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"This clear text draws upon the authors' own real experiences and offers insights and guidance for those seeking to teach art in elementary and middle schools." -- **Jerome Hausman, Visiting Professor, Art Institute of Chicago**

"This is an absolutely essential text for future art educators as well as a must-read for current teachers who want to rekindle their creative teaching. At a time when student creativity in this country is on the decline, this book provides inspiration, tangible strategies, and- most importantly- the challenge to make the art classroom the indispensable creative center of every school." -- **Cindy Meyers Foley, Director of Education, Columbus Museum of Art and Center for Creativity**

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