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In today's world of education, teachers face increasing pressure to design classrooms with high engagement and larger-than-life atmospheres. But how do you make that work if you or your students are introverts and more reticent to speak up? This unique book has the secrets to creating a *Dead Poets Society* classroom even if you're not quite a Robin Williams!

The book offers insights on effective instruction through the eyes of six dynamic and effective, yet introverted, educators. The teachers share their experiences and strategies for how they brought magic into their instruction and made their classrooms come to life for students. Their inspiring real-life stories demonstrate that there is no one right way to teach – if you don't want to jump on a table in a costume, you can reach and engage students in your own unique way!

Appropriate for teachers of all subject areas, the book also offers research-backed ways to recognize and support the students who are not the “talkers” or the first ones to volunteer. It also includes book reflection questions so teachers and administrators can better support introverted educators and students alike.

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