



Reflections of a Hispanic Teacher: Resistance to Class and Racial Oppression in the Classroom. (Paperback)

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Berkeley and Floricanto Presses, United States, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English. Brand new Book. This is a joint publication of Berkeley ad Floricanto Presses. This book articulates a critical-progressive perspective of American education dealing with the real issues in the classroom. These are reflections of a Hispanic teacher-a Puerto Rican immigrant who experienced his family's struggle to ensure he was well educated-based on a praxis of twenty-one years of teaching in the trenches of the South Bronx and in the City of Yonkers. He posits children need to be taught individually; their intellectual, emotional, and behavioral needs cannot fit into a one-size-fits-all model and their individual needs met in a non-negative context. Systems, such as MicroSociety, that contextualize schools in an economics-based environment recognize a false social order, trap children in a system that in reality is littered with racism and classism, promote consumerism and same-ism, and stymie creative expression. He analyzes the postures of blaming the teachers for failures in a system that punishes already failing schools instead of encouraging them (No Child Left Behind); a lack of middle-class values or apathetic work ethic in poor families-a misnomer; indeed, these children are growing up in hard-working families that...

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