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About Our Schools

Improving on previous best

Tim Brighouse and Mick Waters

Examines in detail the turbulent years of education policy and practice from the late 1970s to the present day – and sets out what policy-makers and education leaders can do to enable our schools to improve on their previous best.

Foreword by Danny Dorling.

Through revealing and forthright interviews with 14 secretaries of state – from Kenneth Baker to Michael Gove and Gavin Williamson, together with many other leading figures in education – Tim Brighouse and Mick Waters provide fascinating insights into the various evolutions and revolutions that have taken place in English state education since 1976.

In so doing they highlight key areas for improvement and assess where we should go from here to enable teachers and schools to improve the learning and broaden the horizons of each and every one of their pupils – whatever their talents, challenges, advantages or problems.

"About Our Schools is a masterpiece, and I shall be returning to it again and again."
– **Mary Myatt, education writer, speaker and curator of Myatt & Co**



Twice a chief education officer – once in Oxfordshire and once in Birmingham, each time for 10 years – and leader of the London Challenge, **Tim Brighouse** says he has learned from most of his many mistakes as a teacher, teacher educator and administrator. He believes in the power of teachers and schools to change the world for the better.

A former head teacher, **Mick Waters** has worked in teacher education and at policy levels in both local and national government. Over time he has been asked to work in the UK and abroad to develop revised policy and practice for leadership, teacher education, governance and classroom teaching.

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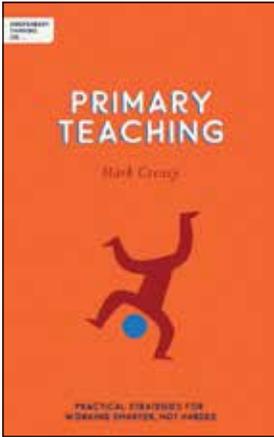
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Mark Creasy is an Independent Thinking Associate and experienced primary school teacher. His contemporary and down-to-earth style of teaching has allowed him to view learning as a tool, not a rule, to ensure that his pupils are given the right to an education that suits their needs and maximises their potential for future success. Mark is also the author of *Unhomework*, which challenges the orthodoxies about work outside the classroom.

Independent Thinking on Primary Teaching

Practical strategies for working smarter, not harder

Mark Creasy

Paints a vivid picture of life in a primary school and shares top tips on how to enrich children's learning at no extra cost to teachers' time or the school budget.

Foreword by Ian Gilbert.

Primary school teachers are working harder than ever, and have more and more to do in the finite time they have with their pupils, but Mark Creasy believes it doesn't need to be like this.

With rare experience in both primary and secondary phases and at leadership as well as classroom levels, Mark is ideally placed to comment on what works and what doesn't – and in this book he urges teachers to recognise that there is another way.

Essential reading for primary school teachers.

"I would highly recommend this book to primary teachers everywhere." – **Helen Martin, Executive Director, Gateway Alliance**

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A Head Full of Ethos

A holistic guide to developing and sustaining a positive school culture

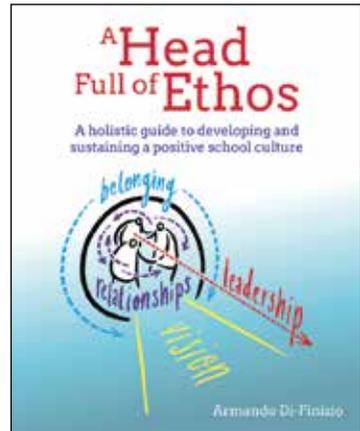
Armando Di-Finizio

A head teacher's insightful account of how to go about developing a shared vision and blending it into a school's culture and day-to-day running.

This thoughtful book examines the first steps towards creating a sustainable school ethos that will become the bedrock on which a school can build in order to inspire its students to flourish and its staff to grow professionally. This requires a deep understanding of the relationship between the school's vision and its underpinning principles, and how this translates into the strategic direction and day-to-day operations of the school.

Armando Di-Finizio weaves his experiences and the lessons he's learned from three decades of successful school leadership into an engaging illustration of the principles which have supported him in his varied settings. In so doing, he explores the key elements that contribute to nurturing a positive school ethos and cultivating a healthy teaching and learning environment.

