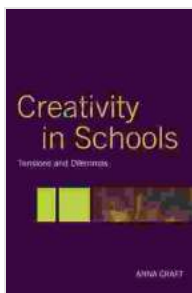# Creativity in Schools: Tensions and Dilemmas

Creativity is widely recognized as an essential skill for the 21st century. In a rapidly changing world, students need to be able to think critically, solve problems, and come up with new ideas. However, fostering creativity in schools can be a challenge. There are a number of tensions and dilemmas that educators must navigate.

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The Tension Between Creativity and Standards

One of the biggest tensions in education today is the tension between creativity and standards. On the one hand, educators want to encourage students to be creative and to think outside the box. On the other hand, they also need to make sure that students are meeting the standards that are required for graduation and college admission.

This tension can be difficult to manage. If educators focus too much on creativity, they may risk students falling behind on standards. If they focus too much on standards, they may stifle students' creativity.

The Dilemma of Assessment

Another challenge that educators face is the dilemma of assessment. How can they assess students' creativity in a fair and meaningful way? Traditional assessment methods, such as tests and quizzes, are not well-suited to measuring creativity.

Educators need to develop new assessment methods that can capture the full range of students' creative abilities. These methods may include portfolios, exhibitions, and performances.

The Role of Technology

Technology can be a powerful tool for fostering creativity in schools. However, it is important to use technology in a way that supports creativity, rather than stifling it.

Educators should encourage students to use technology to explore new ideas, create original works, and connect with others.

The Importance of Play

Play is an essential part of creativity. It allows students to explore their imaginations, experiment with new ideas, and take risks.

Educators should provide students with opportunities to play in both structured and unstructured settings.

Fostering creativity in schools is a challenge, but it is also an essential one. By navigating the tensions and dilemmas, educators can create environments that support students' creativity and help them develop the skills they need to succeed in the 21st century.

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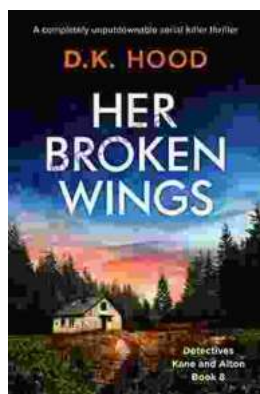
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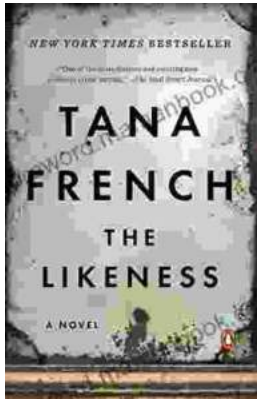
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