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How We Can Achieve Unprecedented Improvements in Teaching and Learning New Press, The
An analysis of urban education argues that conditions have worsened for inner-city children, looking at how liberal education is being replaced by high-stakes

testing procedures, culturally barren and robotic methods of instruction, and harsh discipline.

Results Now HarperCollins

A Message from Mike Rowe, the Dirty Jobs Guy: Just to be clear, *About My Mother* is a book about my grandmother, written by my mother. That's not to say it's not about my mother—it is. In fact, *About My Mother* is as much about my mother as it is about my grandmother. In that sense, it's really a book about

“mothers.” ...It is not, however, a book written by me. True, I did write the foreword.

But it doesn't mean I've written a book about my mother. I haven't. Nor does it mean my mother's book is about her son. It isn't. It's about my grandmother. And my mother. Just to be clear.—Mike A love letter to mothers everywhere, *About My Mother* will make you laugh and cry—and see yourself in its

reflection. Peggy Rowe's story of growing up as the daughter of Thelma Knobel is filled with warmth and humor. But Thelma could be your

mother—there's a Thelma in everyone's life. She's the person taking charge—the one who knows instinctively how things should be. Today Thelma would be described as an alpha personality, but while growing up, her daughter Peggy saw her as a dictator—albeit a benevolent, loving one. They clashed from the

beginning—Peggy, the horse-crazy tomboy, and Thelma, the genteel-yet-still-controlling mother, committed to raising two refined, ladylike daughters.

Good luck. When major league baseball came to town in the early 1950s and turned sophisticated Thelma into a crazed Baltimore Orioles groupie, nobody was more surprised and embarrassed than Peggy. Life became a series of compromises—Thelma

tolerating a daughter who pitched manure and galloped the countryside, while Peggy learned to tolerate the whacky Orioles fan who threw her underwear at the television, shouted insults at umpires, and lived by the orange-and-black schedule taped to the refrigerator door. Sometimes, we 're more alike than we know. And in case you 're wondering, Peggy knows a thing or two about dirty jobs herself...

An Open Language
Bedford/St. Martin's
In "Everyday Antiracism,"
leading educators deal with
the most challenging
questions about race in
school, offering invaluable
and effective advice.

Contributors including
Beverly Daniel Tatum,
Sonia Nieto, Pedro
Noguera, and others.

About My Mother Teachers
College Press

The award-winning account of

how America's educational system fails its students and what can be done about it Remedial, illiterate, intellectually deficient—these are the stigmas that define America's educationally underprepared.

Having grown up poor and been labeled this way, nationally acclaimed educator and author Mike Rose takes us into classrooms and communities to reveal what really lies behind the labels and test scores. With rich

detail, Rose demonstrates innovative methods to initiate "problem" students into the world of language, literature, and written expression. This book challenges educators,

policymakers, and parents to re-examine their assumptions about the capacities of a wide range of students. Already a classic, *Lives on the Boundary* offers a truly democratic vision, one that should be heeded by anyone concerned with America's future.

"A mirror to the many lacking perfect grammar and spelling who may see their dreams translated into reality after all."

-Los Angeles Times Book Review "Vividly written . . . tears

apart all of society's prejudices about the academic abilities of the underprivileged." -New York Times

The Mind at Work

Vintage

America's 200-year-old high school grading process is outdated, haphazard, and subjective and has been subverting American education, and yet grades control students' access to the widest variety of educational and career opportunities. This book provides a guide for parents wanting to make sure that their high school students aren't denied opportunities as a result of archaic practices.

Living Literacy The

New Press

In Living Literacy

Michael Rose maps out how our command of the written word is threatened by inappropriate electronic media and fundamental flaws in the education system. He investigates the nature of literacy and how it relates to child development, and examines what really works in preparing for and teaching literacy. His wise and thoughtful book will help teachers and parents to prepare children for the transition to literacy through conversation, story, song and play, ensuring that formal reading and writing are introduced in a relevant and living way.

Writer's Block

Vintage

It's a statistic that's sure to

surprise: close to 45 percent of postsecondary students in the United States today do not enroll in college directly out of high school and many attend part-time.

