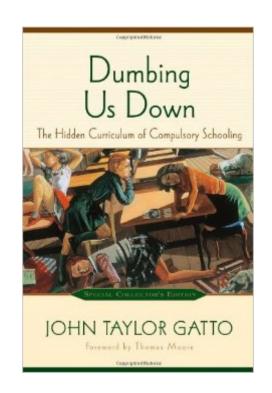
The book was found

Dumbing Us Down: The Hidden Curriculum Of Compulsory Schooling, 10th Anniversary Edition





Synopsis

With over 70,000 copies of the first edition in print, this radical treatise on public education has been a New Society Publishersâ [™] bestseller for 10 years! Thirty years in New York Cityâ [™]s public schools led John Gatto to the sad conclusion that compulsory schooling does little but teach young people to follow orders like cogs in an industrial machine. This second edition describes the wide-spread impact of the book and Gattoâ [™]s "guerrilla teaching."John Gatto has been a teacher for 30 years and is a recipient of the New York State Teacher of the Year award. His other titles include A Different Kind of Teacher (Berkeley Hills Books, 2001) and The Underground History of American Education (Oxford Village Press, 2000).

Book Information

Paperback: 144 pages Publisher: New Society Publishers; 2nd edition (February 1, 2002) Language: English ISBN-10: 0865714487 ISBN-13: 978-0865714489 Product Dimensions: 6 × 0.4 × 8.9 inches Shipping Weight: 8.8 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (342 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #12,071 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #9 in Books > Education & Teaching > Schools & Teaching > Education Theory > History #10 in Books > Education & Teaching > Schools & Teaching > Curriculum & Lesson Plans > Curricula #14 in Books > Education & Teaching > Schools & Teaching > Education Theory > Philosophy & Social Aspects

Customer Reviews

After 26 years of teaching in the New York public schools, John Taylor Gatto has seen a lot. His book, Dumbing Us Down, is a treatise against what he believes to be the destructive nature of schooling. The book opens with a chapter called "The Seven-Lesson Schoolteacher," in which he outlines sevenharmful lessons he must convey as a public schoolteacher: 1.) confusion 2.) class position 3.) indifference 4.) emotional dependency 5.) intellectual dependency 6.) provisional self-esteem 7.) constant surveillance and the denial of privacy. How ironic it is that Gatto's first two chapters contain the text of his acceptance speeches for NewYork State and City Teacher of the Year Awards. How ironic indeed, that he uses his own award presentation as a forum to attack the very same educational system that is honoring him! Gatto describes schooling, as opposed to

learning, as a "twelve-year jail sentence where bad habits are the onlycurriculum truly learned. I teach school and win awards doing it," taunts the author.While trapped in this debilitative system along with his students, Gatto, observed in them anoverwhelming dependence. He believes that school teaches this dependence by purposely inhibiting independent thinking, and reinforcing indifference to adult thinking. He describes his students as "having almost no curiosity, a poor sense of the future, are a historical, cruel, uneasy with intimacy, and materialistic." Gatto suggests that the remedy to this crisis in education is less time spent in school, and more timespent with family and "in meaningful pursuits in their communities." He advocates apprenticeships andhome schooling as a way for children to learn.

I picked up this book with some skepticism after another teacher told me that I ought to read it. After the the first essay, The Seven-Lesson Teacher, I was hooked. John Taylor Gatto eloquently says much of what I had been thinking after teaching high school science for 8 years. I had told my husband when I left teaching high school that I felt that high school could not be reformed but must be completely re-imagined. I had complained about the assembly-line approach to education in American high schools. I never felt I knew my students or understood what they hoped to accomplish in school and in my class. This is a must read for anyone involved in the education of children and especially those who have an inchoate sense that something is wrong with the way we are teaching our children. In the essays in this book, John Taylor Gatto discusses the hidden national curriculum (The Seven-Lesson Teacher) and its inevitable result. In his essay The Psychopathic School, he discusses the link between the way we teach our children and the problems they manifest (no sense of past or future, lack of ability to pay attention, no sense that anything is important, and more). The essay, The Green Monogahela, shows the reader John's background and the informal, learn-from-life way that he learned the most important lessons of his life. Finally, in We Need Less School, Not More, John discusses the difference between family and community, and pseudo-community (he calls it networks) that pervade our national institutions, as well as the importance of a real community to real education. Finally, in the Congregation Principle, John discusses the importance of difference and variety as a corrective to social mistakes and social injustice.

Download to continue reading...

Dumbing Us Down: The Hidden Curriculum of Compulsory Schooling, 10th Anniversary Edition Weapons of Mass Instruction: A Schoolteacher's Journey Through the Dark World of Compulsory Schooling Take-Down Archery: A Do-It-Yourself Guide to Building PVC Take-Down Bows,

Take-Down Arrows, Strings and More Core Curriculum for Ambulatory Care Nursing (Third Edition) (Laughlin, Core Curriculum for Ambulatory Care Nursing) Core Curriculum for Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing, 5e (Core Curriculum for Neonatal Intensive Care Nursing (AWHONN)) Manter and Gatz's Essentials of Clinical Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology, 10th Edition by Sid Gilman Published by F. A. Davis Company 10th (tenth) edition (2002) Paperback How to Cook Everything: 2,000 Simple Recipes for Great Food,10th Anniversary Edition The Flower Gardener's Bible: A Complete Guide to Colorful Blooms All Season Long; 10th Anniversary Edition with a new foreword by Suzy Bales The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life, 10th Anniversary Edition Yin Yoga: Principles and Practice — 10th Anniversary Edition Emotional Intelligence: 10th Anniversary Edition; Why It Can Matter More Than IQ White by Law 10th Anniversary Edition: The Legal Construction of Race (Critical America) The Color of Water 10th Anniversary Edition Furry Logic, 10th Anniversary Edition: A Guide to Life's Little Challenges The Biology of Belief 10th Anniversary Edition: Unleashing the Power of Consciousness, Matter & Miracles Two Old Women, 10th Anniversary Edition: An Alaskan Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival Over The Edge: Death in Grand Canyon, Newly Expanded 10th Anniversary Edition The Total Outdoorsman Manual (10th Anniversary Edition) (Field & Stream) The Complete I Ching 10th Anniversary Edition: The Definitive Translation by Taoist Master Alfred Huang The Book of Runes: A Handbook for the Use of an Ancient Oracle: The Viking Runes with Stones: 10th Anniversary Edition

<u>Dmca</u>