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Learning Teaching: Becoming an inspirational teacher Pete Boyd, Barry Hymer, Karen Lockney This essential and aspirational text is aimed at all beginning teachers, whatever their training route, age phase, and setting. The book explicitly adopts and builds on a new metaphor for teachers' professional learning as interplay between the body of public knowledge and the practical wisdom of teachers within a particular school setting. It also accepts that 'telling' someone how to teach is ineffective; one needs to 'become a teacher' because it involves identity and practice. Inquiry-based critically reflective learning with a clear focus on the learning of pupils is proposed as the core strategy by which one can build knowledge and skills to become an outstanding teacher. Core topics - including planning, inclusion, teaching, assessment, and professional development - are tackled in the book in an accessible and refreshing way, using key research informed evidence. The focus is relentlessly on 'learning' rather than performance, in order to support becoming an excellent professional teacher (rather than a 'competent technician') who makes a difference to learners, colleagues, schools, and policy. Consider the book as a temporary or additional mentor that challenges the reader with different ways of thinking about learning and that provides strategies to guide professional learning. *** "It takes 10 years or more to begin to be a brain surgeon, but sometimes we get 1-3 years at most before we are allowed to work with children's brains as teachers. So we need inspirational teachers and this is the focus of this compact, powerful and insightful book. It is wonderfully designed around five of the most critical dilemmas in our classrooms: belief vs. ability; autonomy vs. compliance; abstract vs. concrete; feedback vs. praise; and collaboration vs. competition. The power of the book is that it illustrates the new move to focus on learning power - and such a focus permits every student to become smarter through effort and deep practice as they struggle with the high-challenge learning activities - in the presence of inspirational, impactful and passionate teachers. The perfect book for those who want to make most of their opportunity to enhance students' brain power." -- John Hattie, Director, Melbourne Education Research Institute *** Librarians: ebook available [Subject: Education]

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