many students. Many schools teach to the test, like schools are not like schools. League tables damage disadvantaged schools and ill informed readers of League tables assume the leading schools are better schools. Better for what? It's not a level playing field.