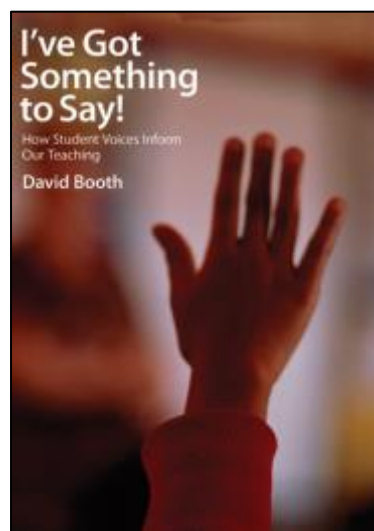


I've Got Something to Say! How Student Voices Inform Our Teaching

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Summary

This remarkable book argues that by listening to and interacting with students, teachers can more effectively support successful learning. Classrooms where student voice is genuinely valued will engage students in learning and help them to connect to issues that will affect their education.

In this timely book, teachers will learn how to inspire students to buy into their own learning by giving them a voice in determining, organising, structuring and responding to what is happening in the classroom. The book recognises the importance of including student voices and choices in exploring topics or texts of relevance, substance and interest.

Throughout the book, transcripts from significant children's classroom dialogues and conversations epitomise a rich range of classroom interactions. The book covers the nitty-gritty of creating a powerful classroom that reflects a community of voices, values story makers and nurtures group interactions. It offers unique ways of recognising voices through imagining, constructing and composing. The book maintains that when students care and are engaged, they are better able to approach each text they meet critically and creatively.

Classrooms where student voices count are a first step towards meaningful citizenship. Students will recognise when they have "voice" as participating citizens, when they are marginalised and what they can do about being heard.

I've Got Something to Say! offers practical strategies that will engage students in thoughtful dialogue and discussion as a class, in groups and with partners. These opportunities will challenge the student's personal thinking and their of their peers in meaningful ways, so that they are constantly interacting and reflecting on their learning. The book aims to deepen student participation and involvement through collaborative classroom events that can help them to find and express their authentic voice.

Other Resources

- *Literature Circle, 2nd Edition: Voice and Choice in Book Clubs & Reading Groups* (SHP6067)
- *Relationships Make the Difference* (PBP3035)