Following a tradition of self-improvement as old as the Republic, the "nontraditional" college student is becoming the norm. *Back to School* is the first book to look at the schools that serve a growing population of "second-chancers," exploring what higher education--in the

fullest sense of the term--can offer our rapidly changing society and why it is so critical to support the institutions that make it possible for millions of Americans to better their lot in life. In the anecdotal style of his bestselling *Possible Lives*, Rose crafts rich and moving vignettes of people in tough circumstances who find their way; who get a second . . . or third . . . or even fourth chance; and who, in a surprising number of cases, reinvent

themselves as educated, engaged citizens. Rose reminds us that our nation's economic and civic future rests heavily on the health of the institutions that serve millions of everyday people--not simply the top twenty universities in U.S. News and World Report--and paints a vivid picture of the community colleges and adult education programs that give so many a shot at reaching their aspirations.

Why Everyone Deserves a Second Chance at Education
Catapult
An "invaluable"

memoir by a counselor who left the elite private-school world to help poor and working-class kids get into college (Washington Monthly). Winner of the Studs and Ida Terkel Award Joshua Steckel left an elite Manhattan school to serve as the first-ever college guidance counselor at a Brooklyn public high school--and has helped hundreds of disadvantaged kids gain acceptance. But getting in is only one part of the drama. This riveting work of narrative nonfiction follows the lives of ten of Josh's students as they navigate the vast, obstacle-ridden landscape of college

in America, where almost superhuman students for whom the drive—but then forges stakes of education a path that are highest find challenges received unequal access and wisdom about the inadequate support. value of an elite Among the students we liberal arts meet are Mike, who education. At a time writes his essays when the idea of from a homeless “college for all” is shelter and is torn hotly debated, this between his longing book uncovers, in to get away to an heartrending detail, idyllic campus and the ways the American his fear of leaving education system his family in fails in its promise desperate as a ladder to circumstances; opportunity—yet Santiago, a talented, provides hope in its motivated, and portrayal of the undocumented student, intelligence, who battles resilience, and bureaucracy and low everyday heroics of expectations as he young people whose seeks a life outside potential is too the low-wage world of often ignored. “A manual labor; and profound examination Ashley, who pursues of the obstacles her ambition to faced by low-income become a doctor with students . . . and

the kinds of reforms needed to make higher education and the upward mobility it promises more accessible."

–Booklist

Resources for Teaching Critical Strategies for Academic Thinking and Writing MIT Press

A top economist weighs in on one of the most urgent questions of our times: What is the source of inequality and what is the remedy? In *Giving Kids a Fair Chance*, Nobel Prize-winning economist James Heckman argues that the accident of birth is the greatest source of inequality in America today.

Children born into disadvantage are, by the time they start kindergarten, already at risk of dropping out of school, teen

pregnancy, crime, and a lifetime of low-wage work. This is bad for all those born into disadvantage and bad for American society. Current social and education policies directed toward children focus on improving cognition, yet success in life requires more than smarts. Heckman calls for a refocus of social policy toward early childhood interventions designed to enhance both cognitive abilities and such non-cognitive skills as confidence and perseverance. This new focus on preschool intervention would emphasize improving the early environments of disadvantaged children and increasing the quality of parenting while respecting the primacy of the family and

America's cultural diversity. Heckman shows that acting early has much greater positive economic and social impact than later interventions—which range from reduced pupil-teacher ratios to adult literacy programs to expenditures on police—that draw the most attention in the public policy debate. At a time when state and local budgets for early interventions are being cut, Heckman issues an urgent call for action and offers some practical steps for how to design and pay for new programs. The debate that follows delves deeply into some of the most fraught questions of our time: the sources of inequality, the role of schools in solving social

problems, and how to invest public resources most effectively. Mike Rose, Geoffrey Canada, Charles Murray, Carol Dweck, Annette Lareau, and other prominent experts participate. *Bruny Bedford/St. Martin's*

