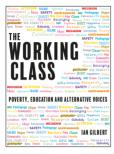
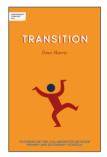
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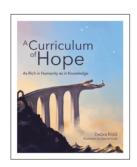
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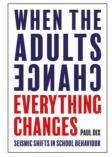
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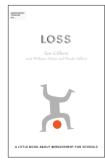
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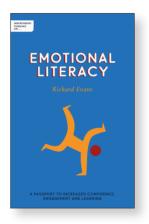


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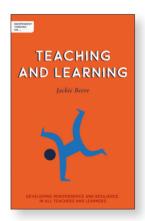


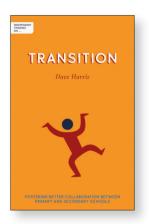
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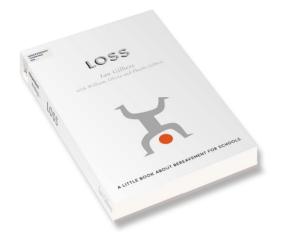








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Independent Thinking on Loss is an updated edition of The Little Book of Bereavement for Schools (ISBN 9781845904647)



Since establishing Independent Thinking over 25 years ago, Ian Gilbert has made a name for himself across the world as a highly original and award-winning writer, editor, speaker, practitioner and thinker, and is someone who the IB World magazine has referred to as one of the world's leading educational visionaries. His children – William, Olivia and Phoebe – are now in their twenties and are happy and successful. But they miss their mum.

### Richard Evans

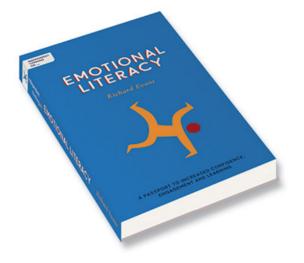
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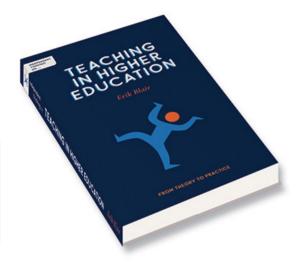
In Independent Thinking on Emotional Literacy, Richard Evans reminds every school educator that behind every child is a set of circumstances so entwined – and within them a set of emotions so involved – that to ignore them is to be complicit in any educational failings experienced by that child.



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Richard Evans is a secondary school teacher with a particular interest in, and passion for, helping pupils who struggle with literacy. A former journalist, he has spent the last decade learning from pupils in lower sets and in nurture and tuition groups – and the passport is just one of the fruits of their joint labour.





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Dr Erik Blair is Senior Lecturer in Higher Education Research and Practice at the University of West London. He has been an educator for over 20 years and has taught in universities in the UK and overseas. Erik is passionate about enhancing engagement and making every lesson enjoyable, productive and effective.

#### Crista Hazell

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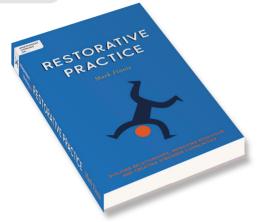
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Crista Hazell is an Independent Thinking Associate and MFL specialist with many years' experience both in the classroom and in positions of leadership. She has worked across the UK and internationally – in Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East – with students, teachers and school leaders in developing teaching, learning, relationships and behaviour.





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Suitable for school leaders, educators and anyone working with young people.



Mark Finnis is one of the UK's leading exponents of restorative practice and in 2019 he received the Chris Donovan Trust's Restorative Practice Champion award in recognition of his work. Since the mid-nineties he has been working alongside colleagues, children, young people and families in a range of settings, and he firmly believes that relationships are at the heart of everything we do. With many years' experience of working with schools, local government agencies and social services, he is in demand as a speaker and trainer – helping organisations adopt restorative practices in a way that is practical and achievable and that never loses sight of the children and young people they are all aiming to serve.

### Jackie Beere Independent Thinking on Teaching and Learning

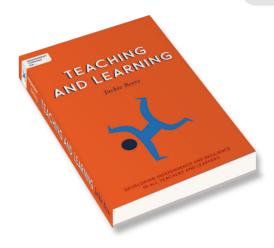
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Essential reading for all teachers and school leaders who wish to make an impact on the teaching and learning in their school.

