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## What We Really Value

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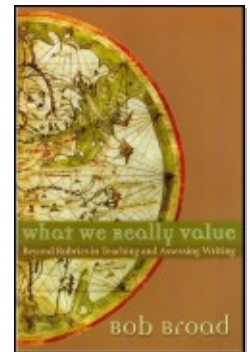
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If these predictions prove true and my book turns out to be useful, then I will feel rewarded beyond measure. For now, I wish to re-direct that reviewer's poetic tribute into a blessing on my readers and the good they will do with the book. May *What We Really Value* help you make the work you do—learning, teaching, and assessing composition—more satisfying and more real.

. . . the thing worth doing well done  
has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.

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The pitcher cries for water to carry  
and a person for work that is real.