A stunning, hilarious memoir from beloved comedian Jo Koy, “far and away one of the funniest people out there” (Chelsea Handler). *Mixed Plate* illuminates the burning drive and unique humor that make Jo Koy one of today’s most successful comedians. Includes never-before-seen photos. Well guys, here it is—my story. A funny, sad, at times pathetic but

also kick-ass tale of embraced the
how a half-Filipino, craziness of my
half-white kid whose family, which I
mom thought (and always thought was
still thinks) his uniquely Filipino but
career goal was to turns out is as
become a clown became universal as it gets.
a success. Not an In this book, I'll
overnight success, take you behind the
because that would mic, behind the
have made for a curtain—OK, way
really short read, behind it. From
but an All-American growing up with a mom
success who could who made me dance
give my immigrant mom like Michael Jackson
the kind of life she at the Knights of
hoped for when she Columbus, to some
came to this country, real dark stuff, the
and my son the kind stuff we don't talk
of life I wished I'd about often enough as
had as a kid. With immigrants. Mental
all the details of health, poverty,
what it felt like to drinking. And show
get the doors closed you the path to my
in my face, to grind American Dream. Which
it out on the road was paved with a lot
with my arsenal of of failure,
dick jokes, and how department store
my career finally raffle tickets to win
took off once I free color

televisions, bad jokes, old VHS tapes, a motorcycle my mom probably still hates, the only college final I aced (wasn't math), and getting my first laugh on stage. There's photo evidence of it all here, too. In this book, I get serious about my funny. And I want to make you laugh a little while I do it. I'm like Hawaii's favorite lunch—the mixed plate. Little bit of this, a little bit of that. My book *Mixed Plate* is too.

Personal Narrative, Revised ASCD

The author shared personal reflections, anecdotes, wisdom, and guidance in his letters to Francesca, a first-year teacher, as he attempted to help her deal with the challenges she faced and encouraged her to do her best.

Hearts of the Mountain St.
Martin's Press

We are in an era of radical distrust of public education. Increasingly, we turn to standardized tests and standardized curricula—now adopted by all fifty states—as our national surrogates for trust. Legendary school founder and reformer Deborah Meier believes fiercely that schools have to win

our faith by showing acclaimed schools are they can do their built, famously, job. But she argues around trusting just as fiercely that teachers-and students standardized testing and parents-to use is precisely the their own judgment. wrong way to that Meier traces the end. The tests enormous educational themselves, she value of trust; the argues, cannot give crucial and the results they complicated trust claim. And in the between parents and meantime, they teachers; how undermine the kind of teachers need to education we actually become better judges want. In this of each others' work; multilayered how race and class exploration of trust complicate trust at and schools, Meier all levels; and how critiques the we can begin to ideology of testing 'scale up' from the and puts forward a kinds of successes different vision, she has created. forged in the success *When a Writer Can't Write* Penguin stories of small The statistics are a public schools she total surprise to and her colleagues most: 45 percent of have created in postsecondary school Boston and New York. students did not These nationally enroll directly out of

high school. Many are part-time students, people who are returning to school after life intervened, or otherwise nontraditional learners—and this segment is growing. *Back to School* is the first book to look at this population of second chancers," in a work that *Make* magazine calls optimistic yet simultaneously realistic." Written in the anecdotal style of his bestselling *Possible Lives*, veteran educator Mike Rose paints a vivid picture of the community colleges and adult education programs that give millions of Americans a shot at reaching their aspirations. Chapters treat topics from remedial education and bridging the academic-

vocational divide to the economic and social benefits of returning to school, the importance of second-chance education for democracy, and the college-for-all debate. Throughout, Rose combines what *Education Digest* calls a rich and moving vignettes of people in tough circumstances who find their way" with what *Publishers Weekly* calls highly practical areas for improvement in higher ed., such as orientation programs, occupational schools, physical campus layouts, and pedagogical training for new teachers." The result is a book Tavis Smiley says examines the role of nontraditional college students and the pivotal role they have

in shaping the economy's future." Mixed Plate Cambridge University Press
How far would your government go? A right-wing US president has withdrawn America from the Middle East and the UN. Daesh has a thoroughfare to the sea and China is Australia's newest ally. When a bomb goes off in remote Tasmania, Astrid Coleman agrees to return home to help her brother before an upcoming election. But this is no simple task. Her brother and sister are on either side of politics, the community is full of conspiracy theories, and her father is quoting Shakespeare. Only on Bruny does the world seem sane. Until Astrid discovers how far the government is willing to go. Bruny is

a searing, subversive, brilliant novel about family, love, loyalty and the new world order. Praise for The Museum of Modern Love: 'A glorious novel, meditative and special in a way that defies easy articulation.' Hannah Kent, author of Burial Rites 'Audacious and beautiful.' Dominic Smith, author of The Last Painting of Sara de Vos 'I adored it, and it is my book of the year so far.' Amanda Rayner, Readings Reviews '... coruscates with captivating energy ... Incisive, beautiful, and precise.' Foreword Reviews, starred review 'Captivating ... a gem of a novel.' Library Journal, starred review 'Deeply involving ... profound ... emotionally rich and thought-

provoking.' Booklist, starred review'With rare subtlety and humanity, this novel relocates the difficult path to wonder in us all.' The Christina Stead Prize 2017'Profound ... a tender meditation on art, love, grief, and life.' Bustle'An unusual and lively work of fiction.'
Newsday

