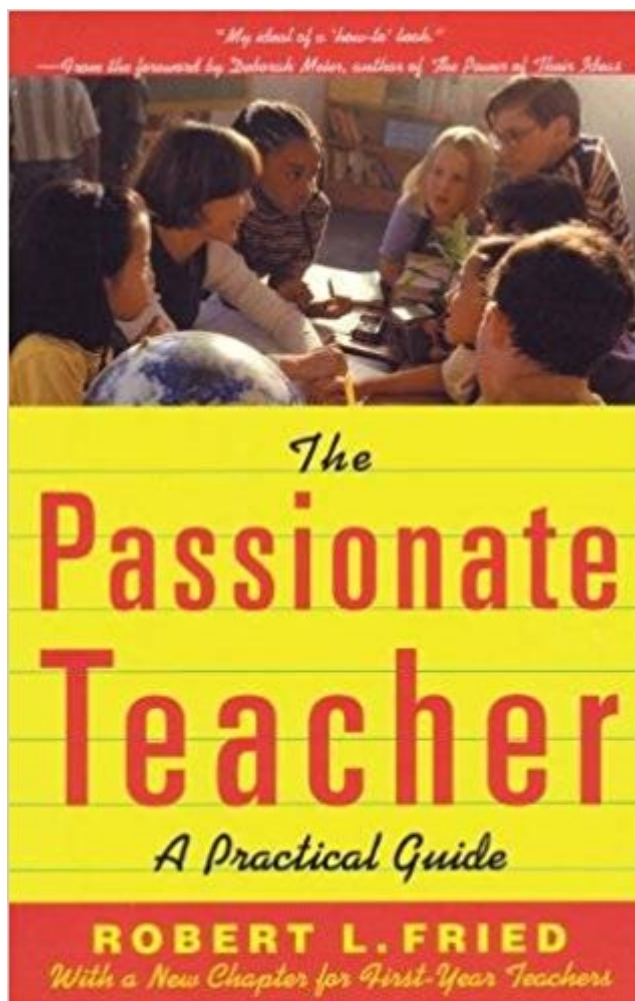


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# The Passionate Teacher: A Practical Guide (2nd Edition)



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Every teacher could be a passionate teacher—•one who engages young people in the excitement of learning and ideas—•if teaching were not being undermined by the ways we "do business" in schools. The *Passionate Teacher* draws on the voices, stories, and success of teachers in urban, suburban, and rural classrooms to provide a guide to becoming, and remaining, a passionate teacher despite day-to-day obstacles. A new afterword speaks to the special challenges facing first-year teachers. "Convinces us of the value of passion by actually taking us into classrooms where teachers dissolve student disinterest not with 'tricks' but rather with an authentic commitment to what and who they are teaching." —•Teacher Magazine "A deeply felt meditation on the vital role of passion in good teaching . . . stuffed with . . . samples, stories, interviews with good teachers, lists of things to try. . . . Fried writes about education with passionate, engrossing pragmatism." —•Anthony Rotundo, *The Washington Post* "An inspiring look at a few of the best in our profession, practical suggestions, even insights into the ruts into which we occasionally fall. This is a marvelous book. I'd like to put a half-dozen copies in my teachers' lounge!" —•Lawrence Bickford, math and computer science teacher, Hopkinton School, Contoocook, New Hampshire "This is a book filled with details, the actual stories, the tradeoffs and compromises, the breakthroughs that make teaching worthwhile. It's my ideal of a 'how-to' book." —•Deborah Meier, author of *The Power of Their Ideas* --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I purchased this book for a graduate education course. I'm always a bit dubious about these kinds of books (I also had to purchase Palmer's "The Courage to Teach," which I dislike), but I am really enjoying this book so far. (I'm only a few chapters in.) The author's ideas on passion in teaching and learning mirror my own philosophy and ideas on learning and education, which helps with the enjoyment factor I'm sure. But, the book has also helped me get a better idea of strategies I can use as an educator to both keep my students engaged and interested, and to maintain my own passion and interest in education.

Read this for a class in grad school. Learned a great deal and it taught me a lot. Love the game of school chapter the most!

It offers great insight into the world of a teacher, and demonstrates what it takes to be a great teacher. I would recommend this book to anyone looking to be a teacher, current teachers, or

anyone interested in just wanting to understand what it's like to be on the other side of being a student, i.e., an educator.

Very interesting and relate-able. A lot of methods to motivate myself as a young passionate teacher. Wish someone had introduced me to this book in college.

An easy, inspiring read and excellent for ALL levels of teaching. This book lights little candles in your heart and mind and gets you excited about experimenting. If I wasn't a teacher, this book would make me WANT to teach :).

This is perfect for any new teacher or anyone who wants to get an accurate insight into the profession.

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