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Margie and Deb have taken on and succeeded in the onerous task of translating the complexities of child-centered teaching into a call for action. For classroom teachers, this book will resonate loudly and clearly the authors deep sense of practical reality and their ethical commitment to the precious state of childhood. --

*John Nimmo, author Emergent Curriculum, faculty, Pacific Oaks College Northwest*

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