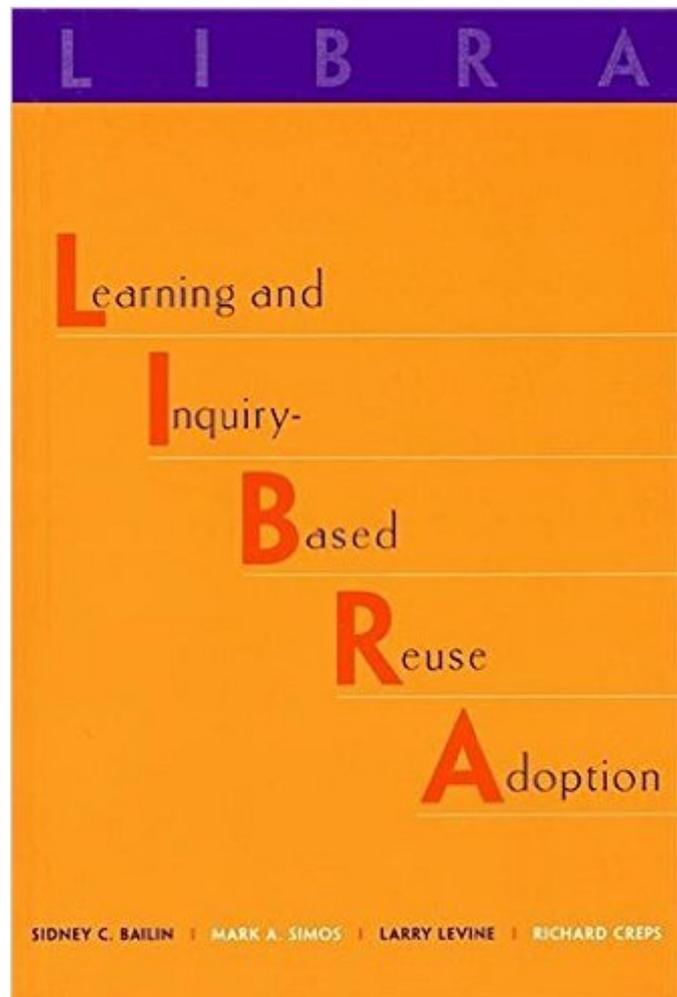


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# LIBRA: Learning And Inquiry-Based Reuse Adoption



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