The Restoration of Apartheid Schooling in America Beacon Press

An Open Language chronicles the development of one of the most widely-read and influential writers in the fields of composition and education. Rose contextualizes each of the 28 selections in the book with

commentary that illuminates the historical, cultural, and personal issues at stake in his research and writing. An invaluable resource for graduate students and new scholars, this collection offers unique insight into the process of building a meaningful career – one that makes a difference both in the academy and beyond.

Reclaiming Education for All of Us The New Press

A labor strike at a lumber mill divides a town based on the author's hometown of Aberdeen, Washington. "The Land of Plenty" portrays the blue-collar workers'

struggle for existence and depicts, with sensitivity and compassion, workers and owners alike in their poverty, depravity, and their ultimate goodness. "The Land of Plenty" created a political firestorm when it was published to great success in 1935. Long out-of-print it remains one of the most graphically exciting novels of the Thirties, a lost American classic. Back to School The New Press Rereading America has remained the most widely adopted book of its kind because of its unique approach to the issue of

cultural diversity. Unlike other multicultural composition readers that settle for representing the plurality of American voices and cultures, Rereading America encourages students to grapple with the real differences in perspectives that arise in our complex society. With extensive editorial apparatus that puts readings from the mainstream into conversation with readings from the margins, Rereading America provokes students to explore the foundations and contradictions of

our dominant cultural myths. *A Handbook for the Make or Break Years - Updated Edition* University of Pennsylvania Press

A trenchant analysis of how public education is being destroyed in overt and deceptive ways—and how to fight back "There's no more time for tinkering around the edges." —Betsy DeVos, 2018

"Rethink School" tour Betsy DeVos may be the most prominent face of the push to dismantle public education, but she is in fact part of a large movement that's been

steadily gaining power and notching progress for decades—amassing funds, honing their messaging, and crafting policies. While support for public education today is stronger than ever, the movement to save our schools remains fragmented, variable, and voluntary. Meanwhile, those set on destroying this beloved institution are unified, patient, and well-resourced. In *A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door*, Jennifer Berkshire and Jack Schneider, co-hosts of the popular education

podcast Have You Heard, lay out the increasingly potent network of conservative elected officials, advocacy groups, funders, and think tanks that have aligned behind a radical vision to unmake public education. They describe the dogma underpinning the work of the dismantlers and how it fits into the current political context, giving readers an up-close look at the policies—school vouchers, the war on teachers' unions, tax credit scholarships, virtual schools,

and more—driving the movement's agenda. Finally they look forward, surveying the world the dismantlers threaten to build. As teachers from coast to coast mobilize with renewed vigor, this smart, essential book sounds an alarm, one that should incite a public reckoning on behalf of the millions of families served by the American educational system—and many more who stand to suffer from its unmaking. *Vouchers in American Education* ABC-CLIO
"Published for

Conference on College Composition and Communication" --T.p verso.
Penguin
Why School? is a little book driven by big questions. What does it mean to be educated? What is intelligence? How should we think about intelligence, education, and opportunity in an open society? Drawing on forty years of teaching and research and "a profound understanding of the opportunities, both intellectual and economic, that come from education" (Booklist), award-winning author Mike Rose reflects on these and other questions related to public schooling in America. He answers them in beautifully written

chapters that are both rich in detail and informed by an extensive knowledge of history, the psychology of learning, and the politics of education. This paperback edition includes three new chapters showing how cognitive science actually narrows our understanding of learning, how to increase college graduation rates, and how to value the teaching of basic skills. An updated introduction by Rose, who has been hailed as "a superb writer and an even better storyteller" (TLN Teachers Network), reflects on recent developments in school reform. Lauded as "a beautifully written work of literary nonfiction" (The Christian Science

Monitor) and called
"stunning" by the New
Educator Journal, Why
School? offers an
eloquent call for a
bountiful democratic
vision of the purpose
of schooling.