"Armando shares his experience in a way that will be helpful to anyone who wants to run their school on truly educational principles." – **Mick Waters, Professor of Education, University of Wolverhampton**



Armando Di-Finizio has, over the course of his career, taught in seven schools in deprived areas of London, Bristol and Cardiff. With a guiding conviction that every child can go on to flourish in life, Armando has successfully led three schools from being among the lowest performing in the country to achieving outcomes well above expectations. Armando's innovative practices have been successfully applied in the many schools he has worked with and supported over the years.

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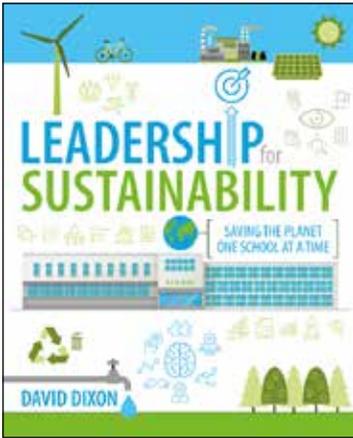
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Dr David Dixon was a full-time primary teacher for 15 years before becoming a head teacher for the following two decades. In that time, he promoted the twin causes of environmental education and sustainability, which formed the central ethos of his schools. David is now a freelance education consultant, specialising in curriculum and leadership and helping individual schools to link sustainability with school improvement more generally.

Leadership for Sustainability

Saving the planet one school at a time

David Dixon

A stirring and informative greenprint to help school leaders play their part in making their schools more environmentally friendly and thus better places to learn for all.

This book is a rallying cry for all schools to unleash their potential to deliver a brighter future for both their pupils and society at large.

It sets out how school leaders can embed eco-friendly practices in the day-to-day running of their schools that will also contribute to overall school improvement, including that recognised by inspectors. David weaves his guidance around the 'five Cs of sustainability' – captaincy, curriculum, campus, community and connections – to position sustainability as a natural vehicle for developing a type of fully integrated learning ecology and culture for the benefit of all.

Suitable for school leaders, teachers and teacher trainers.

"Leadership for Sustainability provides school leaders with an inspiring 'greenprint' for embedding sustainability throughout school communities." – **Dr Elizabeth Rushton, Associate Professor of Education, UCL Institute of Education**

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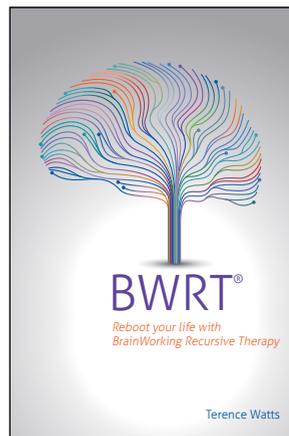
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Suitable for anyone wanting to rewire their psychological responses to life's challenges.

"The book truly contains the possibility to change your life in deep and profound ways." – **Dr Tony Fitzgerald, PhD, founder of Predicting Better**



Terence Watts is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, and the only psychology related therapist to have been awarded the MCGI (Member of the City & Guilds Institute). Founder of the Essex Institute of Clinical Hypnosis, The Terence Watts BWRT Institute and The British BrainWorking Research Society, he is an international lecturer and trainer and runs popular online training seminars.

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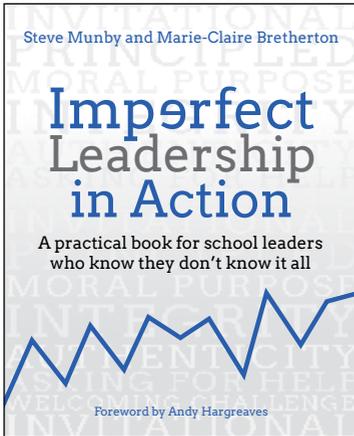
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Steve Munby has spent his whole career in education, first as a teacher and then as an adviser and inspector before moving into leadership. Between 2005 and 2017 he was chief executive first of the National College for School Leadership in England and then of Education Development Trust, an international education charity. He is now a self-employed consultant and speaker on leadership and on system reform.

Marie-Claire Bretherton trained as a teacher before becoming a head teacher in Lincolnshire, where she led three very different schools to secure improved outcomes for pupils, including in the most challenging of circumstances. She is now Director of School Improvement for Anthem Schools Trust in England, as well as the Education Director for KYRA.

