

Among Schoolchildren

By Tracy Kidder

Among Schoolchildren is a book by Tracy Kidder that follows a group of students through their year in an American elementary school. The book offers a unique look at the lives of both the students and their teacher, and provides insights into the challenges and rewards of teaching in today's educational climate.

Kidder spent a year embedded in a fifth-grade classroom in Holyoke, Massachusetts. He observed the students and their teacher, Ms. DiAngelo, as they went about their daily lives. He recorded their conversations, their interactions, and their thoughts and feelings about school.



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★★★★☆ 4.3 out of 5

Language	: English
File size	: 1060 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 351 pages
Lending	: Enabled



The resulting book is a rich and nuanced portrait of an American elementary school. Kidder captures the excitement and wonder of learning, as well as the challenges and frustrations that come with being a student.

He also provides a glimpse into the life of a teacher, and the dedication and hard work that it takes to create a successful learning environment.

Among Schoolchildren is a must-read for anyone who is interested in education. It is a powerful reminder of the importance of teachers, and the impact that they can have on the lives of their students.

Key Themes

- The challenges and rewards of teaching
- The importance of relationships in the classroom
- The power of learning
- The impact of poverty on education

Critical Reception

Among Schoolchildren has received widespread critical acclaim. It was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 1989, and it won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction. The book has been praised for its insights into the lives of teachers and students, and for its powerful depiction of the challenges and rewards of education.

Adaptations

Among Schoolchildren has been adapted into a television movie and a stage play. The television movie, which aired in 1993, starred Glynis Johns as Ms. DiAngelo. The stage play, which premiered in 1994, starred Eileen Atkins as Ms. DiAngelo.

Legacy

Among Schoolchildren is a classic work of American literature. It has been widely read and studied, and it has had a profound impact on the way that we think about education. The book is a powerful reminder of the importance of teachers, and the impact that they can have on the lives of their students.

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- Photo of Tracy Kidder by John Earle
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