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Summary

This practical book is part food for thought, part instruction manual, part stories and scripts to explore and part encouragement to recharge reading and writing activities.

This book is not about drama... it's about new ways to inspire students offers a comprehensive approach to using role play and discussion to build language experiences that are meaningful for learners. It explores issues around storytelling, writing and imagination and shows teachers how to be effective observers and support the deeper meaning that comes from working inside and outside the text.

This authoritative resource is full of simple strategies and texts that have been chosen for their ability to engage students, get them out of chairs and let them learn actively and socially. The strategies begin with simple games and evolve into more complex learning opportunities.

- Working together – from playing games to creating rituals
- Storytelling – from exploring the storyteller's voice to moving beyond the story
- Role-playing – from writing in role to turning life experiences into drama
- Mining the story – from finding hidden stories to creating parallel stories
- Reading aloud – from presenting Readers Theatre to choral dramatization
- Sharing role-playing – from considering eyewitness perspectives to building an ensemble drama

The model texts included give teachers a great place to start. Highly readable anecdotes from real classrooms put the texts in context. These classroom glimpses illustrate the power that students can bring to their learning as they share within groups and find ways to involve their audience.

This book is not about drama is a remarkable book that shows teachers how to inspire students to experience, reflect on and express their ideas and feelings with confidence.

Other Resources

- *Inspiring the Best in Students* (110006)
- *Dramathemes, Fourth Edition: Classroom Literacy that Will Excite, Surprise and Stimulate Learning* (PBP6326)