Imperfect Leadership in Action

A practical book for school leaders who know they don't know it all

Steve Munby and Marie-Claire Bretherton

Designed to help leaders pursue imperfect leadership as something to be celebrated and as a foundation for success.

Foreword by Andy Hargreaves.

In *Imperfect Leadership in Action*, Steve has teamed up with Marie-Claire Bretherton to delve in more detail into a broad range of themes under the umbrella of imperfect leadership. Writing with sparkling clarity, the authors explore the approach's key principles and share engaging exercises and inspiring case studies which give voice to a wide range of experiences from across the education sector.

Suitable for all those in or aspiring to leadership positions in education.

"Imperfect Leadership in Action will be a constant and reassuring guide for many in our schools." – **Rt Hon Baroness Estelle Morris, former Secretary of State for Education**

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The Wolf was Not Sleeping (Police Care UK edition)

Avril McDonald

Illustrated by Tatiana Minina;
With a foreword from His
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The Wolf was Not Sleeping is a heartwarming bedtime story specially written by Avril McDonald to soothe the anxiety of children whose parents work as first responders and to encourage conversations which help them manage trauma. This book has a dedication from HRH Prince William and features characters from the police force.

There are lots of ways in which we can tell or show people how we are feeling – and if we can name a feeling, then we can tame a feeling.

Part of Avril McDonald's Feel Brave series – little stories about big feelings.

An ideal bedtime read for young children whose parents are first responders.

"This book is dedicated to you, the children of police families and the grown-ups you love. It is here for you when you might be feeling scared or worried about them. Be proud of the important part your family plays in keeping us all safe from trouble or harm."
HRH Prince William.



Avril McDonald is the bestselling, award-winning author of the Feel Brave series of books and founder of Feel Brave. Avril has a Diploma of Education from Wellington College of Education, New Zealand, where she trained as a primary school teacher majoring in music and dance. She then had a varied career in digital entertainment before launching Feel Brave to give teachers and parents simple and practical strategies to help children with their emotional well-being. Her free '1 Dose/Day' emotional well-being programme for children is now used in more than 350 schools across ten countries. Avril is an official partner of the New Zealand Life Education Trust and Patron of Westminster Children's University.

From every sale of the book, a 50p donation will be made to Police Care UK.

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Chris Dyson is the proud head teacher of Parklands Primary School in Seacroft in Leeds. Chris was brought up in a single-parent household and received free school clothes and free school meals himself as a child, which has meant that the connection between his early life and that of Parklands' pupils is rooted in common experience. Chris believes that education is the key to making the future brighter, and he is fuelled by a desire to provide his pupils with the best education and opportunities possible.

Parklands

A school built on love

Chris Dyson

A heartwarming account of Parklands School's transformative journey towards becoming a safe, loving environment in which all of its learners can thrive.

If anything can bind together nearly 400 pupils and 100 school staff in challenging circumstances, it's love. And love is in plentiful supply at Parklands.

In this inspiring book, head teacher Chris Dyson shares the story of how he has steered the school towards the seemingly impossible educational dream of high achievement, personalised support and complete inclusion. He explains how the school setting can be a place where there is love but also hope and relentless ambition for children, and reflects on the steps that he and his staff have put in place to make this a reality for Parklands' pupils.

An uplifting read for all teachers and school leaders.

"We can't all be Chris, but we can all learn from the way he works." – **Mary Myatt, education writer, speaker and curator at Myatt & Co**

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Bringing Forth the Bard

A guide to teaching Shakespeare in the English classroom

Zoe Enser

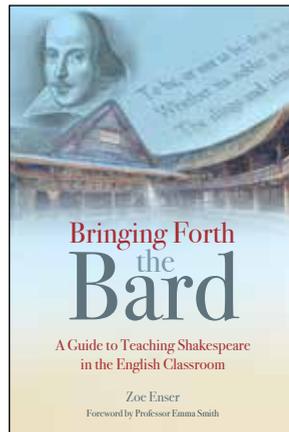
Links together the golden threads which run through Shakespeare's work and highlights how teachers can best explore these with students.

Foreword by Professor Emma Smith.

