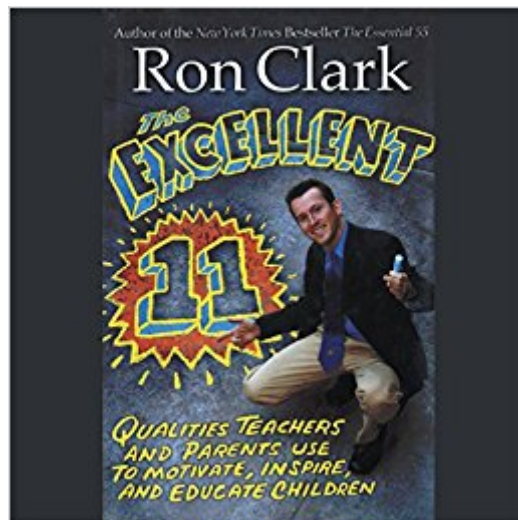




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The Excellent 11: Qualities Teachers And Parents Use To Motivate, Inspire, And Educate Children



Synopsis

When *The Essential 55* was published, Ron Clark became a tireless promoter, traveling the country to speak to large groups of teachers and fans. And when his Oprah appearance shot the book onto the New York Times bestseller list, he kept the heat on. We can expect the same tenacious commitment to promoting his follow-up book, *The Excellent 11*. *The Excellent 11* contains eleven sections with each one focusing on a theme directly related to teaching and raising children. Ron Clark draws from his own experience to give advice, telling personal stories that demonstrate the significance of each theme within the learning environment—an environment that extends beyond the classroom and into the larger world. Using themes ranging from Adventure, Ingenuity, and Humor to Dedication, Creativity, and Love, Clark provides a road map for both parents and teachers who want to enrich their children's learning experiences.

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Part memoir, part inspirational tract and part handbook for beginning teachers, Clark's treatise on how to get children excited about learning lays out some underlying principles of teaching, covering 11 fundamentals: enthusiasm, adventure, creativity, reflection, balance, compassion, confidence, humor, common sense, appreciation and resilience. (This analysis follows Clark's bestselling *The Essential 55*.) Clark, who was named Disney Teacher of the Year in 2001, shares some of his own blunders and many of his successes while learning to teach, many of which may help new teachers trying to figure out the basics. In a rambling style, Clark relays anecdote after anecdote, as he weaves back and forth from his life as a teacher to his childhood and more advice for teachers,

including such details as how to write notes home to parents about field trips. There isn't much depth here, and the book doesn't analyze the nitty-gritty of Clark's own teaching methods or of educational ideas. Indeed, it's more a motivational speech than an educational text, and it isn't hard to imagine Clark speaking these words aloud. However, the book does include some valuable nuggets on how to build children's confidence, help them remember information and teach them to be compassionate, advice that all teachers -- but especially inexperienced ones -- will find valuable and thought provoking. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Ron Clark has been a teacher since 1995 and has taught in the most difficult schools in North Carolina and Harlem. Since winning Disney's 2001 Teacher of the Year, he has spoken across the country to teachers, school boards and PTAs to share his 55 Rules. He lives in Atlanta. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Ron Clark does it again. If you haven't read his first book yet (The Essential 55), I would recommend that you read that one first. This guy makes me want to be a better teacher. It is evident that he cares about what he does. He cares about his students. He comes up with ways to make them want to come to school. To respect him. To make them keep coming back for more of what he has planned for them. The entire school is a part of this great community that he has built from the ground up.

The Excellent 11 is a wonderful resource for teachers and parents. While it seems like a low-budget sequel to The Essential 55, it does have several nuggets of information that are beneficial to the reader. I especially like the anecdotes about his experiences. It is a truly inspiring book. Ron Clark's writing style is homey and comfortable for all types of readers. That said, it is an easy read and enjoyable. As a teacher, I look for ideas to incorporate into the classroom (high school) to make the students more responsive, responsible, and interested in their individual education. Mr. Clark is full of ideas that work. So often teachers are given the idea du jour, which ends up being a recycled fad from the past that didn't work then and won't work now. I highly recommend this book for all teachers (and parents) that are interested in educating children.

Great book for educators. Love Ron Clark. Book condition is good too.

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