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Holt . . . makes literally a thousand suggestions for opening windows to blow air from the outside world into the classroom, making it new and making it human.

- The Washington Post When teachers listened to Holt's talks, or wrote him letters as hundreds did, invariably they would say something like: "I understand what you're saying, but what can I do about this in my own classroom? What do I do on Monday?"

This book is a rich harvest of possibilities. It is an encouraging book, a book that says "there are so many things we can do. Some will seem easy, some will seem harder; do what feels possible to you, and then try something else."

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Julie says

I liked some of the ideas in this book.

Amber says

I enjoyed this book overall and gained from it what I was looking for -- detailed application ideas for Holt's approach to education. I'm glad this wasn't the first book of Holt's I read, and I probably wouldn't recommend it to others to read first, either. Much of it can get tedious with the detailed descriptions he provides of specific ideas, but the detail is good because it gives an immersive understanding of what exactly Holt envisions, precisely what changes he might make and what approaches he might take in a classroom setting. Many thoughts could be applied at home as well. Throughout the book are also many insightful, thought-provoking statements, which I've come to expect from Holt. I don't agree with everything I read, but there's a lot that's good. I definitely gained a better understanding, and I appreciate Holt's thoughtful consideration of what children really need from parents and teachers.

Thom Dunn says

John's bitterness with public education was on display when last he passed through Hamilton. Understand he went finally into home schooling. Daughter-in-law likes him, dropped out of teaching when NCL Behind left her teaching to the test and gasping. Saddest of men: teachers with ideas for improvement powerless to implement them.

Jill says

Some good useful tips. Dont get distracted by the dated technology. The advice is still good.

Laura Rogers says

This is a very important book with much to ponder and digest. All of John's books are lovely and full of true respect for children. I have read it several times and it always inspires me.

This is one of his most accessible books - easy to take in and practical.

I like all of his books, but this one and, "Instead of Education", are my two favorites.

Channing says

Some good thoughts that I recorded but nothing earth shattering. I got about halfway through it but I kept getting distracted with other books and the 4th time I had to renew it at the library, I just didn't. Maybe I would have gleaned more from it, and therefore enjoyed it enough to finish if I didn't already agree with so many of his ideas.

Susie says

contains some good ideas for helping children learn Math and writing.

Mark Feltskog says

Another decent, humane and edifying book from the late John Holt, whose voice is badly needed in today's educational debates.