Zoe Enser equips busy teachers with the core knowledge that will enable them to make links between the themes, characters, language and allusions in Shakespeare's oeuvre. Each chapter includes tips on how to bring his plays to life in the classroom, and features case studies from practising teachers in a range of contexts to illustrate how they can ensure that their students develop an appreciation of his work – moving beyond the requirements of exams and empowering them to engage in the discussion around his influence and enduring appeal.

Suitable for teachers of English in all phases.

"A tour de force: an essential guide to help ensure that our students receive the best teaching when it comes to approaching Shakespeare." – **Stuart Pryke, co-author of *Ready to Teach: Macbeth***



Zoe Enser was a classroom teacher for 20 years, during which time she was also a head of English and a senior leader with a responsibility for staff development and school improvement. She is now the lead specialist English adviser for Kent working with The Education People and is an evidence lead in education (ELE). Zoe also writes for *TES* and is the co-author of *Fiorella & Mayer's Generative Learning in Action* and *The CPD Curriculum*.

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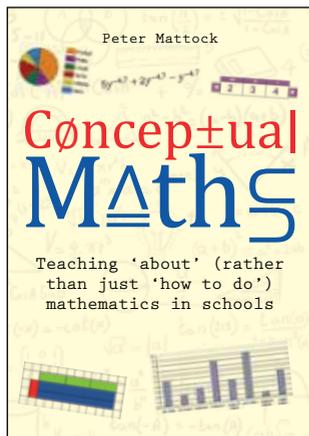
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Peter Mattock has been teaching maths for over 15 years. He is a specialist leader of education (SLE) and an accredited secondary maths professional development lead, who regularly presents at conferences across the country. Peter also develops teaching for mastery in the secondary school classroom, having been part of the first cohort of specialists trained in mastery approaches by the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM).

Conceptual Maths

Teaching 'about' (rather than just 'how to do') mathematics in schools

Peter Mattock

Empowers teachers to support students on a coherent journey through school mathematics, showcasing the best models, metaphors and representations along with excellent examples, explanations and tasks that can be used across the curriculum.

Concepts are at the heart of the study of mathematics. They are the ideas that remain constant whenever they are encountered, but which combine and build upon each other to create the mathematical universe. It is the structure of each concept that gives rise to the procedures that are used in calculation and problem-solving – and by learning about these structures, a learner can make sense of how different processes are doing what they do, using them flexibly as need demands.

In *Conceptual Maths*, Peter delves into a broad range of topic areas – covering addition/subtraction, multiplication, division and factors, measures, accuracy, probability, shape and transformation among many others.

Suitable for teachers of maths in primary, secondary and post-16 settings.

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Chess for Schools

From simple strategy games to clubs and competitions

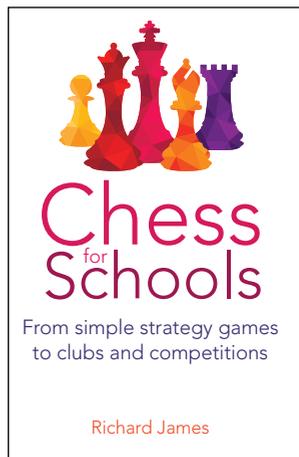
Richard James

Presents a new approach to promoting chess in primary schools which, by introducing the concepts through a series of mini games, will enable all children to better understand and enjoy chess.

Chess is a game of extraordinary excitement and beauty, with an impressive literature, history and heritage accumulated over the past thousand years. All children should have the opportunity to learn this wonderful game, and indeed many claim that playing abstract strategy games such as chess provides a wide range of cognitive and social benefits – such as improvements in problem-solving ability and communication skills.

However, Richard James argues that, because of the complexity of chess, most younger children would gain more benefit from simpler chess-based strategy games and incremental learning. In this practical handbook, Richard provides a wide range of games and puzzles appropriate for primary schools based on these principles and explains how teachers can identify children who would benefit from starting young.

An ideal resource for primary and secondary school teachers wanting to introduce their pupils to chess.



Richard James has been teaching and organising chess for children since 1972. Between 1975 and 2006, Richard ran the highly successful Richmond Junior Chess Club, whose members included Luke McShane, Jonathan Rowson and other future grandmasters. He is also the author of *Chess for Kids* and *The Right Way to Teach Chess to Kids*, and has written extensively on chess history and trivia.

