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Editorial Review

Review

"This book will make you laugh, make you shake your head in disbelief, and keep you amazed. Most important, this book will help you become a more enlightened and effective educator as you gracefully sidestep difficult situations by remembering the practical lessons within these pages." (Jennifer Brooks, Fourth-Grade Teacher 2008-01-04)

"Examines and creates awareness of the social and psychological implications of teachers' responses to students. The author provides real-life scenarios and purposeful commentaries addressing these interactions." (Anissa Pennick, Counselor 2008-01-08)

"I was able to reflect on my own teaching experience and actions, which resulted in a conscious effort to be more positive with my students." (Nicole D. Anderson, Second-Grade Teacher 2008-01-08)

From the Author

This book will help educators gain valuable insight into how to be a more sensitive and effective teacher by analyzing the mistakes of others. All teachers make mistakes - use of uninformed strategies, impulsive acts, unconventional discipline tactics, inadvertent slights, remarks in jest, and more - and often they're unaware of the impact and long-term effects of their words and actions. Teachers may do and say things that traumatize students, leaving them psychologically scarred from childhood on into adulthood.

Learn how to avoid the most prevalent and hurtful mistakes so that so that students can be more successful learners. The book features over 300 scenarios from teachers recounting their worst experiences as students. In 25 Biggest Mistakes Teachers Make and How to Avoid Them, she presents brief scenarios in the former students' own words and follows each with an Rx -a prescription for a better solution. These recommendations are based on the author's many years of teaching and sound educational theory.

The result: an important teaching tool for professional and staff development workshops, for pre-service teachers, practicing teachers, administrators, counselors and all others concerned with effective teaching.

The scenarios are organized into six sections: - Discipline - Teacher-Student Relations - Classroom Policy and Practices - Classroom Management and Instruction - Personality and Professionalism - Teaching Style and Behavior

The solutions and recommendations provide teachers with a map to successfully navigate the academic terrain. Whether used for professional or staff development workshops or as a tool for individual teachers, this book offers alternative strategies that will help create better teachers. This book is appropriate for anyone who works with children and may be of interest to anyone who has ever sat in a classroom.

About the Author

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