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First Grade Takes a Test

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Star Bright Books, United States, 2006. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Ronald Himler (illustrator). Reissue. 251 x 226 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. This timely book, reissued with new art, goes right to the heart of the school testing issue. When the lady from the principle s office brings in a test for the first grade class, the children find that none of the proffered answers are exactly right, so they have trouble with the test. Fortunately, their teacher knows what s really important: being creative and being a good friend, things that can t be found on a standarized test. This is a great book to remind people that being smartest on a test may not be all that matters in the classroom.



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First Grade Takes a Test celebrates the importance of all types of learning: reading and math as well as social skills and the importance of not reading too much into a rigorous but limited test, especially at a young age. Highly recommended. -Midwest Book Review. Read more. From the Publisher. Ask about our First Grade Takes a Test postcards to mail to your congressman regarding school testing. Read more. About the Author. Miriam Cohen's (2006/1980) First Grade Takes a Test and Andrew Clements' (2004) The Report Card invite young readers to question the purposes and validity of the tests they are required to take. Both authors clearly present the more insidious aspects of testing and question the tests' assumptions of normalcy, and each suggests the adults themselves are caught in the same web created by the agencies and institutions they serve. First Grade Takes a Test Paperback " 1 October 2006. by Miriam Cohen (Author), Ronald Himler (Illustrator). 4.4 out of 5 stars 19 ratings. I use this book with my high school students while we are doing the required prep for the high stakes state standardized tests. It illustrates nicely why one test doesn't demonstrate all that we are and all we know. I also read it to my third grader before he took the tests for the very first time. It has a weak ending with no explanation, which bothers both my teenagers and my young one. But the overall message is clear. This is my second copy.