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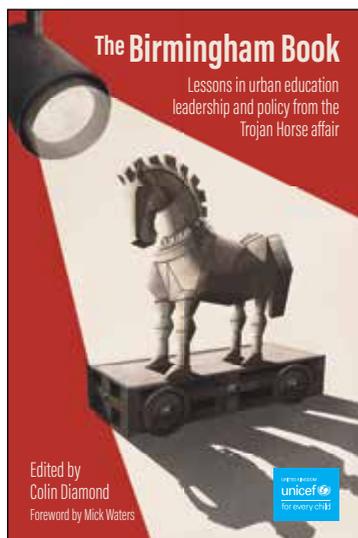
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Colin Diamond, CBE has worked in education leadership roles for over 40 years, including two director of education posts, and as a senior civil servant in Whitehall. Colin took up post as Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Birmingham in 2018 and is passionate about inclusion and social justice, always mindful of his childhood in Liverpool.

The Birmingham Book Lessons in urban education leadership and policy from the Trojan Horse affair

Colin Diamond

Shines a spotlight on what really happened during the Trojan Horse affair, and shares informed insights into how its exposure made Birmingham's schools (and the nation's) better and safer.

The Trojan Horse affair sent shock waves across England's education system in 2014. The affair centred around an anonymous letter that contained instructions on how to take over schools with a majority Muslim population by influencing their governing bodies and undermining head teachers. The authenticity of the letter remains hotly disputed, yet its publication generated huge turbulence – both in Birmingham's schools and communities, and in Parliament and the national news.

Edited by Colin Diamond, *The Birmingham Book* offers fresh perspectives based on unique access to information from within the city, written by respected educationalists who have worked successfully in Birmingham for many years during the Trojan Horse era and since.

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40 Ways to Diversify the History Curriculum

A practical handbook

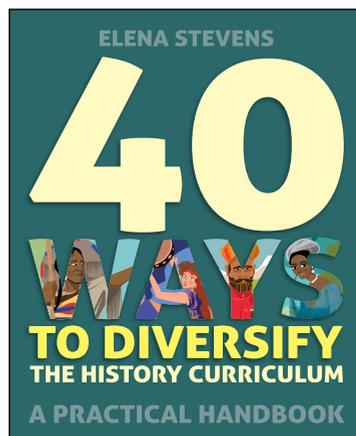
Elena Stevens

A practical, wide-ranging compendium of enquiries and case studies that helps history teachers diversify, reimagine and decolonise the history curriculum.

In writing this book, Elena Stevens' aim is to respond to calls for a more diverse, decolonised curriculum – calls which have become more insistent following the reinvigoration of the Black Lives Matter movement, the #MeToo movement and other landmark events.

Highlighting the lived experiences of women, the working classes, and BAME and LGBTQ+ communities in particular, *40 Ways to Diversify the History Curriculum* draws upon a wide range of personal stories to exemplify significant historical moments and shed new light on topics that have traditionally been taught through narrower lenses. The book serves as a resource bank for teachers wishing to enliven and diversify history lessons at Key Stages 2–3, GCSE, A level and beyond.

Suitable for teachers of secondary school and Key Stage 2 history.



Elena Stevens is a secondary school teacher and the history lead in her department. Having completed her PhD in the same year that she qualified as a teacher, Elena loves drawing upon her doctoral research and continued love for the subject to shape new schemes of work and inspire students' own passions for the past.

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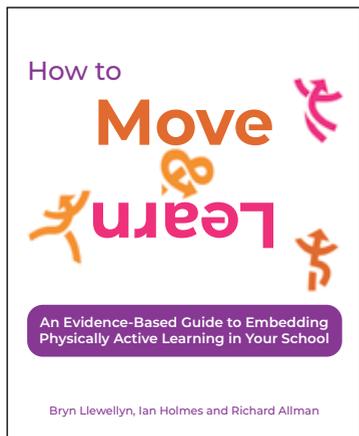
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Bryn Llewellyn is the founder of Tagtiv8, having previously worked in various UK schools for 25 years as a teacher, deputy head and acting head teacher.

Ian Holmes is a former head teacher who ensured physical activity and the related benefits sat at the heart of the school's culture and ethos.

