



Empathic Teaching: Education for Life

By Jeffrey Berman

University of Massachusetts Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Empathic Teaching: Education for Life, Jeffrey Berman, During the past decade, Jeffrey Berman has published widely on the pedagogy of personal writing. In *Diaries to an English Professor* (1994), he explored the ways in which undergraduate students can use psychoanalytic diaries to deal with conflicted issues in their lives. *Surviving Literary Suicide* (1999) investigated how graduate students respond to novels and poems that portray and sometimes glorify self-inflicted death. And in *Risky Writing* (2002), Berman considered the ways teachers can encourage college students to write safely on a wide range of subjects often deemed too personal or too dangerous for the classroom, from grieving the loss of a friend to confronting sexual abuse. *Empathic Teaching* builds on that earlier work by showing how a pedagogy based on understanding the other can transform the experience of learning. Berman begins with a discussion of several well-known stories and films featuring literature instructors who exert a formative influence on their students, including *Good-bye, Mr. Chips*, *The Blackboard Jungle*, *Up the Down Staircase*, and *Dead Poets Society*. He then goes on to examine the pedagogical importance of empathy, trauma, and forgiveness in helping students...



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