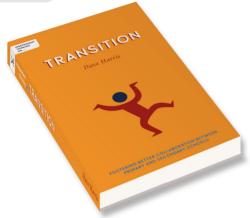
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Jackie Beere, OBE worked as a newspaper journalist before starting a career in teaching and school leadership. She was awarded an OBE in 2002 for developing innovative learning programmes and is the author of several bestselling books on teaching, learning and coaching. Since 2006, Jackie has been offering training in the latest strategies for learning, developing emotionally intelligent leadership and cultivating a growth mindset.





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Suitable for all school leaders – from heads of department and heads of year to head teachers and transition leads – in primary and secondary schools.



Dave Harris has worked for over 20 years in school leadership, including 12 years as a school principal across both primary and secondary phases. During this time he has developed a reputation for innovative thinking and practice, which he is now sharing with school leaders across the world. He is a much sought-after speaker and writer and is also Business Director of Independent Thinking.

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This is an updated edition of *The Little Book of Laughter* (ISBN 9781781350089).

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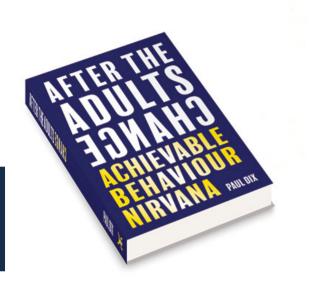
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Dave Keeling has been a professional actor and 'stand-up educationalist' for more than two decades. Whether it's leading a workshop with challenging teenagers, speaking to a hall-full of equally reluctant teachers or delivering a keynote for school leaders looking for the cure to recalcitrance, Dave never fails to leave delegates happy, moved, less stressed and feeling a great deal more motivated.



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A revolution in behaviour can be exciting, dynamic and, at times, pleasantly terrifying. But revolution is short-lived. In *After the Adults Change* Paul shows you that, after the behaviour of the adults (i.e. the staff) has changed, there is an opportunity to go wider and deeper: to accelerate relational practice, decrease disproportionate punishment and fully introduce restorative, informed and coaching-led cultures.

Paul delves into the possibilities for improvement in pupil behaviour and teacher–pupil relationships, drawing further upon a hugely influential behaviour management approach whereby expectations and boundaries are exemplified by calm, consistent and regulated adults.



As a teacher, leader and teacher trainer, Paul Dix has been working to transform the most difficult behaviour in the most challenging urban schools, referral units and colleges for the last 25 years. In addition to working directly with schools, Paul has advised the Department for Education on the teachers' standards, given evidence to the Education Select Committee and done extensive work with the Ministry of Justice on behaviour and restraint in youth custody.

### Paul Dix When the Adults Change, Everything Changes

Seismic shifts in school behaviour

Upends the debate on behaviour management in schools and offers effective tips and strategies that serve to end the search for change in children and turn the focus back on the adults.

Paul Dix talks you through the book's hugely influential behaviour management approach – an approach whereby expectations and boundaries are exemplified by people, not by a thousand rules that nobody can recall.

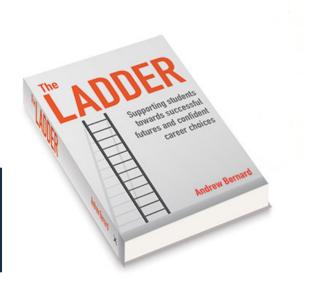
When the Adults Change, Everything Changes illustrates how, with their traditional sanction- and exclusion-led methods, the 'punishment brigade' are losing the argument. It outlines how each school can build authentic practice on a stable platform, resulting in shifts in daily rules and routines, in how we deal with the angriest learners, in restorative practice and in how we appreciate positive behaviour.



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Supporting students towards successful futures and confident career choices

This handbook contains all that educators need to know in order to be effective advocates for young people and their future aspirations, pathways and career aims.

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Based on his TEDx Talk 'Engineering Random Opportunities to Succeed', and on a 30-year career in education, entrepreneurship and directorship of National Careers Week, Andrew 'Bernie' Bernard's book *The Ladder* brings clarity, focus and ideas to educators as to how they can best start students on their own ladders to success, uncover their talents and link those talents to opportunities for growth.



Andrew 'Bernie' Bernard is an entrepreneur, a TEDx speaker, a director of both Innovative Enterprise and National Careers Week, and a Fellow of the Professional Speaking Association. Bernie – as he prefers to be known – has, since 2006, worked with schools, businesses, charities, universities and colleges to help over 150,000 young people bring their future to life through enterprise and careers workshops.