Richard Allman is a former specialist leader of education (SLE) and senior leadership team member. As a PE specialist he delivered CPD to school leaders, teaching staff and initial teacher training (ITT) students.

How to Move & Learn

An evidence-based guide to embedding physically active learning in your school

Bryn Llewellyn, Ian Holmes and Richard Allman

A practical guidebook that provides primary school teachers and leaders with the know-how and confidence to embed more movement-based approaches in their teaching and learning.

Foreword by Dr Andy Daly-Smith.

We already know that increased physical activity and a reduction in the sedentary time spent sitting at desks have wide-ranging benefits (including to brain function), so what if there were also evidence that using movement in the learning process improves outcomes for children? What if we could then map out ways to support teachers in adapting their practice to make this a reality?

The links between health and education are paramount, and this book explores these connections and presents a wealth of ideas, activities and resources to help teachers unlock the potential of the school and outdoor environments for learning across all curriculum subjects.

Suitable for all primary school teachers and leaders.

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Outside Chance (Don't Doubt the Rainbow 2)

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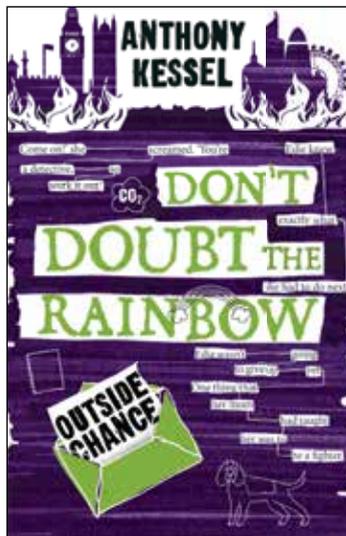
The second book in the Don't Doubt the Rainbow series, *Outside Chance* is a fast-paced YA thriller in which teen detective Edie Marble is tasked with solving two very different but equally puzzling mysteries.

It's been three months since 13-year-old Edie solved her mother's murder and became a supersleuth.

One evening Edie is babysitting for a neighbour, Donna, who has repeatedly caught sight of an estranged friend from overseas. What is troubling Donna, however, is that it seems she's been in the same place at the same time as this friend on a number of occasions over the past few days. Meanwhile, Edie's school friend Harry Coranger is suspicious of his stepfather, who has become involved with ultra-radical anti-capitalists who, furious at the state of the planet and its greed-fuelled decline, are plotting an audacious double atrocity.

Utilising her brave instincts and skills as a supersleuth for hire, Edie sets about resolving the mysteries and averting the crises that she is confronted with – as she comes to realise that things often happen outside of chance, and outside of our understanding and control.

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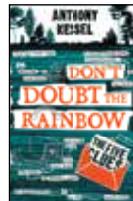


Professor Anthony Kessel is a public health physician, academic and author. Since 2019 Anthony has been working in a national role as Clinical Director (National Clinical Policy) at NHS England and NHS Improvement. Anthony is an international authority on public health, a Trustee director of BookTrust, and also advises other charities on global health and mental health.

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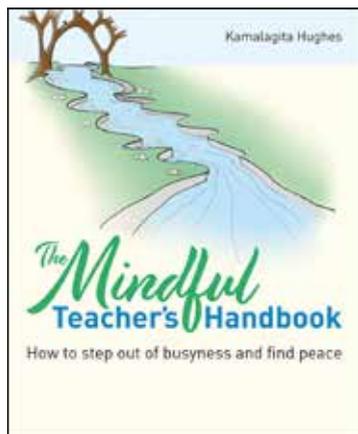
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Kamalagita Hughes has been practicing mindfulness for 25 years and teaching it for 15. She is a qualified teacher and lecturer with substantial experience in the classroom and in teacher training, further education and higher education. Kamalagita is also the education lead for Mindfulness in Action and a lead trainer for the Mindfulness in Schools Project (MiSP).

The Mindful Teacher's Handbook

How to step out of busyness and find peace

Kamalagita Hughes

A practical guide to mindfulness that will empower teachers and school staff to take better care of their well-being and find calm in the day-to-day hustle and bustle of the school setting.

