

“After reading *The Teacher Chronicles* one thought seemed to dominate all of the other emotions and memories that had come flooding to the surface and that was simply...she got it right. Natalie’s book has captured the frustrations, the demands, the politics, the triumphs and dedication of teachers around the country who are doing their best to educate young adults in the face of overwhelming obstacles. This is done by simply chronicling their stories in a nonjudgmental manner and reporting them in her fascinating tome. I would recommend this book to anyone who wants to become a teacher, especially if their reasons are for its shorter workdays, lengthy summer vacations and various paid holidays. Read the teacher stories as they unfold in different parts of the country and yet there are common strands of frustration in the public school systems. This book is a reality check showing the many cracks in our educational system, as well as highlighting some amazing and dedicated teachers and administrators who are determined to educate children above and beyond their contractual job requirements. Read this book and become enlightened; allow the stories to resonate and you will begin to understand why President Obama has targeted education as one of his early priorities. Natalie Schwartz has turned the rock over and what she discovered underneath was not pretty.”

-- Alfredo C. Thomas, Director of the Ethical Culture Fieldston School’s Fieldston Enrichment Program

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“Natalie Schwartz has done an excellent job at cataloguing stories about the challenges – unnecessary challenges, usually – that have been faced by teachers at various times in their careers. If we ignore these challenges we cannot work to continue to improve our education system.”

--Deborah Trumbull, Professor, Teacher Education, Cornell University

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“If you are a teacher or know one, get a few copies of this book! It tells teacher stories...some funny, some poignant, but all familiar. I felt like I knew so many of the teachers in the book...the themes are both familiar and surprising. I need to get copies for every teacher on my gift list! If parents are interested in what typical teachers face, all across the United States, GRAB A COPY AND START READING NOW!!! Many thanks to Natalie Schwartz!”

-- Mary Yulo, Middle School Teacher:

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“*The Teacher Chronicles* by Natalie Schwartz is an intriguing read which can facilitate deeper thinking and understanding in any adult who picks up this book. After all, we are all educators. I’m a principal who believes he is approachable. Yet, when I read:

The principal has been at the school for 35 years and expected her staff to do everything a certain way. Even though Mrs. Richards was in desperate need of guidance and support, she was reluctant to approach the principal and admit she needed help for fear of making a negative impression.

it was one of many paragraphs that encouraged me to think deeper about my practice and the daily messages I send to students, staff, and parents.”

-- Kenneth L. Levy, Elementary School Principal