### Ian Gilbert A Tin of Thunks<sup>®</sup>

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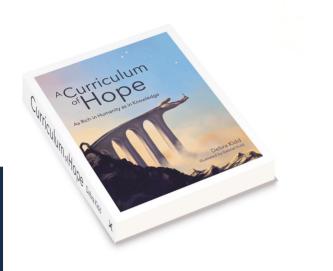
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Working on the premise that a strong curriculum is supported by five key pillars of practice – coherence, credibility, creativity, compassion and community – she presents a plethora of examples that demonstrate how schools, parents, pupils and the wider local community can learn together to build from within.

Suitable for teachers and leaders in all schools.



Debra Kidd taught for 23 years in primary, secondary and higher education settings. She is the author of three previous books – *Teaching: Notes from the Front Line, Becoming Mobius* and *Uncharted Territories* – and believes more than anything else that the secret to great teaching is to 'make it matter'. Debra has a doctorate in education and co-founded and organised Northern Rocks, one of the largest annual teaching and learning conferences in the UK.

### Darren Mead

### The Expert Teacher

Using pedagogical content knowledge to plan superb lessons

Presents an engaging, research-informed view on which teaching strategies work best to promote long-term learning in students.

'But what does this look like in the classroom?' This question generally occurs to educators when they enquire into evidence-based approaches to teaching – and often they will get to the end of a teaching manual only to find that it remains unanswered. In The Expert Teacher, however, Darren Mead provides many of the answers.

One of the most universally respected teachers in Britain, Darren lays bare the concept of pedagogical content knowledge and eloquently explains how to utilise it to overcome student misconceptions, create contexts and connections in learning and teach difficult and important content – empowering educators to transform their subject knowledge into multiple means of representing it in teachable ways.



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Darren Mead is an experienced science teacher who has been described as 'the Jimi Hendrix of teaching' and 'perhaps the most intellectually engaged of all British teachers'. Based in the north-east of England, he shares his classroom-based interpretations of research through his highly respected blog, *Sharing Pedagogical Purposes*.





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Described as having a breathtaking understanding of how to engage children, Jonathan Lear is an award-winning teacher, education consultant and author. He has worked for many years on a compelling mix of inspirational teaching strategies, and has shared his passion for learning as an advanced skills teacher, a deputy head and an Associate of Independent Thinking.

### Martin Illingworth

### Forget School

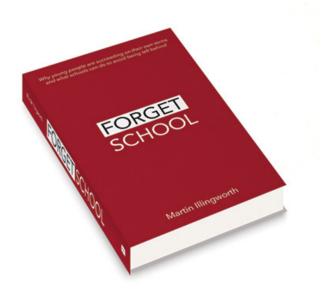
Why young people are succeeding on their own terms and what schools can do to avoid being left behind

A wide-reaching, engaging enquiry into the things that young people actually need from their education.

Schools are at a crossroads: either they respond to the real world of change, challenges and possibilities that face young people, or they become irrelevant.

Young people need to network effectively, manage their finances responsibly, and be digitally proficient and alert to the world around them. If schools do not adapt their provision to nurture these capabilities, then today's youth will increasingly turn to alternative sources to seek out the education they need.

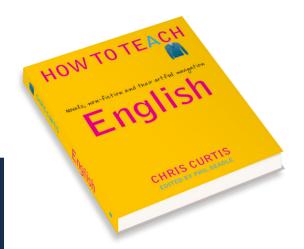
Drawing on the experiences of young self-employed adults, Martin Illingworth's *Forget School* shares key insights into the ways in which education can be recalibrated to better support young people.



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An English specialist with over 20 years' teaching experience, Martin Illingworth is a senior lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University with responsibility for English and drama PGCE. As an Independent Thinking Associate he has delivered keynote speeches and workshops across the UK, and has also worked internationally – undertaking research in Cairo, Egypt, and at the University of Toronto in Canada.





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Suitable for all English teachers of students aged 11-18.



Chris Curtis is an English teacher and head of department with over a decade's experience in education. Chris is forever reflecting on what aspects of his teaching work best for his students and, as an avid reader and blogger, is a big believer in sharing the practical solutions that he finds to tackling difficult problems in the classroom.

### Jackie Beere

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Metacognition and mindset – equipping the modern learner with the thinking, social and self-regulation skills to succeed at school and in life

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The Complete Learner's Toolkit can either be used as a stand-alone intervention or integrated into the curriculum as part of a learning culture. Jackie's aim in compiling this resource is to develop learners' independence and resilience, while also improving the quality of teaching and learning as educators commit to a focus on strategies for effective learning.