When we're on an aeroplane, the on-board safety instructions tell us that in the event of an emergency we should put on our own oxygen mask first – and only then help those around us. The same is true for well-being: we need to look after ourselves in order to be a resource for others. This is especially the case in busy, high-pressure environments such as our classrooms and schools, where burnout is a real concern for teachers and leaders, who all too often relegate their own self-care to the bottom of the to-do list.

The Mindful Teacher's Handbook is a practical and engaging resource to help everyone in schools bring mindfulness into their lives in a meaningful way.

Suitable for teachers, teaching assistants and school leaders.

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Independent Thinking on Nature-Based Learning

Improving learning and well-being by teaching with nature in mind

Alexia Barrable

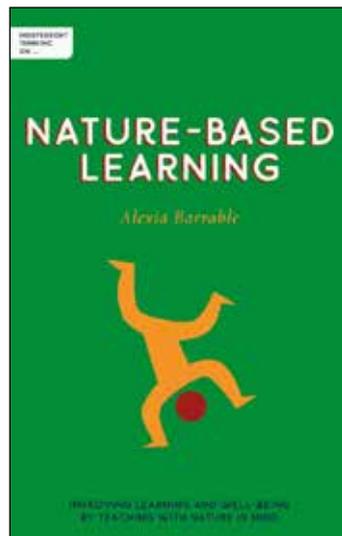
An engaging and insightful take on how educators can deliver more outdoor- and nature-oriented learning opportunities for the benefit of their pupils' mental and physical well-being.

Foreword by Ian Gilbert.

At a time of unprecedented challenges in relation not only to the climate crisis but also to children's and adolescents' mental health, connecting to nature offers an accessible and desirable way forward for today's learners – especially those living in urban surroundings.

Featuring practical advice, case studies and discussion of original theory, this book aims to inspire, motivate and stimulate educators to engage with alternative approaches to teaching in the outdoors and with nature in mind – and in such a way that promotes students' learning and fosters a long-lasting relationship with nature.

Suitable for teachers and outdoor-learning leaders in early years through to secondary schools.



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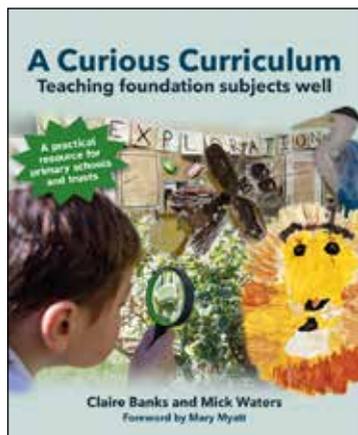
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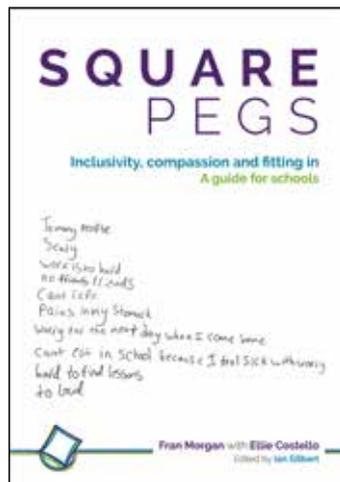
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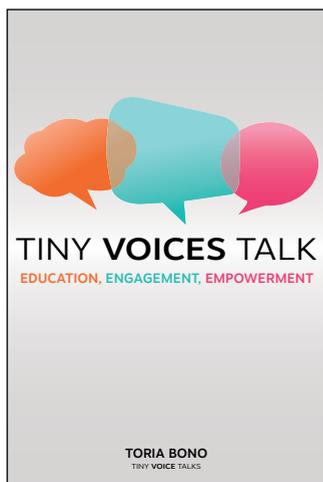
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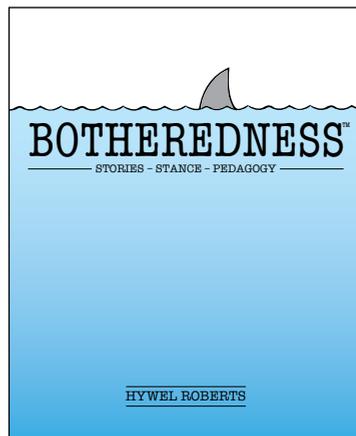
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