

Books for Educators who Teach Peace

***Teaching for Joy and Justice: Re-imagining the Language Arts Classroom,*
Linda Christensen, Rethinking Schools Publications, 2009**

What it means to teach for social justice. What happens when a teacher treats all students as intellectuals. Part autobiography, part curriculum guide and part critique. Practical, inspirational, passionate.

Rethinking Multicultural Education

Edited by Wayne Au, Rethinking Schools Publications, 2009

Best articles on race and culture in the classroom that have appeared in *Rethinking Schools* magazine over 23 years. Demonstrates a powerful vision of anti-racist social justice education. Winner of 2010 *Skipping Stones Honor Award* as one of the “finest teaching resources that promote multicultural awareness.”

Rethinking Early Childhood Education

Edited by Ann Pelo Rethinking Schools Publications, 2008

Collection of articles that make diversity, equity, inclusion and preservation of our environment integral to a quality early childhood education program.

Teaching Hope: Stories from Freedom Writers Teachers

Erin Gruwell Crown Publishing Group, 2009

Moving and inspiring stories from classroom experiences in promoting diversity, tolerance and communication in a philosophy begun by teacher Erin Gruwell in California in 1994 in the aftermath of the Long Beach riots and the Rodney King attack.

Teaching Like your Hair's On Fire: The Methods and Madness Inside Room 56

Rafe Esquith Penguin Group, 2007

Esquith, a fifth grade teacher with 25 years of experience is winner of the president's National Medal of the Arts, and the Compassion in Action Award by the Dalai Lama among other awards for his successful methods to help all children become happy, self-confident people through teaching life skills: problem solving and how to cooperate and be kind to each other. Included are how-to directions for his most effective classroom activities. A great inspirational read!

Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide

Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn Alfred Knopf, 2009

This book provides an overview of a broad range of ways in which women are oppressed worldwide and some of the measures currently being taken by various groups to provide assistance.

Unbowed: One Woman's Story

Wangari Maathai William Heinemann, 2006

A hugely charismatic humble woman with courage, tenacity, determination and humor made all the difference in the world by getting people to plant a seed and water it. She founded the Green Belt Movement and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004.

Between Two Worlds: Escape from Tyranny Growing Up in the Shadow of Saddam

Zainab Salbi and Laurie Becklund Gotham Books, 2008

A documented account of an Iraqi woman's life under Saddam Hussein's rule. Salbi is the recipient of the 2010 David Rockefeller Bridging Leadership Award, the *Forbes* Trailblazer Award and many others.