

Verena Friederike Hasel

The Dancing Principal

Being taught at the best school in the world

Learning for the 21st century: a book about happy students, teachers and parents

About the Book

How can we prepare our children for the challenges of the 21st century? We read about children who start school and do their first scientific experiment with chocolate. Or high-school students who spend 48 hours in the forest learning how to brave loneliness. Teachers who care as much about empathy as basic arithmetic and firmly believe they can make a difference in children's lives. And a school principal who greets each child personally in the morning.

This is how school looks in New Zealand – a country that is at the forefront of educational rankings.

Verena Friederike Hasel lived there with her family. In her moving book, the psychologist and mother of three describes in concrete terms and vivid descriptions how the dream of a better school can also come true in Germany.

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"Hasel tells the stimulating story of a school internship at the other end of the world. Full of creativity rather than perfection, motivation rather than blame and authority rather than a laissez-faire attitude. A book about education that doesn't lecture, but describes in a laid-back way and vividly narrates." Welt am Sonntag

"A book about how school should be." Schweizer Familie



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