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Jackie Beere, OBE worked as a newspaper journalist before starting a career in teaching and school leadership. She was awarded an OBE in 2002 for developing innovative learning programmes and is the author of several bestselling books on teaching, learning and coaching. Since 2006, Jackie has been offering training in the latest strategies for learning, developing emotionally intelligent leadership and cultivating a growth mindset.





## Claire Gadsby and Jan Evans Dynamically Different Classrooms Create spaces that spark learning

Shows teachers how to maximise the potential of every cubic inch of the learning environment.

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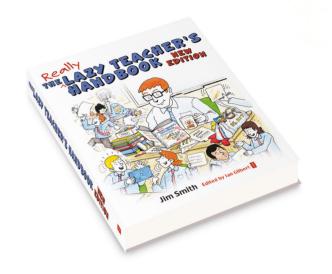
### Jim Smith

### The Lazy Teacher's Handbook - New Edition

How your students learn more when you teach less

If you want your students to learn more and you to work less, then The Lazy Teacher's Handbook provides you with all the arguments and evidence you need. This new edition is packed full of even more easy-to-apply, highly effective strategies (which Ofsted have rated as 'outstanding') all with the seal of approval from real students in real classrooms.

More than just a series of tricks, the Lazy Way is something Jim Smith has put together over years of experience working with all sorts of learners (and teachers) who want their lessons to be different yet still be rewarded with academic success. The approach was born out of Jim's frustration with doing a job he loves but being slowly killed by it in the process. And, as all good psychologists know, if necessity is the mother of invention then frustration is the absent father, and being knackered the grown-up sibling who just won't leave home.



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Jim Smith, the laziest (yet still professional) teacher in town, is a head of school, education consultant, Independent Thinking Associate, speaker and bestselling author.





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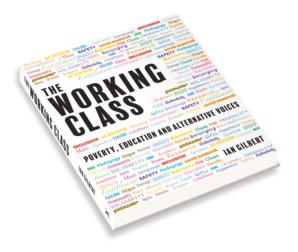
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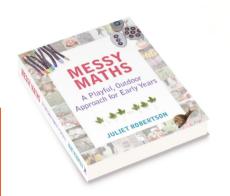
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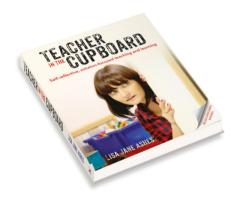
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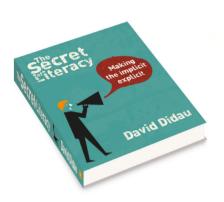


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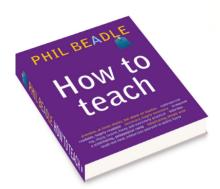
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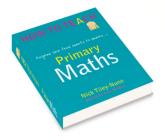
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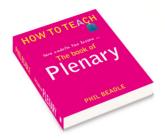
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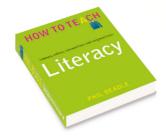
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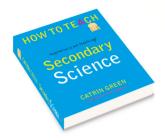
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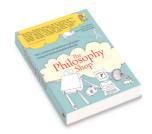
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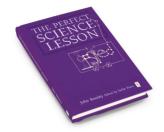
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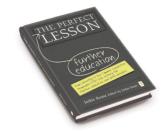
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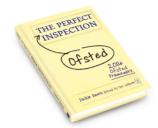
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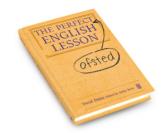
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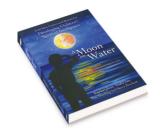
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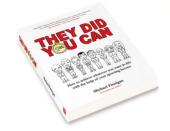
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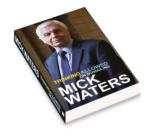
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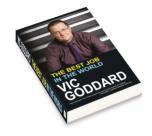
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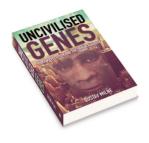
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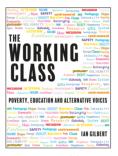
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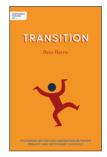
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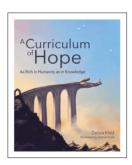
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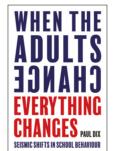
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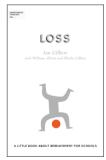
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