

Understanding Children and Youth at Risk - Narratives of Hope  
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## Narratives of Hope

There is a bewildering array of manners in which students can fail at school, and schools can fail their students. This text offers a gripping collection of models, methods and voices of how schools can enhance the educational chances of learners who are socially disadvantaged, truant in body or in mind, condemned as problematic.

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In this wonderfully and painstakingly crafted volume, Borg and Calleja have provided us with a series of social investigations that alert us to the fact that we could be well on our way to wasting yet another generation unless urgent pedagogical and social action is taken.

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In a global context where children experiencing learning difficulties continue to be labelled as failures, blamed for their predicament, and damned as causes (rather than victims) of social inequities, this book provides a timely and perceptive re-assessment of the social practices which place children and youth at risk. Its lucid, well-informed and challenging insights offer much-needed reminders of the true aims of education, of the virtues of hope, and of the urgent need for educational policies based on reason, understanding and justice.

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