



The Learning Gap: Why Our Schools are Failing and What We Can Learn from Japanese and Chinese Education

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SIMON SCHUSTER, United States, 1994. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprinted edition. 208 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.It is no secret that American education is in crisis. Our children lag behind students in other countries--and they are losing ground. In *The Learning Gap*, Harold W. Stevenson and James W. Stigler put this crisis in perspective by comparing teachers, parents, children, schools, and educational practices in the United States, Japan, Taiwan, and China. Based on five major studies, funded by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation and featured on the front page of *The New York Times*, this is the first comprehensive account of what works in elementary education and what doesn't--and why. The authors analyze the role of standardized tests, tracking, special education, class size, money, classroom discipline, textbooks, and parental involvement and arrive at some startling conclusions that will drastically alter our understanding of the problems and possibilities of our schools. Television is not to blame for children's poor performance nor are underpaid or poorly trained teachers. And contrary to prevailing opinion, class size should be increased, and children should not begin academic preparation in...



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